

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

"a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit to know Christ and to make Christ known"

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January 28, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Bonni Dunlap, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Marilyn Neal, Organist

Lighting of the Candles

Introit #663 vs. 2 "God's Holy Ways Are Just and True"

Bring back to mind his grace and love,

Our needs provided from above: O praise him, alleluia! He kept his word and Jesus came to make a people for his name: O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Call to Worship (Psalm 111)

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord

with my whole heart, in the company of the upright,

in the congregation.

People: Full of honor and majesty is his work,

and his righteousness endures forever.

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just;

all his precepts are trustworthy.

People: They are established forever and ever,

to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

Leader: He sent redemption to his people;

He has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

People: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures forever.

*Hymn # 51

"How Great Thou Art"

*Prayer of Confession

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You spoke to us through the prophets, yet we have not kept your commands. You give a new teaching through Jesus, yet we fail to obey your living Word. Forgive us, God of grace. Set us free from the grip of sin, cast out all that is evil within us, and bring us ever closer to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- *Assurance of Forgiveness
- *Gloria Patri
- *Sharing of the Peace
- *Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson I Corinthians 8:1-13 (pg. 171 of NT)

Anthem "You Are One"

Gospel Lesson Mark 1:21-28 (pg. 35 of NT) Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

*Hymn # 422 "Amazing Grace"

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (debt...and debtors...)

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

- *Doxology
- *Prayer of Dedication
- *Hymn # 106 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
- *Benediction
- *Choral Response
- *Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand)

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Bonni Dunlap; Ushers, John & Mary Hileman and Ron & Kim McKinney; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Audio, Jaison McKinney; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Steve and Joan Moran.

TODAY following worship, we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided. Then the work of the church during 2017 will be reviewed and the 2018 Nominating Committee will be elected. We hope you will stay.

THE ROLL REVIEW COMMITTEE will meet Monday, January 29th at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor.

BELL CHOIR rehearsal will be held Wednesday, January 31st at 6:00 p.m. If you would like more information on the bell choir, please see Vicky Westley.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, January 31st beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you enjoy singing and are interested in sharing your gift, there is always room in the choir. For more information, please see Cindy Borbonus.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, February 1st at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome to join them.

THE ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL OF CARING OFFERING will be received during worship next Sunday, February 4th. All of the gifts received will be sent to Indiana County Community Action Program (ICCAP) Food Bank. ICCAP is able to purchase food for just 10 cents a pound and nutritious produce for just 3 cents a pound which is then distributed throughout the county by a network of volunteers at local Food Bank distribution sites. Prayerfully consider your gifts to the Souper Bowl of Caring Offering.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is coordinated by the Adult Sunday School Class. If you have a prayer request or know of someone's need for prayer, please contact Nancy Campbell or the church office. Requests are kept in confidence.

THE SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2018

Each year the committees of session seek to have volunteers become active participants. Please review the committees and their responsibilities and consider serving. If you would like more information or have questions, please see Pastor Monroe or an elder. Chairs are listed for each committee.

<u>Worship, Elaine Jellison, chair</u> – Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings

<u>Mission, Joan Moran, chair</u> – Benevolences, special offerings, global & local missions and missionaries

<u>Christian Education, Kim McKinney, chair</u> – Sunday school programs, curriculum, adult education, youth work, leadership education <u>Finance, Rick Shoemaker, chair</u> – Finances, special funds, and annual budget

<u>Stewardship</u>, <u>Rick Shoemaker</u>, <u>chair</u> – Stewardship education and programs, challenges the congregation in its faithful use of the many different resources entrusted to our care

<u>Property & Maintenance, Bob Cosharek, chair</u> – Construction, maintenance, repairs, housekeeping, safety, security, yard work, inventory

<u>Congregational Fellowship, Elaine Jellison & Joan Moran, co-chairs</u> – Suppers, Dinner Theater, picnics, outings, trips, camping <u>Evangelism, Kim McKinney, chair</u> – New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity

A VALENTINE CARD MAKING EVENT is being planned for youth ages 3 years to 6^{th} grade. We will meet in Fellowship Hall Saturday, February 10^{th} from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Five different cards will be available to make or create your own with the supplies. Our 4^{th} - 6^{th} grade youth group will be serving the church by helping the younger children made their cards. Please RSVP to Jen Borbonus or Heidi Weimer.

WE WILL GATHER FOR WORSHIP at 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. There will be the imposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them and the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. This service of worship will be your first step into the Lenten season.

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

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Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00p.m.	Lunch & Congregational Meeting
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Roll Review Committee
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
		Souper Bowl of Caring Offering

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES AND LUNCHES sponsored by the Blairsville Area Ministerium are held each Wednesday during Lent. A worship service will be held at 12:00 noon followed by a soup and sandwich lunch. This year's schedule is:

Feb. 14	
Feb. 21	John Buchmann, Hebron Lutheran Church
Feb. 28	Brett Dinger, C&MA Church
Mar. 7	Rusty McClurg, United Presbyterian Church
Mar. 14	Fr. Steve Bugay, First United Methodist Church
Mar. 21	Harold Hicks, Hopewell Methodist Church
Mar. 28	
Mar. 30	
	Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.