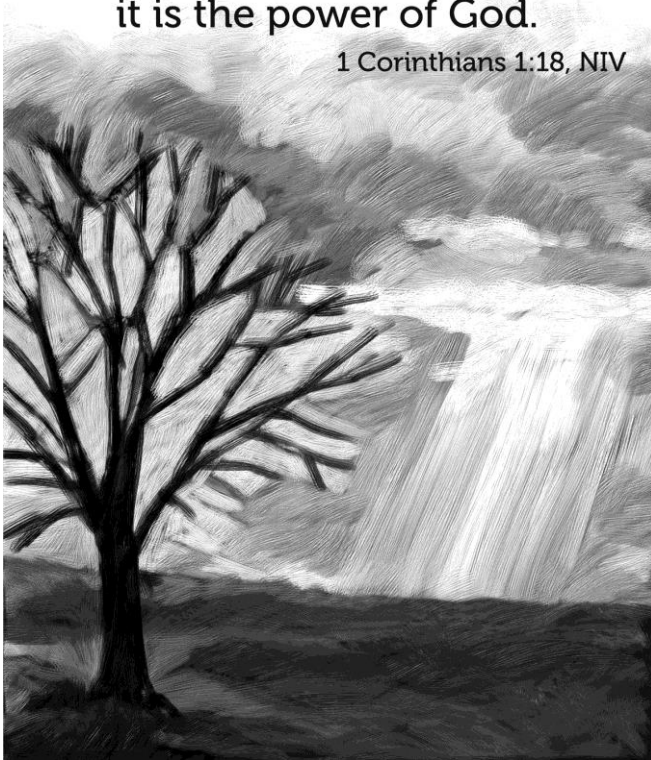


For the message of the cross  
is foolishness to those  
who are perishing,  
but to us who are being saved  
it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18, NIV



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 29, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Dennis Gould, 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

Chase Stuchal, Acolyte

Introit # 661 vs. 3      *“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”*

*O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.*

Call to Worship (*Psalms 15*)

Leader: O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**People: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,  
and speak the truth from their heart;**

Leader: who do no slander with their tongue,  
and do no evil to their friends,  
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

**People: in whose eyes the wicked are despised,  
but who honor those who fear the Lord;  
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

Leader: who do not lend money at interest,  
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

**People: Those who do these things shall never be moved.**

\*Hymn # 111      *“When Morning Gilds the Skies”*

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We  
demand signs and desire wisdom; yet the cross of Christ is all  
we need. We boast about our strengths; yet the weakness of  
Christ has saved us. Forgive us; give us grace. Teach us what  
is truly wise and good and blessed: to show the wonder of your  
love in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

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

## DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Gospel Lesson    Matthew 5:1-12 (pg. 4 of NT)  
 Anthem                      *"Blessed are They"*  
                                         Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director  
 New Testament Lesson        I Corinthians 1:18-23 (pg. 166 of NT)  
 Sermon                                      Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- \*Affirmation of Faith *(Brief Statement 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.**

- \*Hymn # 479 *"Near the Cross"*
- Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer *(debt...and debtors...)*
- Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
- Offertory
- \*Doxology
- \*Prayer of Dedication
- \*Hymn # 255 *"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"*
- \*Benediction
- \*Postlude

*(\*All who are able, please stand.)*

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Dennis Gould; Acolyte, Chase Stuchal; Ushers, John & Mary Hileman, Irving Lindsey and Pat Swope; Projector, Jonathan Clayton; Audio, Alex Baker; Organist, Marilyn Neal and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

TODAY following worship, we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting. A light lunch will be provided in Fellowship Hall. The work of the church during 2016 will be reviewed and the 2017 Nominating Committee will be elected. We hope you will stay.

THE AUDIT of financial records of the church is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Those who oversee any financial accounts within the church are asked to have your books in order and to the church office by Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. You may also bring your records and attend the audit.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in more information, please see Vicky Westley, director.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. There is always room in the choir for one more voice. For more information, contact Cindy Borbonus, director.

WIC will meet in Fellowship Hall Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 the group.

SEVERAL DATES are still available on the 2017 flower chart. If you would like to order flowers for Sunday worship, please use the chart to sign-up for your choice of date. Flowers are \$20/Sunday and checks can be made payable to the Board of Deacons.

THE CHURCH OFFICE is collecting email addresses of those who would like to receive updates on important information. Please submit your email or update your email address by placing it in the offering plate Sunday or email the office at: [upchurch@r-church.com](mailto:upchurch@r-church.com).

DURING the months of February and March the Deacons will be collecting the following items for Torrance State Hospital patients: liquid and bar soap, shampoo, new or used music CD's, puzzles and greeting cards. You may leave the items in the box in the back of the sanctuary marked for Torrance State Hospital.

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.

IF YOU have son or daughter who is a student in college and would like them to be included in the Deacon's mailing list, please give their name and address to Bobbi Monroe or leave the information with the church office.

#### THE SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2017

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.

Worship – Elaine Jellison, chair - Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings

Mission – Gene Artman, chair - Benevolences, special offerings, global & local missions and missionaries

Christian Education – Nancy Hartmann & Kim McKinney, co-chairs – Sunday school programs, curriculum, adult education, youth work, leadership education

Finance – Rick Shoemaker, chair - Finances, special funds, and annual budget

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

Property & Maintenance – Bob Cosharek, chair - Construction, maintenance, repairs, housekeeping, safety, security, yard work, inventory

Congregational Fellowship – Nancy Hartmann & Elaine Jellison, co-chairs - Suppers, Dinner Theater, picnics, outings, trips, camping

Evangelism – Gene Artman, chair - New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity

#### FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOPS

February 8, 8:45 am – 12:15 pm.....PA Careerlink Bldg  
March 8, 5:45 pm – 8:30 pm.....ICCAP  
The cost is free. To register, contact Family Promise at 724-464-5220.

VACCINATIONS are being offered by the Dept. of Health to those who are underinsured or uninsured. Shots are given by appointment only at the Blairsville Community Center. Dates and times are February 15, March 15, and April 19 from 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. Please call the PA Dept. of Health at 724-357-2995 if you have questions or to schedule an appointment.

SAVE YOUR COUPONS for Coupons for Veterans. Please make sure they are manufacturer coupons and that they have not expired. If the date is close that's ok, we can take up to one month expired. Please cut the coupons and separate them into food and non-food groups. A box is located at the back of the sanctuary for collection. Please see Erica Ash or Ellen Williams if you have any questions.

#### MISSION MOMENT - Souper Bowl of Caring Offering

The ICCAP food bank serves over 3,000 households and reaches over 6,000 individuals each month. The food bank continues to meet the continually growing need of hungry families in Indiana County. Next Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> during morning worship, we will receive a special offering for the Souper Bowl of Caring. Those funds will be sent to the ICCAP food bank to help families and individuals in Indiana County. Last year churches in Indiana County were able to raise over \$6,650 to benefit hungry families in our area. "Souper Bowl Sunday" is a small step in the fight against hunger, but gives everyone an opportunity to serve others. With the ability of the ICCAP food bank to purchase fresh, nutritious produce for just 3 cents a pound, mobilize a network of volunteers, and distribute food throughout the county – parishioners can ensure their donation is reaching those who need it most. We look forward to partnering with the ICCAP food bank again this year to help the fight against hunger. We will receive the Souper Bowl of Caring Offering next Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> during morning worship. Please prayerfully consider your gifts.

## REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

|                  |                |                                     |
|------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Today</b>     | 9:45 a.m.      | Sunday School Classes               |
|                  | 10:30 a.m.     | Choir Rehearsal                     |
|                  | 11:00 a.m.     | Worship                             |
|                  | 12:00 p.m.     | Luncheon and Congregational Meeting |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 6:30 p.m.      | Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 6:00 p.m.      | Financial Audit of Church Records   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 6:00 p.m.      | Bell Choir Rehearsal                |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.      | Choir rehearsal                     |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 3:00 p.m.      | Stitching Group meets in the parlor |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 9:00-3:00 p.m. | WIC meets in Fellowship Hall        |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 1:00-4:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall reserved            |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:45 a.m.      | Sunday School Classes               |
|                  | 10:30 a.m.     | Choir Rehearsal                     |
|                  | 11:00 a.m.     | Worship                             |
|                  |                | Souper Bowl Offering received       |