



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 3, 2016 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting

Mary Anzelone, 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 # 88

*"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"*

**Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your praises.**

**I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.**

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way,**

**From earth to the cross, my debt to pay;**

**From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;**

**Lord, I lift your name on high.**

Call to Worship (*Psalms 147*)

Leader: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

**People: For he strengthens the bars of your gates;  
he blesses your children within you.**

Leader: He grants peace within your borders;  
he fills you with the finest of wheat.

**People: He sends out his command to the earth;  
his word runs swiftly.**

Leader: He declares his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and ordinances to Israel.

**People: He has not dealt thus with any other nation;  
they do not know his ordinances.**

**Praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn # 185 *"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

\*Prayer of Confession

**God our Savior, we confess that we are not people of peace.  
You call us home from our exile, yet we remain wandering and  
lost. You came to dwell among us, yet we refuse to welcome  
you. Forgive us, God of grace. Gather us up in your arms and  
hold us close, as your own, so that we may live to praise you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

- \*Assurance of Forgiveness
- \*Gloria Patri
- Ordination & Installation of Elders and Deacons
- \*Sharing of the Peace
- \*Time with the Younger Saints

### DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson                      Jeremiah 31:7-14 (pg. 734 of OT)  
 Anthem                      *"They Shall Go Out Weeping"*  
    Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director  
 New Testament Lesson                      Ephesians 1:3-14 (pg. 192 of NT)  
 Sermon    Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- \*Affirmation of Faith    (*Apostles' Creed*)  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**
- \*Hymn # 221    *"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"*  
 Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*"...debts...and debtors"*)  
    Choral Amen  
 Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word  
    Offertory  
    \*Doxology  
    \*Prayer of Dedication
- \*Hymn # 198    *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*
- \*Benediction
- \*Choral Response
- \*Postlude

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

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### THE SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2016

Each year the committees of session seek to have volunteers become active participants. Please review the committees and responsibilities of the committees and consider serving. If you would like more information or have questions, please see Pastor Monroe or an elder. Chairs for the committees will be determined at the January Session meeting.

Worship – Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings

Mission – Benevolences, special offerings, global & local missions and missionaries

Christian Education – Sunday school programs, curriculum, adult education, youth work, leadership education

Finance – Finances, special funds, and annual budget

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

Property & Maintenance – Construction, maintenance, repairs, housekeeping, safety, security, yard work, inventory

Congregational Fellowship – Suppers, Dinner Theater, picnics, outings, trips, camping

Evangelism – New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity

PLEASE JOIN us in the ritual of friendship by signing the attendance pads that are at one end of each of the pews. If you are here for the first time, we would appreciate it if you would give us your local telephone number. Please help yourself to a church brochure, a *Welcome Packet* or a copy of our newsletter, *Uplift*. These are available at the back of the church. We thank you for joining your voice to ours in sacred worship.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Mary Anzelone; Ushers, Doug Clayton, Dennis Gould, Tom Smith and Pat Swope; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

WE REJOICE this morning as Jean Heberling is ordained and installed with Marilyn Neal, Erica Ash and Susie Cotti to the Diaconal Class of 2018 and Andrea Clayton is ordained and installed to the Diaconal Class of 2017. We thank Nancy Boone, Linda George, Tom Holby, Beverly Lindsey and Kim McKinney for their faithful service.

WE REJOICE this morning as Bob Cosharek, Doug Clayton and Kim McKinney are ordained and installed with Rose Lewis to the Sessional Class of 2018. We thank Bonni Dunlap, Irving Lindsey and Rick Shoemaker for their leadership.

WE WILL CELEBRATE the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

WE WILL HOST families in the Family Promise Program beginning today through next Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Pastor Monroe or Gene Artman.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS are asked to have year-end reports for the Annual Ecclesiastical/Corporate Meeting to the church office by Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This is the first meeting of the New Year with the new board. Deacons are encouraged to attend for the planning of 2016 committees and officers.

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 Shirley McLaughlin.

THE GRANNIES are always very busy working on projects for others. They fund their endeavors by making available some of their projects to purchase. The most recent project is a quilt, on display at the back of the sanctuary. They are taking bids for the quilt as a silent auction. If you are interested, please take time to place your offer in the container. The proceeds will benefit future projects of the group which in turn will help someone in need.

THE BLAIRSVILLE FOOD BANK will distribute food items Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Those signing up for the first time should bring with them proof of their residence.

*Thank you to my church family and friends for all your thoughts and prayers, cards and concern during my recent treatments. I thank God they are behind me and I can look to the future. You are a blessing to me and I am encouraged by your many kindnesses.*

*Marilyn Neal*

ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> following worship, we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided. The work of the church during 2015 will be reviewed. The 2016 Nominating Committee will be elected. If you have any items to be discussed, please let Pastor Monroe know by Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> so that they can be reviewed by the Session before the meeting. We hope you will attend.

THE 2016 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available for pick-up in the back of the sanctuary. Please look for your name as some numbers have changed. If you would like envelopes, please contact the church office.

THE 2016 FLOWER CHART is hanging in the hallway outside the office. Take time to sign-up for your choice of dates in the New Year. Arrangements are placed in the sanctuary during the Sunday worship service and a dedication is printed in the bulletin. Arrangements are \$20 payable to the Board of Deacons.

OUR BELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. We will not rehearse this Wednesday due to Family Promise. We would love to have new members join us. No experience necessary, we'll train you. If you have questions or are interested in ringing, please see Vicky Westley, director or a bell choir member.

THE CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. New voices are always appreciated. For more information, please see Cindy Borbonus or come to rehearsals Wednesdays. You're always welcome.

*To the Session and Congregation,*

*It is a blessing for us to be able to minister in our various ways in the church. Thank you for your kindness at Christmas and throughout the year. We look forward to a blessed and happy New Year in 2016!*

*The Staff, Cindy, Jill, Marilyn, Peg, and Sandy*

## REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

<b>Today</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
		Ordination & Installation of officers
		Family Promise begins
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Bank
	6:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
		Family Promise concludes