



As he was coming up out  
of the water,  
he saw the heavens  
torn apart and the  
Spirit descending  
like a dove  
on him.

Mark 1:10, NRSV

**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 7, 2018 ~ 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 # 96 vs. 4 *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

**He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free;**

**His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.**

Call to Worship (*Psalm 29*)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders.

**People: The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**People: May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

\*Hymn # 50

*"Great Is the Lord"*

\*Prayer of Confession

**God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful  
creatures. You made us in your own image, but we tarnish your  
good name. You call us your beloved children, but we take your  
favor for granted. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your  
mercy upon us so that we may live in a way that is pleasing to  
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

New Testament Lesson                      Acts 19:1-7 (pg. 139 of NT)  
Anthem                      *"Come, Be Baptized"*  
Gospel Lesson                      Mark 1:4-11 (pg. 34 of NT)  
Sermon                      Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

### \*Affirmation of Faith

How is our Baptism to be improved by us?

**The needful but much neglected duty of improving our Baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others, by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it and of the ends for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby, and our solemn vow made therein; by being humbled for our sinful defilement, our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of Baptism and our engagements; by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin, and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament; by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ, into whom we are baptized, for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace; and by endeavoring to live by faith, to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness, as those that have therein given up their names to Christ, and to walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body.**                      (*Heidelberg Catechism, Q.167*)

### Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 241                      *"When Jesus Came to Jordan"*

### Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*"...debts...and debtors..."*)

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*(Please hold the bread until all have received, we will partake together)*

*(Please hold the cup until all have received, we will partake together)*

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn # 408                      *"I Am Thine, O Lord"*

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

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

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Mary Anzelone; Ushers, Bob & Charlotte Cosharek and Rick & Willa Shoemaker; Projector, Alex Kirkland; Audio, Andrew Baker; 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 John and Mary Hileman.

WE REJOICE this morning as Mary Hileman and Steve Moran are ordained and installed with Andrea Clayton and Judy Trimble to the Diaconal Class of 2020. We thank Mary Anzelone, Joan Moran, Naomi Sigafos and Paul Soltesz for their faithful service.

WE REJOICE this morning as Joan Moran is ordained and installed with Dennis Gould, Tom Smith and Pat Swope to the Sessional Class of 2020. We thank Gene Artman, Becky Bence and Nancy Hartmann for their leadership.

GRANNIES will meet Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

BELL CHOIR rehearsal will be held Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Room. If you would like more information on the bell choir, please see Vicky Westley.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 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 PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE will meet at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> concerning the stained glass windows.

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.

LITURGISTS are an important part of our worship service. If you are interested in assisting in worship as a liturgist or would like more information, please see Elaine Jellison.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, January 11<sup>th</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 them.

THE MINISTERIUM will meet Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at SS Simon & Jude Church, Marion Hall.

WE WILL HOST families in the Family Promise Program beginning Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. There are many tasks that need completed during the week. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Pastor Monroe or Gene Artman.

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 28<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 2017 will be reviewed and the 2018 Nominating Committee will be elected. If you have any items to be discussed, please inform Pastor Monroe by Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> so that they can be reviewed by the Session before the meeting. We hope you will attend.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS are asked to have year-end reports for the Annual Ecclesiastical/Corporate Meeting to the church office by Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship.

THE 2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available to pick up at the back of the sanctuary. They have been placed in alphabetical order for your convenience. If we missed you or you would like to have envelopes, please contact the church office, 724-459-7991.

THE 2018 FLOWER CHART is hanging in the hallway outside the church office. 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.

A COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY will be held Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Please see the bulletin insert for further details. All are welcome.

SS SIMON & JUDE CHURCH will have their Annual Soup Sale Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 a.m. A variety of soups will be available at \$7.00 per quart.

#### 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 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

## REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

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|------------------|-----------------|--|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:45 a.m.       | Sunday School                                    |
|                  | 11:00 a.m.      | Worship & Communion                              |
|                  |                 | <i>Ordination &amp; Installation of Officers</i> |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 9:00-12:00 p.m. | Grannies will meet                               |
|                  | 6:30 p.m.       | Boy Scouts will meet                             |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 5:30 p.m.       | Daisy Troop will meet                            |
|                  | 6:00 p.m.       | Bell Choir                                       |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.       | Chancel Choir                                    |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.       | Property & Maintenance will meet                 |
|                  |                 | Regarding the windows                            |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 3:00 p.m.       | Stitching Group                                  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 11:00 a.m.      | Ministerium Meeting                              |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:45 a.m.       | Sunday School                                    |
|                  | 11:00 a.m.      | Worship  |
|                  | 3:00 p.m.       | Community Unity Worship                          |
|                  |                 | Family Promise Begins                            |