



Matthew 3:16, 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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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Jean Heberling, 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

Willow Weimer, Acolyte

Introit # 66 vs. 3

"To God Be the Glory"

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

But purer, and higher and greater will be

Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give him the glory, great things he hath done.

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, the Lord, over mighty waters.

**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 of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We
adore the high and mighty and ignore your humble servant.
We act with prejudice and partiality and fail to share your love
for all. Forgive us; give us grace. Pour out the power of your
Spirit and renew us in our calling: to show the wonder of your
love in 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 Isaiah 42:1-9 (pg. 670 of OT)
 Anthem *“Red Is the Color of Love”*
 Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
 Gospel Lesson Matthew 3:15-17 (pg. 3 of NT)
 Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- *Affirmation of Faith
 - What is your only comfort, in life and in death?
 - That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.** *(Heidelberg Catechism, Q.1)*
- 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 # 719 *“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*
- *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, Jean Heberling; Acolyte, Willow Weimer; Ushers, Elaine Jellison, Ron & Kim McKinney and Naomi Sigafos; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Audio, Jaison McKinney; Organist, Marilyn Neal and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

WE REJOICE this morning as Jen Borbonus is ordained and installed with Ken Doak, Tom Holby, Beverly Lindsey and Bobbi Monroe to the Diaconal Class of 2019. We thank Ruie Gressley, Lori Smith and Judy Trimble for their faithful service.

WE REJOICE this morning as Ron Hood is ordained and installed with Bonni Dunlap, Elaine Jellison and Rick Shoemaker to the Sessional Class of 2019. We thank Tom Smith and Pat Swope for their leadership.

WE WILL HOST families in the Family Promise Program beginning today through next Sunday, January 15th. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Pastor Monroe or Gene Artman.

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

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, January 11th at 5:30 p.m. in the parlor. If you are interested in learning more about this committee or would like to serve on this committee, you are welcome to attend.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, January 11th at 7:00 p.m. There is always room in the choir for one more voice. For more information, contact Cindy Borbonus, director.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, January 12th 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.

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 2017 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 or drop a note in the offering plate.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM will meet Friday, January 13th at 11:00 a.m. at SS Simon & Jude's Marion Hall. Pastor Monroe will attend with ministers from area churches.

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH at 3:00 p.m., we will gather in the sanctuary with other believers for a Community Service for Christian Unity. We will host this year's service and a light reception immediately following in Fellowship Hall. We hope you will plan to attend.

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH following worship, we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided. The work of the church during 2016 will be reviewed and the 2017 Nominating Committee will be elected. If you have any items to be discussed, please let Pastor Monroe know by Sunday, January 15th so that they can be reviewed by the Session before the meeting. We hope you will attend.

CPR TRAINING has been scheduled for Friday, January 27th at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Those who will be attending are asked to contact Susie Cotti or the church office. An evening class may be scheduled in the near future if needed.

THE 2017 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.

SESSION COMMITTEE CHAIRS, Deacons, Treasurers and other group leaders are asked to have year-end reports for the Annual Ecclesiastical/Corporate Meeting to the church office by Sunday, January 22nd. The annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 29th immediately following worship. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the church office.

WEST VIRGINIA WORK/MISSION TRIP 2017 is scheduled for April 23-29 in Webster Springs, WV. This trip is sponsored by the presbytery for individuals 18 years and older. Brochures are available at the back of the sanctuary for more information.

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.

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 WORK OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE is some of the most important in the life of the church. Those serving have the responsibility to bring before the congregation the names of those who will potentially serve as elders and deacons.

Members of this committee should have:

- * An understanding of the nature, ministry and mission of the church
- * An awareness of the spiritual nature of the offices of elder and deacon
- * A knowledge of the impending challenges before the church
- * A familiarity with the members of the congregation and the potential gifts and abilities they bring to service
- * A spirit of prayer as they approach this work

If you, or someone you know would do well at the discernment of nominations, and would like to be considered for service on this committee, please write the name and place it in the offering plate or drop it off to the church office by January 22nd.

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. 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 WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes resume
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion
		Ordination & Installation of Officers Family Promise begins
Monday	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Friday	11:00 a.m.	Blairsville Area Ministerium Meeting
	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	3:00 p.m.	Community Service of Christian Unity