



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

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

"The Lord's Prayer"

Organ & Piano Duet

Lighting of the Candles

Introit # 562 vs. 2 *"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"*

*We've a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil*

and shatter the spear and sword, and shatter the spear and sword.

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noon-day bright;*

*and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.*

Call to Worship (*Psalms* 78)

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**People: I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

Leader: Things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.

**People: We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.**

*Hymn # 72 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

*Prayer of Confession

**God our redeemer, we confess that we remain captivated by sin.
We promise to serve you, then we fail to do your will. We
pretend to follow you, then we go our own way. Forgive us;
liberate us! Let us be no longer bound by sin, but released,
restored, set free to worship and serve you in freedom; 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 Philippians 2:1-13 (pg. 197 of NT)
Anthem “*Come Find Forgiveness and Love*”
 Betsy Holby, flutist
 Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
Gospel Lesson Matthew 21:23-32 (pg. 23 of NT)
Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- ### *Affirmation of Faith

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.

(Apostles' Creed)

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Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
Offertory

- *Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
*Hymn # 337 *“We Will Glorify”*

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 # 486 “Have Thine Own Way 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.

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, Diane Blazek, Peg Lockard and John & Mary Hileman; Projector, Blake Tonkin; Audio, Elizabeth Bruner; 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 Kevin and Lori Smith.

IN CELEBRATION of World Communion Sunday, please notice the cloth and baskets on the communion table which are gifts from the Gitarama congregation our Rwanda partner church.

WE WILL receive the Peacemaking Offering this morning. These gifts support Presbyterian ministries of peacemaking and witnessing to the peace of Christ.

TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP, a Soup and Bread Luncheon is planned for the congregation. We hope you will stay. The event is sponsored by the Congregational Fellowship Committee.

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 3RD ANNUAL COATS-FOR-KIDS DRIVE is now underway. Again this year we are receiving monetary donations for the purchase of specific size coats. Please mark your donation clearly for “Coats” and place it in the offering plate. If you know of a family with children who may need a winter coat, please contact Janet Smith.

FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday, October 3rd from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, October 4th at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in more information about the Bell Choir, please see Vicky Westley, director.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m. There is always room in the choir for one more voice. Rehearsals for our Christmas Cantata will begin Wednesday, October 4th at 7:45 p.m. The cantata will be presented to the congregation Sunday, December 17th at 11:00 a.m. For more information, contact Cindy Borbonus, director.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet in Fellowship Hall Wednesday, October 4th at 7:00 p.m.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, October 5th 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 CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Thursday, October 5th at 6:30 p.m.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE has begun to work on the 2018 budget. Committee chairs are asked to begin looking at your budget for next year and have your numbers submitted by Sunday, October 15th. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

VALERIE STIPCAK, a young lady who is acquainted with our church, will present an Organ Recital Friday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church in Latrobe, PA. All are invited.

MISSION MOMENT – PDA Updates

Hurricane Harvey

Harvey made landfall late Friday and early Saturday as a category 4 hurricane, and though downgraded to tropical storm status, remained dangerous as it continued to churn inland into Texas. Damage in and near Rockport and Port Lavaca, where the storm made landfall, was catastrophic. There are several reported deaths and massive damage reported, and the flood event continued as the storm dumped heavy rains in South Texas.

PDA continues to be in touch with presbytery leadership in New Covenant, Mission, and South Louisiana Presbyteries. National Response Teams are deployed into the affected regions when it is safe to do so.

Hurricane Irma

On Wednesday, September 6th, the Category 5 Irma, packing winds of 185 mph, tore through the northern Lesser Antilles and Virgin Islands, as well as Puerto Rico. PDA has been in constant communication with communities in its path.

PDA has been in touch with the leadership of the Synod of Boriquen (Puerto Rico) and the Presbyteries of San Juan, Noroeste (Northwest) and Suroeste (Southwest) to share contact information and grant information.

PDA is also in touch with the Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network ([FLAPDAN](#)), which is a mutually agreed upon partnership between six presbyteries in Florida. This is a unique platform in which PDA can relate to all six presbyteries at once for disaster situational awareness.

PDA is also responding in Cuba and the US Virgin Islands.

Hurricane Maria

PDA is remaining in constant contact with PCUSA leadership in Puerto Rico. It is still too early to send in National Response Team members as the resources in Puerto Rico are already stretched too thin. Emergency grants are being issued and when it is safe and secure, and volunteers will not be creating an additional burden on the limited resources, our national response team of bi-lingual volunteers will be deployed to assist. We anticipate there will an opportunity for long-term volunteers to help with the recovery.

CARE & SHARE DAY 2017 will be held Saturday, September 30th. We will be a collection sight again this year. Those participating can drop off their food donations in Fellowship Hall from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Soup & Bread Luncheon
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tuesday	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Bank distributes groceries
	6:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Historical Society Meeting
	7:45 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Congregational Fellowship Committee Meeting
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship