

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

October 11, 2015 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Rick Shoemaker, 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

Cindy Borbonus, Pianist

Lighting of the Candles

Willow Weimer, Acolyte

Introit # 138 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

*Holy God, we praise your name, Lord of all, we bow before you;  
All on earth your scepter claim, all in heaven above adore you;  
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.*

Call to Worship (Psalm 22)

Leader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me,  
from the words of my groaning?

**People: O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;  
and by night, but find no rest.**

Leader: Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

**People: In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted,  
and you delivered them.**

Leader: All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me,  
they shake their heads;

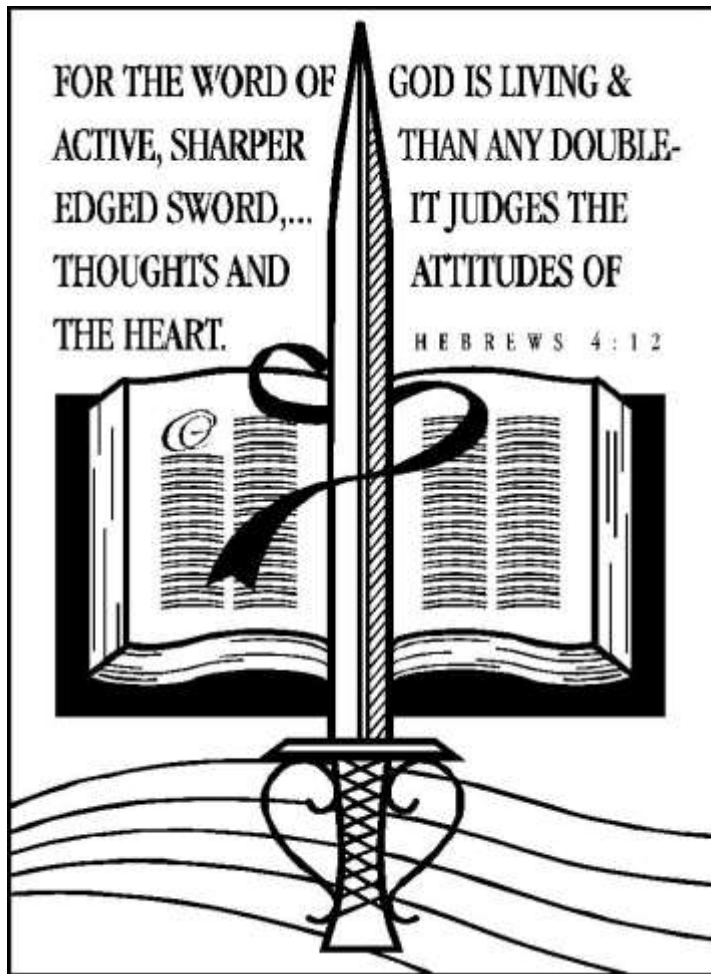
**People: 'Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver –  
let him rescue the one in whom he delights!'**

Leader: Yet it was you who took me from the womb;  
you kept me safe on my mother's breast.

**People: Do not be far from me, for trouble is near  
and there is no one to help.**

\*Hymn # 84

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"



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*"a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit  
to know Christ and to make Christ known"*

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\*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

\*Time with the Younger Saints

## DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson                      Hebrews 4:12-16 (pg. 220 of NT)

Anthem                      *"Jesus Is the Cornerstone"*

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson                      Mark 10:17-31 (pg. 46 of NT)

Sermon                      Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Affirmation of Faith                      *(Westminster Confession of Faith)*

**The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself, which he through the eternal Spirit once offered up unto God, hath fully satisfied the justice of his Father; and purchased not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father hath given unto him.**

\*Hymn # 345                      *"Jesus Calls Us"*

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 # 458                      *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

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

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, Rick Shoemaker; Acolyte, Willow Weimer; Ushers, Katie, Hannah & Olivia Eckenroad and Willow Weimer; Greeters, Gene & Chery Artman; Projection, Jonathan Clayton; Audio, Alex 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 Phyllis Streams.

THE PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING replaces the Peacemaking Offering. This new offering is to have a greater global reach, a more significant impact, and bring peace to people through Christ. We will receive gifts toward this offering today. A portion of this offering (25%) is designated by our local congregation to a program that promotes healing and reconciliation. Please prayerfully consider your gift.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE is working on the 2016 budget. Committee chairs are asked to look at your numbers for next year and have them submitted by Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. If you need financial information, please contact Jill in the office. A preliminary budget will be prepared for the October 20<sup>th</sup> Session meeting.

GRANNIES will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the parlor.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet in the parlor Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

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 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will sponsor vaccination clinics at the Blairsville Community Center October 21, November 18 and December 16 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. You are eligible for vaccines at low or no cost if you are underinsured or uninsured. Please call the PA Dept. of Health at 724-357-2995 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

WE WILL HOST families in the Family Promise Program the week of October 18-25. If you would like to become involved with this ministry, please see Gene Artman or Pastor Monroe.

OUR BELL CHOIR rehearsals Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. We still need ringers for our lower octaves. We would love to have you 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.

CHOIR REHEARSALS are held Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. New voices are always appreciated. If you have questions or concerns, please see Cindy Borbonus, director or any choir member. We will begin rehearsing special music for the holidays. If you are interested in participating during this time, please see Cindy Borbonus or come to rehearsals Wednesdays. You're always welcome.

CHILDREN TO CHILDREN COAT COLLECTION will continue throughout the month of October. If you have children's coats that are gently used and would like to donate them to other children, please bring them to the church Mondays 9:00 - 12:00 noon or Fridays 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m. We will also receive monetary donations and purchase coats. Please mark your gifts "coats". Thank you.

THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE will host a Soup Luncheon Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> following worship. Please use the bulletin insert to make a reservation. The menu will be soup, bread, dessert and drinks. Feel free to come even if you haven't signed-up.

OUR 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER will be held Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> immediately following worship. Mark your calendar and plan to join our church family for a great Thanksgiving meal and fellowship! Please use the bulletin insert to make your reservation by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

WE ARE in the process of updating our clearances for all children's ministry workers, elders, deacons and staff. If you received your Child Abuse Clearance form in the mail, please bring it to the office so we can make a copy for our records.

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN of Blairsville First UMC are having a Harvest Festival on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The Salad Bar is from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. for a donation of \$7 at the door.

THE ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE VILLAGE BOOK & BAKE SALE will be held Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Village. They will also feature homemade soups. Free health screenings and flu shot will also be available.

THE AMERICAN LEGION POST 0407 of Blairsville will host a fundraising dinner in Fellowship Hall Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00 p.m. The dinner will include meatloaf, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, salad, drink and dessert. The Legion is asking for a donation of \$10 per person and will be received at the door. Take outs will be available. Please plan to attend.

A YOUTH MOVIE AND GAME DAY will be hosted by the Ebenezer Youth Group Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:30 p.m. The day will begin watching "God's Not Dead" followed by pumpkin decorating, games and fellowship time. Dinner and dessert will be served at 5:30 p.m. If you are a youth in middle school or high school and are interested in attending, please contact the church office or see Pastor Monroe. We would like to take a group from our church.

AN USHER SIGN-UP SHEET is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to participate in worship as an usher/greeter, please sign-up for your choice of dates. There are still dates available. Our deacons thank you for your ministry as an usher/greeter.

IRMC CHESTNUT RIDGE will hold a Mammogram Marathon Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Blairsville facility. Testing is free and walk-ins are welcome. Their plan is to create a fun, relaxing environment to help take the fear out of mammograms by also offering complimentary massages and manicures. Bone density and blood pressure screenings will also be offered for free. For more information, call 724-357-8081.

## REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

<b>Today</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship <i>Peace &amp; Global Witness Offering</i>
<b>Monday</b>	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
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	11:00 a.m.	Worship
		Family Promise Program begins