



All
Scripture is
God-breathed ...

2 Timothy 3:16

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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October 16, 2016 ~ 11:00 AM

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

Introit # 444

"Rain Down"

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.

Faithful and true is the word of our God.

All of God's works are so worthy of trust.

God's mercy falls on the just and the right;

Full of God's love is the earth.

Call to Worship (*Psalm 119*)

Leader: Oh, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long.

**People: Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies,
for it is always with me.**

Leader: I have more understanding than all my teachers,
for your decrees are my meditation.

**People: I understand more than the aged,
for I keep your precepts.**

Leader: I hold back my feet from every evil way,
in order to keep your word.

**People: I do not turn away from your ordinances,
for you have taught me.**

Leader: How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**People: Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.**

*Hymn # 471

"As the Deer"

*Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin.

You call us to study the Scriptures, but we are easily distracted.

**You ask us to be persistent in prayer, but we are quickly
discouraged. Forgive us, God of grace. Write your Word in our**

**hearts, so that we may truly know you and joyfully serve you;
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

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 31:27-34 (pg. 735 of OT)

Anthem *"Call to Me"*

Chancel Choir, Director, Cindy Borbonus

New Testament Lesson II Timothy 3:14-4:5 (pg. 213 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith (*Larger Catechism, Q. 159-160*)

How is the Word of God to be preached by those that are called thereunto? **They that are called to labor in the ministry of the Word are to preach sound doctrine, diligently, in season, and out of season; plainly, not in the enticing word of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit, and of power; faithfully, making known the whole counsel of God; wisely, applying themselves to the necessities and capacities of the hearers; zealously, with fervent love to God, and the souls of his people; sincerely, aiming at his glory, and their conversion, edification, and salvation.**

What is required of those that hear the Word preached? **It is required of those that hear the Word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.**

*Hymn # 665 *"Break Now the Bread of Life"*

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

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 668 *"Wonderful Words of Life"*

*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, Jean Heberling; Ushers, Jim & Mary Piper, Dennis Gould and Pat Swope; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Audio, Jaison McKinney; 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 loving memory of Cherry and Glenn Klingensmith by Cindy and family.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to be picked up in the parlor.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, October 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room on the right side of the hallway in the Sunday School wing. If you are interested in the Bell Choir and would like more information, contact Vicky Westley.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. Christmas cantata rehearsals will be held Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. Anyone wishing to participate in the special music is invited to attend rehearsals. The cantata will be presented Sunday, December 18th. For more information, contact Cindy Borbonus.

STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, October 20th at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

THE THANKSGIVING TEAM will meet Monday, October 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor.

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 church office. Requests are kept in confidence.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE is working on the 2017 budget. Committee chairs are asked to submit your budget requests for next year to the church office today. If you have any questions, please contact the office Monday.

A WYOTECH LUNCHEON is planned for Tuesday, October 25th at 11:00 a.m. The luncheon is an outreach of the Mission Committee and friends.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE is looking for volunteers to be liturgists during morning worship. If you are interested in more information or to volunteer, please contact Elaine Jellison.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, we collect items for the Pathway Homeless Shelter in Black Lick based on their specific needs at that time. This shelter serves all of Indiana County. Throughout the month of October, we will be collecting:

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| Cleaning supplies | Paper towels |
| Disinfectant spray | Dishwasher tabs |

Items can be placed in the designated container in the vestibule. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to the "Board of Deacons." Also at any time, the shelter will take donations of any gently used or new household items. Anything that a person might need to set up a house from small appliances to furniture. Pathway stores these items and then when a family has the opportunity to move into housing, they are able to help furnish them with items. If you have any questions, please contact the Deacons.

CPR TRAINING is being coordinated by the Deacons. If you are interested in attending a training event, please call the church office at 724-459-7991 or see Susie Cotti. The date will be set according to the availability of attendees.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) is urging your support for those affected by Hurricane Matthew. The category 4 hurricane has already been blamed for hundreds of deaths. Early assessments confirm extensive damage in southwestern Haiti, eastern Cuba and the south eastern coast of the US. Immediate response helps provide essential food, water, and supplies for impacted communities and villages. The need for the response is great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP" – Give. Act. Pray. Donations can be made through the church. Make checks payable to the church. Please mark your envelope or memo line "Hurricane Matthew Relief." Gifts will be forwarded on to PDA.

MISSION MOMENT- *Spotlight on History: Presbyterians in Seattle*

Within two months of the chartering of the city of Seattle, seven Presbyterian men and women gathered in George Whitworth's home to organize themselves as the First Presbyterian Church of Seattle. Their session first met in 1873, as Whitworth preached alternate Sundays with a Methodist minister. Their first sanctuary was built at the corner of Third and Madison streets in 1877. The church grew rapidly, by 1894 boasting 643 members, and moving into a new building at the corner of Fourth and Spring. In 1901, the congregation called Mark A. Matthews, a Georgian fundamentalist, to the pulpit. He described the congregation's religion as "thoroughly orthodox, fundamental to the core, premillennial, free from heretical tendencies, modernistic views" and his appeal resonated. By 1907 First Seattle was the third largest congregation in the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. at 2,550 members. Their third building, erected that year for \$5 million (more than \$12 million in 2016 dollars), had a cinder track on the roof and audio apparatus in the pews for the hearing impaired. The congregation became the largest in the denomination in 1910, and owing to this influence, Matthews was elected moderator of the denomination in 1912. First Seattle's longest-serving minister was known for his fiery rhetoric and for his espousal of Progressive-era causes, such as consumer safety, temperance, and abolition of prostitution. He was instrumental in the recall of Seattle Mayor Hiram Gill in 1911, served on the Seattle Milk Commission, hired a private detective to search out relationships between the businesses of Seattle's Tenderloin district and local politicians, and testified before Congress on behalf of

Japanese immigrants. Matthews was at the same time an opponent of women's rights, a diehard enemy of organized labor, and an anti-Semite. A frequent visitor to Woodrow Wilson's White House, he advocated for the forced removal of recent immigrants from Eastern Europe, owing to their allegedly innate communism and anarchism. By the time of his death in 1940, Matthews's church had 8,818 members in 26 branches, run by a session of 110. Gradually, most of its branches and Sunday schools became independent and still number among the largest and most diverse in the denomination.

David Staniunas, Presbyterian Historical Society

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

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| Today | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School Classes |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship |
| Monday | 6:30 p.m. | Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | 6:30 p.m. | Session Meeting in Fellowship Hall |
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| Wednesday | 6:00 p.m. | Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:45 p.m. | Cantata Rehearsal |
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| | 12:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall reserved |