



Whoever

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servant.

Mark 10:43

# 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 18, 2015 ~ 11:00 AM

### THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Gene Artman, 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

Brylea Borbonus, Acolyte

Introit # 23 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing*

*Alleluia, Alleluia! O burning sun with golden beam,*

*And silver moon with softer gleam, O praise him, O praise him,*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Call to Worship (Psalm 104)

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

**People: You are clothed with honor and majesty,  
wrapped in light as with a garment.**

Leader: You stretch out the heavens like a tent,  
you set the beams of your chambers on the waters,  
you make the clouds your chariot,  
you ride on the wings of the wind.

**People: You set the earth on its foundations,  
so that it shall never be shaken.**

**You cover it with the deep as with a garment;  
the waters stood above the mountains.**

Leader: They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys  
to the place that you appointed for them.

**People: You set a boundary that they may not pass,  
so that they might not again cover the earth.**

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

**People: In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.**

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn # 51

"How Great Thou Art"

\*Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. We try to master your creation but cannot grasp your great design. We want to share the throne of glory but cannot bear the cross of grief. Forgive us, God of grace. Save us from ourselves and give us the humility to trust in you alone; 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                      Hebrews 5:1-10 (pg. 220 of NT)

Anthem                      *"Are Ye Able"*

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson                      Mark 10:35-45 (pg. 47 of NT)

Sermon                      Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

### **RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation of Faith                      *(A Brief Statement of Faith)*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

\*Hymn # 589                      *"O Master Let Me Walk with Thee"*

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

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 581                      *"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"*

\*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, Gene Artman; Acolyte, Brylea Borbonus; Ushers, Patti Gilligan, Sean Gilligan, Erica Ash and Ellen Williams; Projection, 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 Klingensmith by Cindy Borbonus and family.

THE DEACONS will check blood pressures following worship today. If you would like to have your numbers checked, please see Kim McKinney or Beverly Lindsey.

WE WILL HOST families in the Family Promise Program beginning today through next Sunday. If you would like to become involved with this ministry, please see Gene Artman or Pastor Monroe.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Packets for the meeting are available to be picked up in the parlor.

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

THE THANKSGIVING TEAM will meet Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to work on plans for the Thanksgiving Dinner.

THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE will host a Soup Luncheon next 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.

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.

OUR BELL CHOIR rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., however this Wednesday we will not rehearse do to Family Promise. 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.

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 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.

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.

**MISSION MOMENT - Children's Sabbath**

*"Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all." (Mark 10:43b-44)*

This weekend, churches, synagogues, mosques, and other places of worship across the nation are joining in the 24th annual National Observance of Children's Sabbaths. Through worship, education, and action—over the weekend and throughout the year—people of faith are responding out of concern for children facing poverty, violence, and other crises. They are renewing their commitment to compassionate service to children and prophetic advocacy on their behalf. In serving and seeking justice for children, people of faith are discovering true greatness.

## REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

|                  |                |  |
|------------------|----------------|--|
| <b>Today</b>     | 9:45 a.m.      | Sunday School Classes                              |
|                  | 10:30 a.m.     | Choir Rehearsal                                    |
|                  | 11:00 a.m.     | Worship  |
|                  |                | Blood Pressure Checks                              |
|                  |                | Family Promise begins                              |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 6:30 p.m.      | Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall                 |
|                  |                | Family Promise                                     |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 6:30 p.m.      | Session Meeting                                    |
|                  |                | Family Promise                                     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 7:00 p.m.      | Choir rehearsal                                    |
|                  |                | Family Promise                                     |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 3:00 p.m.      | Stitching Group                                    |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.      | Thanksgiving Team Meeting                          |
|                  |                | Family Promise                                     |
| <b>Friday</b>    |                | Family Promise                                     |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 4:00-7:00 p.m. | American Legion Meatloaf Dinner in Fellowship Hall |
|                  |                | Family Promise                                     |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:45 a.m.      | Sunday School Classes                              |
|                  | 10:30 a.m.     | Choir Rehearsal                                    |
|                  | 11:00 a.m.     | Worship  |
|                  | 12:00 p.m.     | Soup & Bread Luncheon                              |