

“Why are  
you putting me  
to the test?”



MATTHEW 22:18, 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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October 22, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting

Bonni Dunlap, 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 # 136

*“Holy, Holy, Holy!”*

***Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!***

***Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.***

***Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!***

***God in three persons, blessed Trinity!***

Call to Worship (*Psalm 99*)

Leader: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**People: The Lord is great in Zion;**

**he is exalted over all the peoples.**

**Let them praise your great and awesome name.**

**Holy is he!**

Leader: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

**People: Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool.**

**Holy is he!**

**All: Extol the Lord our God,**

**and worship at his holy mountain;**

**for the Lord our God is holy.**

\*Hymn # 31

*“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. We worship wealth and power, forgetting that all things belong to you. We seek places of honor and glory, forgetting that glory is yours alone. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne.**

- \*Assurance of Forgiveness
- \*Gloria Patri
- \*Sharing of the Peace
- \*Time with the Younger Saints

## DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson                      I Thessalonians 1:1-10 (pg. 203 of NT)  
Anthem                      *“People Need the Lord”*

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson                      Matthew 22:15-22 (pg. 24 of NT)  
Sermon                                  Rev. Timothy Monroe

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Affirmation of Faith (Confession of 1967)

**The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of man in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than man's schemes will finally prevail. Life in Christ is life eternal. The resurrection of Jesus is God's sign that he will consummate his work of creation and reconciliation beyond death and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.**

\*Hymn # 474                      “I Surrender All”

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 # 466      *“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”*

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

## \*Postlude

(\*All who are able, please stand)

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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.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Bonni Dunlap; Ushers, Gary & Barri Stuchal, Elaine Jellison and Bonni Dunlap; Projector, Kayla Moran; Audio, Tyler Moran; 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 DEACONS will check blood pressures following worship today. Please see Susie Cotti to have your numbers checked.

FAMILY PROMISE will be hosted at our church beginning today through next Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. There are many tasks to be taken care of throughout the week. If you are interested in volunteering to help in this homeless family ministry, please see Pastor Monroe or Gene Artman.

GRANNIES will meet Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE THANKSGIVING TEAM will meet Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the parlor.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held this Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Rehearsals for our Christmas Cantata will follow choir rehearsal at 7:45 p.m. The cantata will be presented to the congregation Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. For more information, contact Cindy Borbonus, director.

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 3<sup>RD</sup> 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.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE asks all committee chairs to consider their ministry plans and to submit numbers for the 2018 budget. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> we will be celebrating you! The Congregational Fellowship Committee wants to have a large birthday party which they are calling a Calendar Party. A light meal will be served with birthday cake for dessert. There will be entertainment and games, and the kids can come dressed in their Halloween costumes if they want. Please use the bulletin insert to let us know if you are planning to attend and your birth month. We look forward to celebrating you!

SAVE THE DATE! Our church family Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup> following worship. Please use the bulletin insert to RSVP. If you are interested in baking a turkey this year, please see Jen Borbonus.

THE DEACONS are asking for donations of new or gently used shoes and boots for the patients at Torrance State Hospital. Both men and women sizes are needed. Please leave your donation in the back of the church near the Torrance box.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to usher during the worship service on Sunday mornings. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of the sanctuary. There are several dates available. If you are interested in more information about ushering, please see Joan Moran or Jen Borbonus.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 4 will hold their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Soup and Chili Cook Off Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$10.00 per person. There will be a variety of soups and chili's made by the troop 4 scouts and scout leaders, to see who has the best soup and the best chili. This is a Boy Scout fundraiser to help cover expenses incurred in camping and other activities throughout the year. Thanks for your support.

A VETERAN'S DAY CONCERT will be performed by the Blairsville Community Band Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Blairsville High School. The concert is free to the community and is a tribute to our veterans.

ANNOUNCING a new annual scholarship opportunity exclusively for Blairsville High School seniors. The scholarship will benefit each a boy and girl student with a \$500 award for costs related to higher education at a 4 year college, community college, trade or technical school. Applications and guidelines available after November 2017 at [www.batchfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.batchfoundation.org/scholarships).

#### **REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Blood Pressure Checks Family Promise begins
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting Family Promise
<b>Tuesday</b>		Family Promise
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Team Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:45 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal Family Promise
<b>Thursday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group Family Promise
		Family Promise
<b>Friday</b>		Family Promise
<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 p.m.	Calendar Party! Family Promise