



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 25, 2015 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Alice Santoro, 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

Chase Stuchal, Acolyte

Introit # 466 vs. 4 *"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;

Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee,

Ever only, all for thee.

Call to Worship (*Psalm 34*)

Leader: I will bless the Lord at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt his name together.

Leader: I sought the Lord, and he answered me,

and delivered me from all my fears.

People: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,

and was saved from every trouble.

Leader: O taste and see that the Lord is good;

happy are those who take refuge in him.

People: The Lord redeems the life of his servants;

none of those who take refuge in him

will be condemned.

*Hymn # 59

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will.

When the poor cry out for help, we often pass them by. When

the weak reveal their strength, we want to silence their voices.

Forgive us, God of grace. Save a place, even for us, at that

great banquet of redemption when all will be made well;

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 Job 42:1-6, 10-17 (pg. 488 of OT)
Anthem “Think About His Love”

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Mark 10:46-52 (pg. 47 of NT)
Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith (Psalm 23)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters, he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Hymn # 480 *“Open My Eyes, That I May See”*
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 # 422 “Amazing Grace”

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand.)

GRANNIES will meet Monday, October 26th from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall.

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, Alice Santoro; Acolyte, Chase Stuchal; Ushers, Joan Moran, Emma Riggi, Naomi Sigafoes, and Tom Holby; Projection, 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 memory of loved ones by Naomi Sigafoes.

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

THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE will host a Soup Luncheon today following worship. The menu will include soup, bread, dessert and drinks. Feel free to stay for lunch.

A SPECIAL LOVE OFFERING will be received next Sunday, November 1st for Pastor Eugene Rubanda. Pastor Eugene is one of the “founding fathers” of the Rwanda Partnership. He was recently diagnosed with *liver metastasis*. Pastor Eugene has been receiving medical care at the best medical facility in Rwanda but his doctors believe that the care he needs can’t be secured in his home country. They have made arrangements for him to go to India with his family to receive appropriate care when enough money is raised. Please be in prayer for Pastor Eugene and his family at this difficult time.

BOY SCOUTS will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday, October 26th at 6:30 p.m.

THE THANKSGIVING TEAM will meet Thursday, November 12th at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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 avaccination clinic at the Blairsville Community Center 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. 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. We will begin rehearsing special music for the holidays on Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. If you are interested in participating during this time, we would love to have you. For more information, please see Cindy Borbonus or come to rehearsals Wednesdays. You're always welcome.

CHILDREN TO CHILDREN COAT COLLECTION is drawing to a close. We will continue to receive donations through the end 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. We will also receive monetary donations and purchase coats. Please mark your gifts "coats". Thank you.

OUR 8TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER will be held Sunday, November 22nd 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 15th.

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.

IRMC CHESTNUT RIDGE will hold a Mammogram Marathon Wednesday, October 28th 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.

AN ITALIAN DINNER FUNDRAISER will be held at the Chestnut Hills Social Center Sunday, November 1st from noon to 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6 in advance. All proceeds benefit the Blairsville Development Authority Shade Tree Commission Project. Call the center for more information at 724-459-5251.

THE BLAIRSVILLE COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND directed by Dave Brozeski will present its' annual Veteran's Day performance at the Center for the Performing Arts located at the Blairsville High School on Wednesday night, November 11th at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free, but voluntary donations for the support of the band are appreciated. Enjoy a local live concert as the band plays a tribute to our veterans and active service men and women. The band's musical tribute to our US military veteran's will include music popular in every era. Don't miss this one!

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.

MISSION MOMENT - *Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley*

Ninety-seven years ago, the Presbyterian missionary Thomas Lambie came to the mountains of western Ethiopia to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. He was determined, however, to introduce more than just spiritual salvation. Lambie founded both a school and a hospital on the mission compound in Dembi Dollo. Since then the gospel of Jesus Christ has flourished alongside improved health care and education for all ages through the work of Western Wollega Bethel Synod. It has been a joy to see, in the faces of the young at Berhane Yesus, evidence that the whole gospel is flourishing in the region.

Please join us in praying that the gospel will continue to be proclaimed in word and deed throughout western Ethiopia.

—Emrys Tyler: vice moderator, Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley; pastor, Nineveh Presbyterian Church

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Soup Luncheon
		Family Promise concludes
Monday	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Thursday	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
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	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
		<i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>