



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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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Todd Faulk, 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

Willow Weimer, Acolyte

Introit # 59

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Call to Worship (*Psalm 19*)

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

**People: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.

**People: More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Leader: Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

**People: Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

*Hymn # 136

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

*Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You gave us the gift of your law, but we do not keep your commandments. You sent your Son to save us, but we sent him to his death. 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 Philippians 3:4-14 (pg. 198 of NT)

Anthem *"Built On the Rock"*

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Matthew 21:33-46 (pg. 24 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(The Theological Declaration of Barmen)*

"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body is joined and knit together." The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

*Hymn # 261 *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

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 Insert *"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"*

*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, Todd Faulk; Acolyte, Willow Weimer; Ushers, Connie Citeroni, Linda George, Jean Heberling and Patrick 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 memory of loved ones by Ron & Kim McKinney.

THE THANKSGIVING TEAM will meet today following worship. Please see Tammy Ritchie or Marilyn Neal for more information.

GRANNIES will meet Monday, October 9th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE BOY SCOUTS will meet Monday, October 9th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE DAISY TROOP will meet Wednesday, October 11th at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, October 11th 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 11th at 7:00 p.m. There is always room in the choir for one more voice. Rehearsals for our Christmas Cantata will be held Wednesday, October 11th at 7:45 p.m. The cantata will be presented to the congregation Sunday, December 17th 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 3RD 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 STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, October 12th at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome to join them.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM will meet Friday, October 13th at 11:00 a.m.

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP will meet Saturday, October 14th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE has begun to work on the 2018 budget. Committee chairs are asked to begin looking at your budget for next year and have your numbers submitted by Sunday, October 15th. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

VALERIE STIPCAK, a young lady who is acquainted with our church, will present an Organ Recital Friday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church in Latrobe, PA. All are invited.

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.

WYOTECH LUNCHEONS have been scheduled for Tuesday, October 17th and Tuesday, November 14th at 11:00 a.m. The luncheons are an outreach ministry of the Mission Committee and friends.

FAMILY PROMISE will be hosted at our church beginning Sunday, October 22nd through Sunday, October 29th. 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.

ON OCTOBER 21st, we will be joining in the Fellowship Hall to bake cookies and package them up for College Students, Shut-ins and Military Service Personal. The baking fun will begin at 9:00 a.m. and we hope to finish up around 1:00 p.m. If you have a recipe that you would like to share, please see Nancy Hartmann. Nancy will be collecting the cookie recipes to purchase the ingredients needed. If you enjoy baking, check your cookie recipe collection and let Nancy know what recipe you would like to share.

Also, we need suggested names and addresses to mail packages to. If you have a family college student, a military person or a shut-in that would appreciate receiving a package, let Nancy know. Volunteers are also needed to add the love, help bake and package up the boxes.

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Team Meeting
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:45 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Unit Meeting
Friday	11:00 a.m.	Ministerium Meeting
Saturday	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group
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	11:00 a.m.	Worship