



*Therefore keep
watch, because you
do not know the day
or the hour.*

Matthew 25:13

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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November 12, 2017 ~ 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

Willow Weimer, Acolyte

Introit # 663 vs. 3

"God's Holy Ways Are Just and True"

Tell once again his deeds of old, the story of our mighty God:

O praise him, alleluia! For all his glorious works and ways

We shall rejoice through endless days:

O praise him, O praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Call to Worship (*Psalm 78*)

Leader: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**People: I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

Leader: things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.

**People: We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done....**

Leader: that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and rise up and tell them to their children,

**People: so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments.**

*Hymn # 9

"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

*Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. We waste our days with idle pursuits, instead of choosing to serve you. We spend our nights in foolishness, instead of watching for your return. 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 4:13-18 (pg. 204 of NT)
Anthem *“Think About His Love”*
Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
Gospel Lesson Matthew 25:1-13 (pg. 28 of NT)
Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- *Affirmation of Faith (Barmen Declaration)
- 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 # 428 “When Peace Like a River”
- 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 # 458 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”
- *Benediction
- *Choral Response
- *Postlude
- (**All who are able, please stand*)

WE ARE GRATEFUL to God for the men and women who have served this nation to protect our liberty, peace and freedom.

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; Acolyte, Willow Weimer; Ushers, Sunday School Children; Greeters, Joan Moran and Jen Borbonus; Projector, Alex Kirkland; Audio, Andrew Baker; 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 Gary and Barri Stuchal.

GRANNIES will meet Monday, November 13th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

A WYOTECH LUNCHEON will be served to students Tuesday, November 14th at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The luncheons are a ministry of the mission committee and friends.

A BUDGET MEETING will be held Tuesday, November 14th at 1:30 p.m. in the parlor. Committee chairs are asked to submit numbers for the 2018 budget before Tuesday. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

THE CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30 p.m.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATIONS will be held Sundays, November 19th and December 3rd at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor. New members will unite with the congregation during worship Sunday, December 10th. If you are interested in becoming a member, please see Pastor Monroe.

YOU'RE INVITED! Our church family Thanksgiving Dinner will be held next Sunday, November 19th following worship. Please use the forms at the back of the sanctuary to RSVP.

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 STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, November 16th 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.

ONCE AGAIN the Deacons will assemble Thanksgiving Baskets for families in the community. We ask that you consider donating food items or giving a monetary contribution. Boxes will be available at the back of the church for the collection of food donations. Please check expiration dates on items before donating them. If any member of the congregation is aware of a family who may need a Thanksgiving basket please contact Pastor Tim, Mary Anzelone or another deacon. We look forward to sharing another happy holiday with those in our community!

LITURGISTS are an important part of our worship service. If you are interested in being a liturgist or would like more information, please see Elaine Jellison.

OUR PRESBYTERY is offering training on November 18th before the Presbytery Meeting on the following topics: Deacon, Treasurer, Ruling Elder, Clerk of Session and Polity. Registration for training will be held 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. and classes will be 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. NuValley Presbyterian Church will host the training as well as the meeting. Please call our church office if you are interested in attending.

JOIN IN the fun and come to the Blairsville Monday Music Club Christmas Concert at Saint Simon and Jude Catholic Church December 11th at 7:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to sing in the community choir, please practice with the club November 13, 27 and December 4 at 7:00 p.m. at SS Simon and Jude and November 20 at the Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	WyoTech Luncheon
	6:30 p.m.	Christian Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday	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
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Presbytery Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	New Member Orientation
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Community Thanksgiving Worship at First United Methodist Church

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, November 15th 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, November 15th 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 17th at 11:00 a.m. For more information, contact Cindy Borbonus, director.

EBENEZER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is serving an all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Lunch today from 12:30 – 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$8 per person. The proceeds benefit the Mission Fund.

FABULOUS FIRS will be held Saturday, December 2nd from 12:00-7:00 p.m. at the Blairsville Community Center. Deadline for participants is November 24th. For more information, contact Dorinda Eckenroad at 724-459-6148 or the church office.