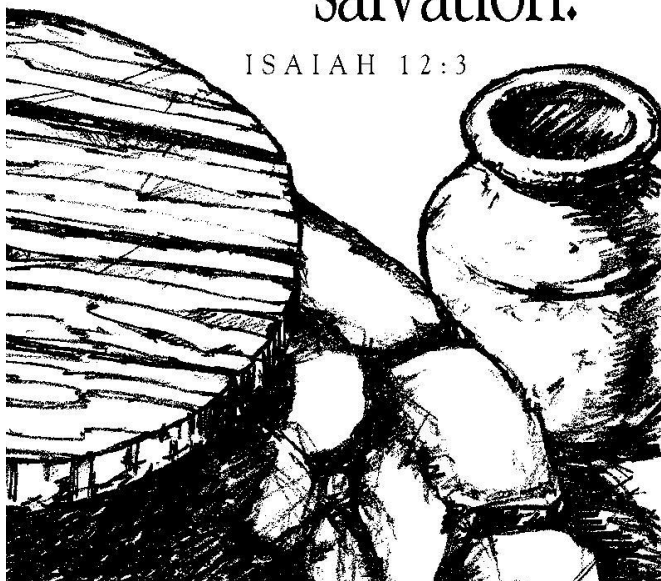


With joy you will  
draw water from  
the wells of  
salvation.

ISAIAH 12:3



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 13, 2016 ~ 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

Olivia Eckenroad, Acolyte

Introit # 423 vs. 2 *"Surely It Is God Who Saves Me"*

***Make God's deeds known to the peoples; tell of his exalted Name.***

***Praise the Lord, who has done great things;***

***All his works God's might proclaim.***

***Zion, lift your voice in singing; for with you has come to dwell,***

***In your very midst, the great and Holy One of Israel.***

Call to Worship (*Isaiah 12*)

Leader: You will say on that day: I will give thanks to you, O Lord,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away, and you comforted me.

**People: Surely God is my salvation;**

**I will trust, and will not be afraid,**

**for the Lord God is my strength and my might;**

**he has become my salvation.**

Leader: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say on that day:

**People: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;**

**make known his deeds among the nations;**

**proclaim that his name is exalted.**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.

**People: Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,**

**for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

\*Hymn # 113

*"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin.**

**We hear of terror and trouble and forget your promise of salvation.**

**We see signs of destruction and try to save ourselves from harm.**

**Forgive us, God of grace. Give us the strength to endure every trial**

**that is set before us, always testifying to your saving love; 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                      II Thessalonians 3:6-13 (pg. 207 of NT)

Anthem                                              *"Jerusalem"*

Chancel Choir, Director, Cindy Borbonus

Gospel Lesson                                      Luke 21:5-19 (pg. 85 of NT)

Sermon                                                      Rev. Timothy Monroe

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

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

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, and exploit our neighbors. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

\*Hymn # 593                                              *"Lord, Speak to Me"*

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 # 428                                              *"When Peace Like a River"*

\*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, Olivia Eckenroad; Ushers, Ron & Janelle Hood and Chick & Connie Stewart; 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 who has blessed our families with such a wonderful mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and great grandmother. Happy birthday, Janet Wilson! We love you! The Reeves and Zabala families.

GRANNIES will meet Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE THANKSGIVING TEAM will meet Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to work on final plans for the Thanksgiving dinner. Those who volunteered to help with set-up on Saturday are asked to be at the church at 10:00 a.m. We still need volunteers to help with clean-up following the dinner. If you are willing to stay and clean-up, please see Tammy Ritchie or call the church office. Bulletin inserts are available at the back of the church for those who would like to volunteer or to let us know what dish you would like to provide.

A SESSION MEETING will be held Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to be picked up in the parlor.

WE WILL CELEBRATE the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

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 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL COATS-FOR-KIDS COAT DRIVE is now underway. This year we are receiving monetary donations for the purchase of specific size coats. If you would like to contribute to the coat drive, please mark your donation clearly for “Coats”. If you know of a family with children who may need a winter coat, please contact Janet Smith.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. There are two open positions in the three octave choir. If you are interested in more information, please see Vicky Westley, director.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Christmas cantata rehearsals will be held Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. Anyone wishing to participate in the special music is invited to attend rehearsals. The cantata will be presented Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Cindy Borbonus.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects.

THE DEACONS are collecting cards for Torrance patients to use. Any type of cards can be left in the box in the back of the sanctuary.

A COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE is planned for Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Black Lick United Methodist Church. The Rev. John Buchmann from the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church will deliver the message.

AN INFLUENZA CLINIC will be held Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Blairsville Community Center. Eligible adults and children are welcome by appointment only. Please call the PA Department of Health at 724-357-2995 if you have questions or to schedule an appointment.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, we collect items for the Pathway Homeless Shelter in Black Lick based on their specific needs at that time. This shelter serves all of Indiana County. Throughout the month of November, we will be collecting: paper towels, disinfectant spray and/or wipes and all-purpose cleaners. Items can be placed in the designated container at the back of the sanctuary.

CPR TRAINING is being coordinated by the Deacons. If you are interested in attending a training event, please call the church office at 724-459-7991 or see Susie Cotti. The date will be set according to the availability of attendees.

THE MONDAY MUSIC CLUB is welcoming all singers to rehearsals for the Community Christmas Concert. All practices and the concert will be held at the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Blairsville. The schedule follows.

Rehearsal - Monday, November 14 ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Rehearsal - Monday, November 21 ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Rehearsal - Monday, December 5..... 7:00 p.m.  
Rehearsal - Saturday, December 10..... 3:00 p.m.  
Concert – Monday, December 12 ..... 7:00 p.m.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

It has come to our attention that some of the worship assistants for the month of November were not updated in the November UPLIFT. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. The correct schedule follows:

November 13		November 20-Communion	
Liturgist	Gene Artman	Liturgist	Thanksgiving Team
Acolyte	Olivia Eckenroad	Acolyte	John Clark Bruner
Flowers	Reeves Family	Flowers	Terry & Barb Brown
Projector	Shakira McKinney	Projector	Kayla Moran
Audio	Jaison McKinney	Audio	Tyler Moran

November 27-1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Guest Minister	Rev. Ron Libengood
Liturgist	Dennis Gould
Flowers	Marilyn Neal
Projector	Blake Tonkin
Audio	Mitchell Tonkin

THE FABULOUS FIRS EVENT is scheduled for Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Blairsville Community Center. Organizations can participate by providing a decorated tree, wreath, spray or centerpiece. They are voted on by the public for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place and then are sold. The proceeds benefit the Blairsville Community Center and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Friends of the Blairsville Parks and Recreation Foundation Scholarship Fund. Deadline to participate is Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please call Dorinda Eckenroad at 724-459-6148.

## REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

<b>Today</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	9:00-3:00 p.m.	Grannies
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Team Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:45 p.m.	Cantata Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Dinner set-up
<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Community Thanksgiving Worship at the Black Lick United Methodist Church