

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

November 20, 2015 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

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

John Clark Bruner, Acolyte

Introit # 94 vs. 2 "Shout to the Lord"

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.

Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing;

Power and majesty, praise to the King.

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar

at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

Call to Worship (Psalm 95)

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

People: In his hand are the depths of the earth;

the heights of the mountains are his also.

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land,

which his hands have formed.

People: O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

All: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,

and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

*Hymn # 726

"We Praise You, O God"

*Let us come
before him with
thanksgiving.*

Psalm 95:2, NIV

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*"a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit
to know Christ and to make Christ known"*

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*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Time with the Younger Saints

Cindy Borbonus

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 100 (pg. 552 of OT)

Anthem

"Jesus, Only Jesus"

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

New Testament Lesson

Philippians 4:4-9 (pg. 198 of NT)

Thanksgiving – Through the Memories and Eyes of.....

Mary Anzelone – Paul Soltesz – Marilyn Neal

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 723

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

Remembering the Cloud of Witnesses

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer ("...debts...and debtors...")

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

(Please hold the bread until all have received, we will partake together)

(Please hold the cup until all have received, we will partake together)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn # 721

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

*(*All who are able, please stand.)*

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

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 Acolyte, John Clark Bruner; Ushers, Todd & Stacy Faulk, Elaine Jellison and Irving Lindsey; 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 Terry and Barb Brown.

TODAY is our Annual Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner. We will gather around tables in Fellowship Hall following worship. Friends and visitors are welcome.

A COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE is planned for this evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Black Lick United Methodist Church. The Rev. John Buchmann, pastor at the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church will deliver the message.

GRANNIES will meet Monday, November 21st from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE OFFICE will be closed Tuesday morning, November 22nd and all day Thursday and Friday, November 24-25th in recognition of the Thanksgiving holiday.

NEXT SUNDAY is the First Sunday of Advent. “Hope-Full Living” is the title of this year’s Advent devotional booklet. It includes daily devotions for living life to the fullest. These devotions have been written by other older adults who hope and pray that this Advent will be a new and exciting ADVENTure for you and yours. Be ready to share your joy and hope in the newborn King, who is born in Bethlehem for you and for me.

REV. MONROE and Bobbi will be out of town from Tuesday, November 22nd through Monday, November 28th for the Thanksgiving holiday. If you would need to speak to Pastor Monroe during this time, please call 717-755-0223 or contact the church office.

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 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. Thank you for your support.

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 2ND 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.

THE FABULOUS FIRS EVENT is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd 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 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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 25th.

BLAIRSVILLE’S LIGHT UP NIGHT will be held Saturday, December 3rd. Many activities are planned. Luminaries to honor a loved one are available for \$5.00 each. A luminary lighting ceremony will be held near the diamond following the parade which begins at 5:30 p.m. During the ceremony luminaries will be lit. The names of loved ones will be displayed on a scroll and sky lanterns will be released at the end of the ceremony as a symbol of tribute. Luminary order forms are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 4 will hold a Chili/Soup Cook-Off Fundraiser Sunday, December 4th from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church. Fifteen plus varieties of chili and soup will be available in addition to salad, bread, dessert and drink. A special children’s menu of nuggets and fries will be available. Donations of \$10 per adult and \$5 per children ages 5-11 will be accepted. Tickets are available in the church office.

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

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	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
Monday	9:00-3:00 p.m.	Grannies
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday		No Choir Rehearsals
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop in Fellowship Hall
Thursday		Happy Thanksgiving!
Friday		Office Closed
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Rev. Ron
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