



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 5, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Mary Anzelone, 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

Call to Worship (*Psalm 107*)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Leader: Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

**People: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;**

Leader: He turns a desert into pools of water,
a parched land into springs of water.

**People: And there he lets the hungry live,
and they establish a town to live in.**

*Hymn # 51 *"How Great Thou Art"*

*Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. We lay heavy burdens on others, but are unwilling to share the load. We want to be lifted up as leaders, but you call us to humble service. 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 2:9-13 (pg. 203 of NT)

Anthem *“He Is Exalted”*

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Matthew 23:1-12 (pg. 25 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- ### *Affirmation of Faith

Good works are only such as God hath commanded in his holy Word, and not such as, without the warrant thereof, are devised by men out of blind zeal, or upon any pretense of good intention. These good works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruits and evidence of a true and lively faith: and by them believers manifest their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance, edify their brethren, adorn the profession of the gospel, stop the mouths of the adversaries, and glorify God, whose workmanship they are, created in Christ Jesus thereunto, that, having their fruit unto holiness, they may have the end, eternal life. *(Westminster Confession of Faith)*

- *Hymn # 486 *“Have Thine Own Way Lord”*

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

Angie Neal

- *Doxology

- *Prayer of Dedication

- *Hymn # 580 *“We Are Called to Be God’s People”*

- *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, Mary Anzelone; Acolyte, Olivia Eckenroad; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Audio, Jaison McKinney; Special Music, Angie Neal; 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 loving memory of Maurice Borbonus by Cindy and family.

THE DEACONS will check blood pressures today following worship.
Please see Susie Cotti to have your numbers checked.

ELECTION DAY is Tuesday, November 7th. There will be voting in Fellowship Hall all day.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall, kitchen side from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 7th. Those signing up for the first time need to show proof of residence in the Blairsville Borough.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, November 7th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, kitchen side.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, November 8th at 5:30 p.m. in the church parlor. For more information, please see Elaine Jellison.

THE THANKSGIVING TEAM will meet Wednesday, November 8th at 6:00 p.m. For more information, please see Brent and Tammy Ritchie or Marilyn Neal.

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.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, November 8th 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 8th 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.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, November 9th 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.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 4 will hold their 2nd Annual Soup and Chili Cook Off today from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$10.00 per person. This is a Boy Scout fundraiser to help cover expenses incurred in camping and other activities throughout the year. Thanks for your support.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE asks all committee chairs to consider their ministry plans and to submit numbers for the 2018 budget. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

SAVE THE DATE! Our church family Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Sunday, November 19th following worship. Please use the forms at the back of the sanctuary to RSVP. If you are interested in baking a turkey this year, please see Jen Borbonus.

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. Articles of food can include: canned fruit or vegetables, boxed baked goods, pie fillings, Jello, boxes of stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, just to name a few. 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!

THE DEACONS are asking for donations of new or gently used shoes and boots for the patients at Torrance State Hospital. Both men and women sizes are needed. Please leave your donation in the back of the church near the Torrance box.

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.

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.

A VETERAN'S DAY CONCERT will be performed by the Blairsville Community Band Wednesday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Blairsville High School. The concert is free to the community and is a tribute to our veterans.

SS SIMON & JUDE PARISH will host a Craft Show Saturday, November 11th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Items will include wood crafts, holiday decorations, flower arrangements, quilts, baked goods, candy, dolls, a bake sale, great food and much more. Admission is free and hourly door prizes will be drawn by Crafters.

ANNOUNCING, a new annual scholarship opportunity exclusively for Blairsville High School seniors. The scholarship will benefit each a boy and girl student with a \$500 award for costs related to higher education at a 4 year college, community college, trade or technical school. Applications and guidelines will be available after November 2017 at www.batchfoundation.org/scholarships.

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.

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Blood Pressure Checks
	12:00-2:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Chili/Soup Cook-off
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting
Tuesday		Election Day – voting in Fellowship Hall
	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Bank distribution
	6:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Team Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Historical Society Dinner
	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
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship