



SEE, I HAVE SET BEFORE YOU TODAY
LIFE AND PROSPERITY...

DEUTERONOMY 30:15, NRSV

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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February 12, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Bonni Dunlap, 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

Introit # 668 vs. 3 "Wonderful Words of Life"

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;

Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life.

Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever:

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

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Call to Worship (Psalm 119)

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

**People: Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,
who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.**

Leader: You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.

**People: O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!**

Leader: Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

**People: I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.
I will observe your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

*Hymn # 56 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

*Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We
look to false gods for help and turn away from you. We say yes
to what is evil and no to what is good. Forgive us; give us grace.
Help us to resist temptation and choose a better way: to show
the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

- *Assurance of Forgiveness
- *Gloria Patri
- *Sharing of the Peace
- *Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson	Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (pg. 186 of OT)
Anthem	<i>“Written in Red”</i>
	Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 5:21-37 (pg. 4 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- *Affirmation of Faith

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.

(Apostles' Creed)

- *Hymn # 589 *“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”*
- Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer *(debt...and debtors...)*
- Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
- Offertory
- *Doxology
- *Prayer of Dedication
- *Hymn # 358 *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*
- *Benediction
- *Postlude

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

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Bonni Dunlap; Ushers, Boy Scouts Troop 4; Projector, 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 Nancy Boone.

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

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday, February 14th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The committee is looking for interested people to serve. If you would like to know more about the CE committee, plan to attend the meeting.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, February 15th at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in more information, please see Vicky Westley, director.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m. There is always room in the choir for one more voice. For more information, contact Cindy Borbonus, director.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, February 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 the group.

SEVERAL DATES are still available on the 2017 flower chart. If you would like to order flowers for Sunday worship, please use the chart to sign-up for your choice of date. Flowers are \$20/Sunday and checks can be made payable to the Board of Deacons.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE has available a Whitmore piano and bench to be given to a new home. If you or a family member is interested in taking it, please see Elaine Jellison or Pastor Monroe. If you would like to look at it, the piano is located just inside the Fellowship Hall doors to the right.

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.

DURING the months of February and March the Deacons will be collecting the following items for Torrance State Hospital patients: liquid and bar soap, shampoo, new or used music CD's, puzzles and greeting cards. You may leave the items in the box in the back of the sanctuary marked for Torrance State Hospital.

MARCH 4 SCHOOLS is a prayer walk to be held beginning March 9 through March 15th beginning at 6:00 p.m. each evening. Walking will be at either the Blairsville or Saltsburg tracks. The goal is to unite both sides of the school district for 7 consecutive days for the purpose of walking together, praying together and believing together that our actions and our faith will have a positive impact on the Blairsville-Saltsburg School District. Each day of the prayer walk will have a specific topic of prayer on which participants will focus. If you are unable to walk but would like to be a part of the prayer time, satellite sites will be open. Our church will be the satellite site in Blairsville. For more information, please check out the website at www.march4schools.com or see Pastor Monroe.

2017 Schedule of Community Lenten Lunch Services

March 1 Rev. Cory Braatz, CrossRoads Community Church
(the Free Methodist)
March 8 Rev. Steve Bugay, C&MA Church
March 15 Rev. Joe Baird, Hebron Lutheran Church
(hosted by Hebron and the Baptist churches)
March 22 Rev. Timothy Monroe, First United Methodist Church
March 29 Hopewell Methodist Church
April 5 Rev. Dawn Krishart, United Presbyterian Church
April 12 Rev. George Prior, SS Simon & Jude Church
April 14, Good Friday ... Rev. Rusty McClurg, Abundant Grace Church

Worship begins at 12:00 noon followed by a light lunch served by the host church/churches. The Lenten services are hosted by the Blairsville Area Ministerium. All are welcome.

THE SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2017

Each year the committees of session seek to have volunteers become active participants. Please review the committees and their responsibilities and consider serving. If you would like more information or have questions, please see Pastor Monroe or an elder.

Worship – Elaine Jellison, chair - Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings

Mission – Gene Artman, chair - Benevolences, special offerings, global & local missions and missionaries

Christian Education – Nancy Hartmann & Kim McKinney, co-chairs – Sunday school programs, curriculum, adult education, youth work, leadership education

Finance – Rick Shoemaker, chair - Finances, special funds, and annual budget

Stewardship – Rick Shoemaker, chair - Stewardship education and programs, challenges the congregation in its faithful use of the many different resources entrusted to our care

Property & Maintenance – Bob Cosharek, chair - Construction, maintenance, repairs, housekeeping, safety, security, yard work, inventory

Congregational Fellowship – Nancy Hartmann & Elaine Jellison, co-chairs - Suppers, Dinner Theater, picnics, outings, trips, camping

Evangelism – Gene Artman, chair - New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Scout Sunday
	12:00-5:00 p.m.	Firemen Fundraiser Dinner in Fellowship Hall
Monday	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Christian Ed Committee Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group meets in the parlor
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship