



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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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

Brylea Borbonus, Acolyte

Introit # 446

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

O Love that will not let me go,

I rest my weary soul in thee;

I give thee back the life I owe,

That in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

Call to Worship (*Psalm 91*)

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

**People: Will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."**

Leader: Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.

**People: When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.**

**All: With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

*Hymn # 73

"The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well"

*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We
desire earthly kingdoms and dismiss your heavenly realm. We
seek to provide for ourselves and spurn the bread of life you
offer. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to rely on your saving
word, to trust in your sustaining care, and to worship and serve
you alone; 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	Romans 10:8b-13 (pg. 160 of NT)
Anthem	<i>“On Eagles’ Wings”</i>
	Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
Gospel Lesson	Luke 4:1-13 (pg. 61 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(Westminster Confession of Faith)*

The most wise, righteous, and gracious God, doth often-times leave for a season his own children to manifold temptations and the corruption of their own hearts, to chastise them for their former sins, or to discover unto them the hidden strength of corruption and deceitfulness of their hearts, that they be humbled; and to raise them to a more close and constant dependence for their support upon himself, and to make them more watchful against all future occasions of sin, and for sundry other just and holy ends.

*Hymn # 476 *“I Need Thee Every Hour”*

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (*“...debts...and debtors”*)

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 483 *“Take Time to Be Holy”*

*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, Brylea Borbonus; Ushers, Sunday School Children; Greeters, Steve & Joan Moran; Projector, Kayla Moran; Sound, 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.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are available at the back of the sanctuary for our journey through the season of Lent. The booklet is entitled, “Living Lent as People of the Resurrection” by Dr. Rich Bimler. There are daily devotions that lead us from the cross to the empty tomb watching for signposts of Ponder, Purpose, People, Proclaim, Praise, Pain and Promise along the way. Please be sure to pick one up.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, February 16th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to be picked up in the parlor.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, February 18th at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor.

THE DEACONS will collect items on a monthly basis to be taken to the Pathway Homeless Shelter in Black Lick. During the month of February we will be receiving paper towels, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, Band Aids, Kleenex, dishwasher detergent and floor cleaner. A container to place items in is located at the back of the sanctuary. If you would rather make a monetary donation, make checks payable to the Board of Deacons and mark in the memo for Pathway.

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 Shirley McLaughlin.

OUR BELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, February 17th. We would love to have new members join us. No experience necessary, we'll train you. If you have questions or are interested in ringing, please see Vicky Westley, director or a bell choir member.

THE CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, February 17th. New voices are always appreciated. For more information about the choir, please see Cindy Borbonus or come to rehearsals on Wednesdays. You're always welcome.

THE SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2016

Each year the committees of session seek to have volunteers become active participants. Please review the committees and responsibilities of the committees and consider serving. If you would like more information or have questions, please see Pastor Monroe or an elder. Chairs for the committees will be determined at the February Session meeting.

Worship – Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings

Mission – Benevolences, special offerings, global & local missions and missionaries

Christian Education – Sunday school programs, curriculum, adult education, youth work, leadership education

Finance – Finances, special funds, and annual budget

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

Property & Maintenance – Construction, maintenance, repairs, housekeeping, safety, security, yard work, inventory

Congregational Fellowship – Suppers, Dinner Theater, picnics, outings, trips, camping

Evangelism – New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity

CONFIRMATION CLASSES are being planned to give young people a chance to explore their faith and consider what it means to be a part of the church. Classes are scheduled for Sunday afternoons. We will gather for a light lunch after worship followed by the class which will end approximately at 2:00 p.m. Parents are welcome to sit in on the classes. The proposed dates are: March 13, 20, April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1. Students will unite with the church during worship on Pentecost, May 8. If you have any questions about the classes, please contact Pastor Tim or Deb Lint.

VACCINATIONS are available from the Dept. of Health to those who are uninsured or underinsured at the Blairsville Community Center from 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. February 17, March 16 and April 20. Please call the Dept. of Health to schedule an appointment at 724-357-2995.

COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHESES will be held each Wednesday afternoon through Lent. A service will be held at 12:00 noon followed by a light lunch. The worship schedule is as follows:

Feb 17	Rev. Harold Hicks.....	C&MA Church
Feb 24	Rev. Scott Shaffer	United Presbyterian Church
Mar 2	Rev. Brett Dinger	Hebron Lutheran Church
Mar 9	Rev. Timothy Monroe.....	First United Methodist Church
Mar 16	Father Steve Bugay	Hopewell Methodist Church
Mar 23	Rev. Rusty McClurg	SS Simon & Jude Church
Mar 25	Rev. Jim Kendall.....	Connect Church

Good Friday, 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
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Lunch at the C&MA Church Rev. Harold Hicks
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

MISSION MOMENT

Health Awareness and Prayer for Healing and Wholeness

Several years ago I had an opportunity to visit Westminster by-the-Sea Presbyterian Church in Daytona Beach Shores, Florida, for a Sunday worship service. I always enjoyed my visits to this church, knowing that I would hear outstanding music and an excellent sermon by their senior pastor, the Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Sumner. But I also heard another important message that day. Dr. Sumner spoke of the need for parishioners to attend to their physical health as well as their spiritual well-being. And on this particular Sunday, there would be an opportunity to do this by taking advantage of a free screening for skin cancer that a local dermatologist would be providing immediately after the worship service.

Programs on the prevention and early detection of cancer have a special meaning for this congregation that worships just a few hundred yards from the beach. Within a period of less than 18 months, two young men in the congregation, both in their 30s, had died of melanoma. These deaths motivated the congregation not only to spread the word among members and friends about the importance of early detection of skin cancer, but also to join in sponsoring an annual community wide event that raises funds for a foundation that supports research on melanoma.

This cancer screening was just one part of the church's Body, Mind and Soul program, a ministry still going strong after more than 20 years. It started when a member of the congregation attended a lay health education course sponsored by a local hospital and nearby university. She had no experience or training in health care, but was able to acquire the knowledge and skills to launch a health ministry. Working with local health institutions and providers, this program regularly sponsors health screenings and informational sessions on a variety of timely health topics. Although the leadership for Body, Mind and Soul has changed many times over the years, interest in the program has never waned, in large measure because of the strong commitment of Dr. Sumner and the members of the congregation, who have witnessed its tremendous impact on the health of the congregation and community.