



As he was coming up out
of the water,
he saw the heavens
torn apart and the
Spirit descending
like a dove
on him.

Mark 1:10, 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 18, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Dennis Gould, 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 #486 vs. 2 *“Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”*

Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!

Search me and try me, Master, today!

Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,

As in thy presence humbly I bow.

Call to Worship (*Psalms 25*)

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

**People: Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.**

Leader: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,
and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

**People: Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

Leader: He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

**People: All the paths of the Lord
are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

*Hymn # 440 *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

*Prayer of Confession

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and
dust. You have claimed us in your covenant, yet we forget your
steadfast love. You seek us out in the wilderness, yet we
continue to wander in our sin. Forgive us, God of grace. Wash
us clean, once again, so that we may return to you and follow
your holy way; 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 I Peter 3:18-22 (pg. 234 of NT)
 Anthem *"Show Me the Way, O Lord"*
 Gospel Lesson Mark 1:9-15 (pg. 34 of NT)
 Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- *Affirmation of Faith (*Westminster Confession of Faith, 6.028*)
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 # 478 *"Sweet Hour of Prayer"*
 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 # 504 *"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*
- *Benediction
- *Choral Response
- *Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand)

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Dennis Gould; Acolyte, Olivia Eckenroad; Ushers, Bonni Dunlap, Doug Clayton, Tom Smith and Pat Swope; Projector, Blake Tonkin; Audio, Elizabeth Bruner; 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.

A WYOTECH LUNCHEON is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20th at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The luncheons are an outreach ministry of the Mission Committee and friends.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, February 20th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to pick up in the parlor.

THE COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEON is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21st. We will gather at Hebron Lutheran Church at 12:00 p.m. and Rev. John Buchmann will share the message. Following the service a soup and sandwich lunch will be served.

BELL CHOIR rehearsal will be held Wednesday, February 21st at 6:00 p.m. If you would like more information on the bell choir, please see Vicky Westley.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, February 21st beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you enjoy singing and are interested in sharing your gift, there is always room in the choir. For more information, please see Cindy Borbonus.

WIC will meet with clients in Fellowship Hall Thursday, February 22nd from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, February 22nd 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.

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.

DURING the months of February and March the Deacons will collect the following items for Torrance State Hospital patients: gently used or new suitcases, body wash and men's & women's deodorant. You may leave the items in the box in the back of the sanctuary marked for Torrance State Hospital.

THIS YEAR'S LENT DEVOTIONAL booklet is entitled, "Practicing LOVE." Practicing love for Lent can deepen your faith in times of difficulty just as much as in times of great joy. Devotionals are available for you to pick up at the back of the sanctuary.

MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING will be held at the Jacksonville Presbyterian Church Saturday, February 24th from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Snow date is March 10th, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The training is a 3-hour workshop that will provide the required information in a format that will make sense to your situation as a church elder, deacon, VBS volunteer, Sunday School teacher/helper or Pastor. The training is being provided by the Presbytery at no cost. Training certificates will be provided to those in attendance and are good for 5 years. This training is eligible for Act 31, Act 48 (Act 126) credits. For more information or to register, contact Donna Kanyan at 724-479-8941 or email dkanyan1@verizon.net.

SEVERAL DATES are still available on the 2018 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.

LOOKING AHEAD...Vacation Bible School plans are starting and the Christian Ed Committee is looking for workers in all area. If you are interested in volunteering to help this year, please see Kim McKinney.

CHURCH CAMP OPPORTUNITY UPDATES:

The Camping Association of the Presbyteries of Northwest Pennsylvania (CAPNWP) oversees two camp sites, Westminster Highlands and Camp Lambec. In recent years there have been maintenance issues that have prevented some of the camping programs from happening. Westminster Highlands identified building maintenance needs and will be closed until the needs have been met. Camp Lambec was facing water maintenance issues but they are being addressed and the camp will be open for summer programs in 2018. Camping programs run from July 1 – August 3. If you are interested in more information, please call the church office or check out the website at www.camplambec.net.

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	WyoTech Luncheon
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Lunch at Hebron Lutheran
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES AND LUNCHESES sponsored by the Blairsville Area Ministerium are held each Wednesday during Lent. A worship service will be held at 12:00 noon followed by a soup and sandwich lunch. This year's schedule is:

Feb. 21.....	John Buchmann, Hebron Lutheran Church
Feb. 28.....	Brett Dinger, C&MA Church
Mar. 7.....	Rusty McClurg, United Presbyterian Church
Mar. 14.....	Fr. Steve Bugay, First United Methodist Church
Mar. 21.....	Harold Hicks, Hopewell Methodist Church
Mar. 28.....	Tim Monroe, SS Simon & Jude Church
Mar. 30.....	Cory Braatz, Abundant Grace Church

Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.