



*I will walk about
in freedom, for
I have sought
out your precepts.*

PSALM 119:45, NIV

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 19, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Connie Bruner, 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 # 667 vs. 2 *"God Has Spoken by the Prophets"*

God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son,

Brightness of the Father's glory, with the Father ever one;

Spoken by the Word incarnate, God of God, ere time was born;

Light of light, to earth descending, Christ, as God in human form.

Call to Worship (*Psalm 119*)

Leader: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.

**People: Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.**

Leader: Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

**People: Turn my heart to your decrees,
and not to selfish gain.**

Leader: Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
give me life in your ways.

**People: Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.**

Leader: Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.

**People: See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life.**

*Hymn # 72 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

*Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We
love to hate our enemies and fail to love our neighbors. We love
to quote commandments and fail to love our God. Forgive us;
give us grace. Teach us the way of your Word, and transform
our living 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

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Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:38-48 (pg. 5 of NT)
Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith (A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

*Hymn # 483 “Take Time to Be Holy”
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 # 480 *“Open My Eyes, That I May See”*

*Benediction

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand.)

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Connie Bruner; Projector, Blake Tonkin; Audio, Mitchell Tonkin; 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 Naomi Sigafoes.

A SESSION MEETING will be held Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Session packets for the meeting are available to be picked up in the parlor.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in more information, please see Vicky Westley, director.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, February 22nd 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 23rd 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.

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.

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.

YOUTH GROUP for grades 4-6 will meet Saturday, March 4th at 6:00 p.m. at the church. The fellowship activity for the evening will be Glo Golf at the Indiana Mall. For more information, please see Jen Borbonus or Heidi Weimer.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday, February 28th at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Vacation Bible School. If you are interested in helping, please see Nancy Hartmann or Kim McKinney.

WE WILL GATHER FOR WORSHIP at 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, March 1st. There will be the imposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them and the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. This service of worship will be your first step into the Lenten season.

MARCH 1ST will also begin the Community Lenten Worship and Lunches sponsored by the Blairsville Area Ministerium. Each Wednesday during Lent a service will be held at 12:00 noon followed by a soup and sandwich lunch. The schedule of host churches and ministers follows.

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, Rev. Rusty McClurg, Abundant Grace Church
Good Friday

MARCH 4 SCHOOLS is a prayer walk to be held from March 9 through March 15th beginning at 6:00 p.m. each evening. Walking will be at either the Blairsville football field track or Saltsburg track. 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.

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 in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
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