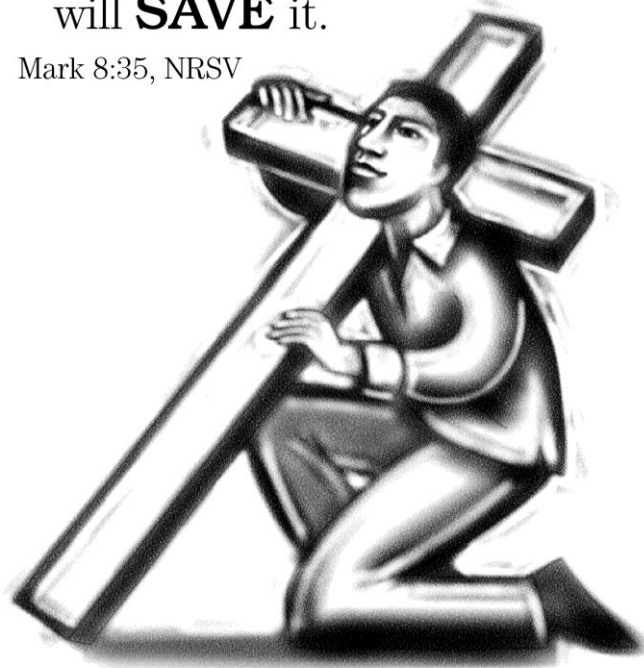


Those who want to
SAVE their life will **lose** it,
and those who **lose**
their life for my sake,
and for the sake of the gospel,
will **SAVE** it.

Mark 8:35, 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 25, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM

Second Sunday of Lent

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Rick Shoemaker, 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 John Clark Bruner, Acolyte

Introit #56 vs. 3 *“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*

**We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness and came with peace to cheer us.**

**For this we thank and praise the Lord,
who is by one and all adored: To God all praise and glory!**

Call to Worship (*Psalm 22*)

Leader: You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**People: For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me,
but heard when I cried to him.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.

**People: For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.**

Leader: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

**People: Future generations will be told about the Lord,
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.**

*Hymn # 50

“Great Is the Lord”

*Prayer of Confession

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You call us to be a blessing in the world, but we only seek our own benefit. You call us to give our lives for others, but we only seek to save ourselves. Forgive us, God of grace. Set our minds on divine things – the good news of the gospel and the promise of new life in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

Reception of New Member

*Sharing of the Peace

*Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson Romans 4:13-25 (pg. 155 of NT)
Anthem *“This Is Love”*
Gospel Lesson Mark 8:31-38 (pg. 44 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.
(The Apostles' Creed)

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 474

“I Surrender All”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

(Please hold the bread until all have received, we will partake together)

(Please hold the cup until all have received, we will partake together)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn # 458

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

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

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; Acolyte, John Clark Bruner; Ushers, the Faulk family; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Audio, Jaison McKinney; 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 Sue Harvey.

WE WELCOME a new member to the congregation this morning. Janet Schreiber joins us through affirmation of faith. Please be sure to greet her following worship.

THE DEACONS will check blood pressures following worship today. If you would like to have your numbers checked, please see Susie Cotti.

THE GRANNIES will meet Monday, February 26th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEON is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28th. We will gather at the C&MA Church at 12:00 p.m. and Rev. Brett Dinger will share the message. Following the service a soup and sandwich lunch will be served.

BELL CHOIR rehearsal will be held Wednesday, February 28th 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 28th 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.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, March 1st 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.

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.

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.

THE CAMPING ASSOCIATION OF THE PRESBYTERIES OF NORTHWEST PENNSYLVANIA (CAPNWP) oversees two camp sites, Westminster Highlands and Camp Lambec. Camp Lambec 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.

CHURCH PARKING is available in front of the building on Walnut street, in the ally along the side of the building and in the parking lot across the street. Those able to walk are asked to please park across the street in the lot so those with difficulty walking can park closer to the building. Please refrain from parking in the Episcopal Church spaces.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES AND LUNCHESS 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. 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, 7:00 p.m..... Cory Braatz, Abundant Grace Church

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion Reception of new member
Monday	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Lunch at C&MA Church
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop meets in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Baptism