



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 26, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Brent Ritchie, 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 # 390

"We're Marching to Zion"

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;

Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord

And thus surround the throne,

And thus surround the throne.

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;

We're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

Call to Worship (*Psalm 99*)

Leader: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

**People: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!**

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.

**People: Let them praise your great and awesome name.
Holy is he!**

Leader: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

**People: Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool.
Holy is he!**

*Hymn # 136

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

*Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face.
Your light shines all around us and yet we fail to see it. Your
voice calls to us from heaven and yet we fail to listen. Forgive
us; give us grace. Let us be witnesses to your glory; make it our
mission, each day, 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

New Testament Lesson	II Peter 1:16-21 (pg. 236 of NT)
Anthem	<i>"Upon A Holy Mount"</i>
	Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 17:1-9 (pg. 18 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(Heidelberg Catechism, Q.31)*

Why is he called Christ, that is, the Anointed One?

Because he is ordained by God the Father and anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, fully revealing to us the secret purpose and will of God concerning our redemption; to be our only High Priest, having redeemed us by the one sacrifice of his body and ever interceding for us with the Father; and to be our eternal King, governing us by his Word and Spirit, and defending and sustaining us in the redemption he has won for us.

*Hymn # 123 *"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

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 # 106 *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Brent Ritchie; Acolyte, John Clark Bruner; Ushers, Dennis Gould, Elaine Jellison, Rick & Willa Shoemaker; Projector, Jonathan Clayton; Audio, Alex Baker; 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 Russell Harvey Sr. by Sue Harvey and family.

THIS YEAR'S Lent devotional booklet is entitled, "Living the Gospel Life: Lent 2017." The daily devotions in this booklet highlight the concepts of being sent, demonstrating faith in action, and being mission-minded each day of Lent. Suggested activities are associated with preparing our hearts, souls and minds to reflect on the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ and his mission for us. Devotionals are available for you to pick up at the back of the sanctuary.

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. Please take time to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

GRANNIES will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday, February 27th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Anyone interested in joining the group is welcome. No experience required.

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

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, March 2nd 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.

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.

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

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 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.

PARENTS OF GRADUATES, our church tradition has been to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of our children and young adults, especially at graduation time. But it is really hard to keep up with who's graduating from what school and what their future plans are going to be. Please notify the office (724-459-7991) or see Kim McKinney about your child's pending graduation from high school or college so that we may show your son or daughter how much we care. Graduate recognition will be Sunday, June 4th during the morning worship service at 10:00 a.m.

MARCH 1ST will begin the Community Lenten Services and Lunches sponsored by the Blairsville Area Ministerium. Each Wednesday during Lent a worship 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 1st Baptist churches)
- March 22..... Rev. Timothy Monroe, First United Methodist Church
- March 29..... Lutheran Minister, 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

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Blood Pressure Checks
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 Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Worship & Lunch
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship & Communion
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group meets in the parlor
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group-grades 4-6
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship