



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

Terry Brown, 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 # 80 *"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"*

He's got the whole world in his hands,

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 63*)

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you.

**People: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

**People: So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

Leader: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.

**People: For you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

*Hymn # 471

"As the Deer"

*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We
shake our heads at others' calamity, yet ignore the signs of our
own destruction. We enjoy a prized place in your garden, yet year
after year fail to bear good fruit. Forgive us, God of grace. Give
us the wisdom to repent and be reconciled to you, so that we may
have the gift of life; 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

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 55:1-9 (pg. 685 of OT)
Anthem	<i>"Ho, Everyone Who Thirsteth"</i>
	Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
New Testament Lesson	I Corinthians 10:1-13 (pg. 172 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- *Affirmation of Faith
 - What is your only comfort, in life and in death?
 - That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.** *(Heidelberg Catechism, Q.1)*
- *Hymn # 442 *"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*
- 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 # 501 *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*
- *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, Terry Brown; Acolyte, Olivia Eckenroad; Ushers, Brent & Tammy Ritchie, Joan & Kayla Moran; Projector, Jonathan Clayton; Sound, 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 by Sue Harvey and family.

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 FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 1st in Fellowship Hall.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, March 1st at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

OUR BELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, March 2nd. 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, March 2nd. 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 BLAIRSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will hold a meeting Wednesday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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 is located at the back of the sanctuary to place items in.

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.

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. Please be sure to pick one up.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES are scheduled for Sunday afternoons. We will gather for a light lunch after worship followed by the class which will end at approximately 2:00 p.m. Parents are welcome to sit in on the classes. The 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. March 16 and April 20. Please call the Dept. of Health to schedule an appointment at 724-357-2995.

Dear United Presbyterian Deacons,

We thank you for your generous Christmas gift every year. We use it thankfully for our group meetings and appreciate you thinking of us. May God bless all of you always.

Your Love & Light Friends

THE ANNUAL EGGSTRAVAGANZA & EGG HUNT is scheduled for Saturday, March 19th from 10:00-12:00 p.m. Please see Jen Borbonus or Deb Lint if you would like to donate candy for the egg hunt. All donations are appreciated especially by the young egg hunters!

THE BLAIRSVILLE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD presents its 7th Annual "Showtime." The presentation is scheduled for Saturday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Blairsville High School Auditorium. Tickets are on sale at the Koffee Shoppe, Historical Society, and This, That and More. Call for more information at 724-459-5779.

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	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Bank distributes groceries in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Lunch at Hebron Lutheran Church-Rev. Brett Dinger
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Historical Society Meeting
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30-10:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Family Faith Night
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion
	12:00 p.m.	A Celebration Reception for Cindy Borbonus

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:

Mar 2Rev. Brett Dinger Hebron Lutheran Church
 Mar 9Rev. Timothy Monroe..... First United Methodist Church