



"Destroy
this temple,
and I will
raise it again
in three days."

John 2:19

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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March 11, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM

Fourth Sunday of Lent

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Jean Heberling, 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 # 384

"Rock of Ages"

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, save from wrath and make me pure.**

Call to Worship (*Psalm 19*)

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

**People: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord
are true and righteous altogether.

**People: More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.**

Leader: Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

**People: Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

*Hymn # 549

"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

*Prayer of Confession

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and
dust. You gave us your law to guide us, but we seek the wisdom
of the world. You made us a temple of living stones, but we**

dishonor the body of Christ. Forgive us, God of grace. Instruct us in our foolishness and strengthen us in our weakness so that we may be holy and whole; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- *Assurance of Forgiveness
- *Gloria Patri
Reception of New Members
- *Sharing of the Peace
- *Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 20:1-17 (pg. 66 of OT)
Anthem *"Footsteps of Jesus"*
Gospel Lesson John 2:13-22 (pg. 91-92 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.
(Apostles' Creed)

- *Hymn # 502 *"Be Thou My Vision"*
Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)
Choral Amen
Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
 Offertory
 *Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
- *Hymn # 261 *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*
- *Benediction
- *Choral Response
- *Postlude

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

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Jean Heberling; Ushers, Bonni Dunlap, Steve Moran; Projector, Kayla Moran; Audio, Tyler Moran; 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 John and Jane Biesinger by Joy Fairbanks.

WE WELCOME two new members to the congregation this morning. Dale and Kelly Hogue join us through affirmation of faith. Please be sure to greet them following worship.

THE DEACONS will check blood pressures following worship today. Please see Susie Cotti to have your numbers checked.

GRANNIES will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday, March 12th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

THE COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEON is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14th. We will gather at First United Methodist Church at 12:00 p.m. and Rev. Steve Bugay will share the message. Following the service a soup and sandwich lunch will be served.

BELL CHOIR rehearsal will be held Wednesday, March 14th 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, March 14th 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.

DURING the month of 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.

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.

THE DEACONS are collecting cleaning supplies and trash bags for the Pathway Shelter through the month of March. They can be placed in the container at the back of the sanctuary. Monetary donations are also being accepted. Please give your financial gifts through your church offering.

USHERS ARE NEEDED each Sunday during worship. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of the sanctuary. Please consider signing up for your choice of dates. For more information contact Steve Moran or Ken Doak.

LOOKING AHEAD...Vacation Bible School plans are starting and the Christian Ed Committee is looking for workers in all areas. The program will run from Monday, June 11 through Friday, June 15th. If you are interested in volunteering to help this year, please see Kim McKinney.

CAMP LAMBEC will be open for summer programs in 2018. Camps 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.

PINE SPRINGS CAMP is nearby, located in Boswell, PA. It has been providing vital encounters with Jesus Christ since 1948. Camps are available as follows:

- Grandmas, Moms and Tots (ages 3-7)
- Discovery (completed grades K-2)
- Exploration (completed grades 3-5)
- Journey (completed grades 6-8)
- Expedition (completed grades 9-12)

Camps are available beginning June 10 through August 8. For more information on cost and dates of age specific camps, contact the church office or check out www.pinesprings.org.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be received Sunday, March 25th during worship. These gifts will be used 36% for Presbyterian Hunger Programs, 32% for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and 32% for the Self-Development of People. Please see the bulletin insert for more information.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE SEASON OF LENT AND EASTER:

Wednesdays	Lenten Lunches, 12:00 pm
Sunday, March 25	Palm Sunday One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Thursday, March 29	Maundy Thursday Worship & Communion, 7:00 pm
Friday, March 30.....	Community Good Friday Worship Abundant Grace Church, 7:00 pm
Sunday, April 1	Early Easter Worship, 8:30 am Easter Breakfast & Egg Hunt, 9:30 am Easter Day Worship, 11:00 am

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:

Mar. 14.....Fr. Steve Bugay, First United Methodist Church

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & New Members
	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
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Lunch
	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