

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 Bobbi Monroe, 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 Brylea Borbonus, Acolyte

Introit # 56 vs. 4 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Let all who name Christ's holy name Give God the praise and glory. Let all who know his power proclaim Aloud the wondrous story. Cast every idol from its throne;

The Lord is God, and he alone: to God all praise and glory!

Call to Worship (Psalm 121)

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills –

from where will my help come?

People: My help comes from the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved;

he who keeps you will not slumber.

People: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil;

he will keep your life.

People: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in

from this time on and for evermore.

*Hymn # 84

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*Prayer of Confession

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. We bless what we should curse and curse what we should bless. We trust our own righteousness and forget your gift of grace. Forgive us, by your steadfast love. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation; 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

Genesis 12:1-4a (pg. 10 of OT)

Anthem

"God So Loved the World"

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Sermon John 3:1-17 (pg. 93 of NT) Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(The Scots' Confession)

By Adam and Eve's transgression, generally known as original sin, the image of God was utterly defaced in man, and he and his children became by nature hostile to God, slaves to Satan, and servants to sin. And thus everlasting death has had, and shall have, power and dominion over all who have not been, are not, or shall not be reborn from above. This rebirth is wrought by the power of the Holy Ghost creating in the hearts of God's chosen ones an assured faith in the promise of God revealed to us in his Word; by this faith we grasp Christ Jesus with the graces and blessings promised in him.

*Hymn # 502

"Be Thou My Vision"

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 # 426

"Blessed Assurance"

*Benediction

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand.)

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Bobbi Monroe; Acolyte, Brylea Borbonus; Ushers, Gary & Shane Boone, Tom & Julia Holby; 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 honor of Janet Wilson, a special lady who is loved to pieces by the Reeves and Zabala families.

LENTEN devotional booklets are available for you to pick up at the back of the sanctuary. 2017 booklets are all distributed. Those available are from previous years.

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

GRANNIES will meet Monday, March 13th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

A WYOTECH LUNCHEON has been planned for Tuesday, March 14th at 11:00 a.m. The luncheons are an outreach ministry of the Mission Committee and friends.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, March 15th at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in more information, please see Vicky Westley, director.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, March 15th 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, March 16th 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.

MARCH 4 SCHOOLS is a prayer walk that will continue each evening at 6:00 p.m. through March 15th. The goal is to unite both sides of the school district 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.

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 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 month of March the Deacons will be collecting the following items for Pathway Shelter: Lysol, Lysol wipes, paper towels, dishwasher tabs, 409 cleaner and Mr. Clean (floors). You may leave the items in the box in the back of the sanctuary marked for Pathway.

LOCAL HOSPITALS are no longer calling the church when parishioners are admitted. If you would like pastoral care at these times, please call the church or Pastor Monroe to let him know.

SEASON OF LENT AND EASTER SCHEDULE

April 5	We host the Community Lenten Lunch, 12:00 p.m.
April 8	Children's Easter Eggstravaganza, 10:00-12:00 p.m.
April 9	Palm Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m.
April 12	Seder set-up, 6:00 p.m.
April 13	Maundy Thursday Seder, 6:30 p.m.
April 14	Community Good Friday Worship, 7:00 p.m.
-	Abundant Grace Church, Rev. Rusty McClurg
April 16	Easter Day Early Worship, 8:30 a.m.
	Easter Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.
	Easter Day Worship, 11:00 a.m.

PARENTS OF GRADUATES, our church tradition has been to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of our children and young adults, especially at graduation time. Please notify the office 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. If your graduate has a talent they would like to share during the recognition service such as singing, playing an instrument, speaking, etc., please let Kim or the office know.

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
	6:00 p.m.	March4Schools
		Daylight Saving Time Begins
Monday	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	March4Schools
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	WyoTech Luncheon
	6:00 p.m.	March4Schools
Wednesda	y 12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Worship & Lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
	6:00 p.m.	March4Schools
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group meets in the parlor
Saturday	3:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday		Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion
	2:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES AND LUNCHES 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.

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	. 0