



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 UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE  
March 12, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM  
**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 (*Psalms 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                                      John 3:1-17 (pg. 93 of NT)  
 Sermon    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.)

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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 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

A WYOTECH LUNCHEON has been planned for Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in more information, please see Vicky Westley, director.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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