



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 13, 2016 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting

Gene Artman, 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

Willow Weimer, Acolyte

Introit # 724 vs. 2 *"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"*

*God makes the clouds rain goodness, the deserts bloom and spring,  
The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.*

*God fills them with his fullness, all things with large increase;  
He crowns the year with blessing, with plenty and with peace.*

Call to Worship (*Psalm 126*)

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

**People: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

Leader: Then it was said among the nations,  
"The Lord has done great things for them."

**People: The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced.**

Leader: Restore our fortunes, O Lord.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**People: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.**

\*Hymn # 113

*"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We  
fix our minds on former things, missing the new thing you are  
doing. We focus on worldly treasure and gain, forgetting the  
value of knowing Christ. Forgive us, God of grace. Through  
the great mystery of faith deliver us from our captivity to sin  
and lead us from death to 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 43:16-21 (pg. 672 of OT)  
 Anthem                      *"Broken and Spilled Out"*  
    Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director  
 Gospel Lesson                                      John 12:1-8 (pg. 106 of NT)  
 Sermon    Rev. Timothy Monroe

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- \*Affirmation of Faith                                      *(Westminster Confession of Faith)*  
     **Although hypocrites, and other unregenerate men, may vainly deceive themselves with false hopes and carnal presumptions: of being in favor of God and estate of salvation; which hope of theirs shall perish: yet such as truly believe in the Lord Jesus, and love him in sincerity, endeavoring to walk in all good conscience before him, may in this life be certainly assured that they are in a state of grace, and may rejoice in the hope of the glory of God: which hope shall never make them ashamed.**
- \*Hymn # 420                      *"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"*  
     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 # 468                      *"My Jesus, I Love Thee"*
- \*Benediction
- \*Choral Response
- \*Postlude

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

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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, Gene Artman; Acolyte, Willow Weimer; Greeters, Bill & Vicky Westley; Ushers, Sunday School children; Projector, Kayla Moran; Sound, 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 loved ones by Annabel Machak.

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

CONFIRMATION CLASSES are scheduled to begin today following worship in Fellowship Hall. We will gather for a light lunch followed by the class which will end at approximately 2:00 p.m. Parents are welcome to sit in on the classes. The schedule is: today, March 20, April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1. Students will unite with the church during worship on Pentecost, May 8. Please contact Pastor Tim or Deb Lint for more information on the classes.

A WYOTECH LUNCHEON will be served Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. The luncheons are an outreach ministry of the Mission Committee and friends.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to pick up in the parlor.

OUR BELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 DEACONS will collect items on a monthly basis to be taken to the Pathway Homeless Shelter in Black Lick. During the month of March we will be receiving cleaning products. A container is located at the back of the sanctuary to place items in. If you would rather make a monetary donation, make checks payable to the Board of Deacons and mark in the memo for Pathway.

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.

THE CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> in the parlor. If you enjoy doing any kind of needlework, bring a project and join us.

FAMILY FAITH NIGHTS are Fridays, March 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by a Bible lesson at 7:00 p.m. Children will go to the Sunday School area for a lesson with Deb Lint. All are welcome.

THE ANNUAL EGGSTRAVAGANZA & EGG HUNT is scheduled for Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:00 p.m. See the bulletin insert for details and to register your child. Donations of candy are being accepted. Please see Jen Borbonus or Deb Lint. All donations are appreciated especially by the young egg hunters!

ON MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup> at 7:00 p.m. we will gather for a Maundy Thursday Worship Service and the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be received next Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. OGHs funds enable the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and help to empower the poor and oppressed through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self Development of People.

DINING WITH DIABETES classes will be offered by Penn State Extension beginning Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The classes continue April 25<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Dining with Diabetes is a program for adults with diabetes and their families. Preregistration is required due to space limitations. Please call the extension office to register at 724-837-1402, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES will be held each Wednesday afternoon through Lent. Worship will be held at 12:00 noon followed by a light lunch. The worship schedule is as follows:

Mar 16 .....Father Steve Bugay .....Hopewell Methodist Church  
Mar 23 .....Rev. Rusty McClurg ..... SS Simon & Jude Church  
Mar 25 .....Rev. Jim Kendall..... Connect Church  
Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.

### OUR SCHEDULE OF HOLY WEEK

March 20, Palm Sunday ..... Worship 11:00 a.m.  
.....Children process in with palms  
March 24, Maundy Thursday ..... Worship & Communion 7:00 p.m.  
March 27, Easter Day ..... Early Worship 8:30 a.m.  
..... Easter Breakfast 9:30 a.m.  
Easter Worship 11:00 a.m.

### **MISSION MOMENT- *Self-Development of People***

Vegetable farmers in the small community of Trio Village needed help. Living in Belize, they would time and time again plant their crops, only to be defeated. One time it would be plant diseases that ruined their crops; the next time, an infestation of pests, or too much rain, or too little rain. The villagers counted on the crops in order to eat, but the cost of failure was high. The Cooperative and Agricultural Department of Belize's national government suggested that the Trio Village farmers build "tunnels" in which to grow their crops. The tunnel technique involves stretching clear plastic over a frame made of PVC, to create a "hoop house" that serves as a simple greenhouse. The hoop house provides an ideal climate-controlled and pest- and disease-free environment for growing plants. Additionally, the hoop house extends the growing season for many extra months. To the farmers, it sounded like a miraculous idea. Unfortunately, they couldn't afford the materials to build the tunnels. On the verge of despair, the farmers heard about the Presbyterian Committee on Self-Development of People (SDOP), a ministry of the One Great Hour of Sharing. SDOP has been working intensively in Belize for several years, entering into partnerships with economically poor community groups who have a vision for how to change their circumstances but lack the financial resources to bring their dreams to life. With a grant from SDOP, the Trio Village farmers were able to build six hoop houses, which have dramatically enhanced the quality of life in the community: The farmers can now count on earning a livable wage from their efforts, and the community members are able to buy healthy food for a reasonable price.

*Wayne Gnatuk, former Associate Church-wide Relations, Compassion, Peace, and Justice*

### **REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR**

<b>Today</b>		<i>Daylight Saving Time Begins-Spring ahead</i>
	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
	12:00-2:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class in Fellowship Hall
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	11:00 a.m.	WyoTech Luncheon
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Lunch at Hopewell Methodist Church-Ft. Steve Bugay
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30-10:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Family Faith Night
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00-12:00 p.m.	Easter Egg-stravaganza & Egg Hunt
<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship
	12:00-2:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class meets in Fellowship Hall