

*My
Father
will
honor
the
one
who
serves
me.*



John 12:26

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 18, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Willow Weimer, Acolyte

Introit # 668 vs.2

"Wonderful Words of Life"

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;

offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life.

Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever:

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 119*)

Leader: With my whole heart I seek you, O Lord;

do not let me stray from your commandments.

People: I treasure your word in my heart,

so that I may not sin against you.

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes.

People: With my lips I declare

all the ordinances of your mouth.

Leader: I delight in the way of your decrees

as much as in all riches.

People: I will meditate on your precepts,

and fix my eyes on your ways.

I will delight in your statutes;

I will not forget your word.

*Hymn # 471

"As the Deer"

*Prayer of Confession

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You write your law in our hearts, yet we pretend we do not know you. You lifted up Christ for all to see, yet we turn away from your glory. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to delight in your way, to seek you with all our hearts, and to trust in your saving love; 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 Jeremiah 31:31-34 (pg. 735 of OT)

Anthem *"Footsteps of Jesus"*

Gospel Lesson John 12:20-33 (pg. 106 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(The Larger Catechism, Q.49)*

How did Christ humble himself in his death?

Christ humbled himself in his death, in that having been betrayed by Judas, forsaken by his disciples, scorned and rejected by the world, condemned by Pilate, and tormented by his persecutors; having also conflicted with the terrors of death and the powers of darkness, felt and borne the weight of God's wrath, he laid down his life an offering for sin, enduring the painful, shameful, and cursed death of the cross.

*Hymn # 446 *"O Love that Will Not Let Me Go"*

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer *(debt...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.)*

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Terry Brown; Acolyte, Willow Weimer; Ushers, Gene & Chery Artman, Emma Riggi and Irving Lindsey; Projector, Blake Tonkin; Audio, Jaison McKinney; 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.

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A WYOTECH LUNCHEON will be served Tuesday, March 20th at 11:00 a.m. The luncheons are an outreach ministry of the Mission Committee and friends.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, March 20th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to pick up in the parlor.

THE COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEON is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21st. We will gather at Hopewell Church at 12:00 p.m. and Harold Hicks will share the message. Following the service a soup and sandwich lunch will be served.

BELL CHOIR rehearsal will be held Wednesday, March 21st 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 21st 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.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, March 22nd 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 them.

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.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be received Palm 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.

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.

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.

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.

THE LADIES AUXILIARY of the Friends of the Blairsville Parks and Recreation Foundation is sponsoring a Multiphasic Blood Testing at Excelsa Health Blairsville on March 24th from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Cost is \$45 for a wide variety of standard tests. Walk-ins are welcome.

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. 21 Harold Hicks, Hopewell Methodist Church
Mar. 28 Tim Monroe, SS Simon & Jude Church
Mar. 30, 7:00 p.m. Cory Braatz, Abundant Grace Church

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	WyoTech Luncheon
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship
		One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE SEASON OF LENT AND EASTER:

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