



*For God so loved
the world that he
gave his one and
only Son....*

JOHN 3:16, NIV

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 4, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM

Third Sunday of Lent

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Mary Anzelone, 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 # 74 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

**O Trinity of love and power,
preserve their lives in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, flood and flame,
protect them by your holy name,
and to your glory let there be
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

Call to Worship (*Psalms 107*)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Leader: Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress.

**People: He sent out his word and healed them,
and delivered them from destruction.**

Leader: Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,

People: and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

*Hymn # 501 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*Prayer of Confession

**God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and
dust. We grumble and complain when you have provided all we
need. We continue to walk in darkness when you have given light
to the world. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to trust in you so
that we may not perish but may have eternal life; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.**

- *Assurance of Forgiveness
- *Gloria Patri
- Sacrament of Baptism
- *Sharing of the Peace
- *Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson Ephesians 2:1-10 (pg. 192 of NT)
 Anthem *"God So Loved the World"*
 Gospel Lesson John 3:14-21 (pg. 94 of NT)
 Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- *Affirmation of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. *(A Brief Statement of Faith)*

- *Hymn # 353 *"Grace Greater than Our Sin"*
- 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 # 358 *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*
- *Benediction
- *Choral Response
- *Postlude

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

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Mary Anzelone; Ushers, Ed & Becky Bence, Mary Hileman and Steve Moran; Projector, Alex Kirkland; Audio, Andrew Baker; 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 Mary Anzelone.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday, March 6th from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Those signing up for the first time should bring proof of residence within the Blairsville borough.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, March 6th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEON is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7th. We will gather in the sanctuary at 12:00 p.m. and Rev. Rusty McClurg will share the message. Following the service a soup and sandwich lunch will be served in Fellowship Hall.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet in Fellowship Hall Wednesday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m.

BELL CHOIR rehearsal will be held Wednesday, March 7th 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 7th 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 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 months of February and 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.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, March 8th 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 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet Thursday, March 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the parlor to discuss this year's VBS program.

NEXT SUNDAY starts Daylight Saving Time which means we loose and hour. Please remember to turn your clocks ahead.

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.

LOOKING AHEAD...Vacation Bible School plans are starting and the Christian Ed Committee is looking for workers in all area. 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.

CHURCH PARKING is available in front of the building on Walnut Street, in the ally along the side of the building and in the parking lot across the street. Those able to walk are asked to please park across the street in the lot so those with difficulty walking can park closer to the building. Please refrain from parking in the Episcopal Church spaces.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE SEASON OF LENT AND EASTER:

Wednesday, March 7 We host Lenten Lunch, 12:00 pm
 Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday
 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 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. This year's schedule is:

Mar. 7Rusty McClurg, United Presbyterian Church
 Mar. 14.....Fr. Steve Bugay, First United Methodist Church
 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 & Baptism	
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall	
Tuesday	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Bank distributes groceries	
	6:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting	
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Lunch in Fellowship Hall	
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal	
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	
	7:00 p.m.	Historical Society Meeting	
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group	
	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Unit Meeting	
	6:30 p.m.	CE Committee Meeting	
Friday	11:00 a.m.	Ministerium Meeting	
	Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:00 a.m.	Worship & New Members

Daylight Saving Time Begins