

### 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" Rev. Timothy R. Monroe 137 N. Walnut Street - Blairsville, PA 15717-1349 Church office 724-459-7991 e-mail: upchurch@r-church.com; website: www.r-church.com Pastor Emeritus - Rev. Dr. Roger D. Petersen

# THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE March 5, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of GreetingMary Anzelone, LiturgistLeader: 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 # 435 vs. 3	"Like a River Glorious"

Every joy or trial falleth from above, Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love; We may trust him fully all for us to do; They who trust him wholly find him wholly true. Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest, Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Call to Worship (*Psalm 32*)

- Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- People: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;
- People: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.
- Leader: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you.
- People: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
- Leader: Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.
- People: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

\*Hymn # 113

\*Prayer of Confession

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. You provide the food we need; still we hunger for other things. You give your word to guide us; still we surrender to temptation. 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.

"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart"

\*Assurance of Forgiveness \*Gloria Patri \*Sharing of the Peace \*Time with the Younger Saints

## **DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (pg. 2 of OT) Anthem "On Eagle's Wings" Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director Gospel Lesson Matthew 4:1-11 (pg. 3 of NT) Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

# **RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation of Faith

(Heidelberg Catechism, Q.127)

What is the sixth petition of the Lord's prayer?

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." That is: since we are so weak that we cannot stand by ourselves for one moment, and besides, since our sworn enemies, the devil, the world, and our own sin, ceaselessly assail us, be pleased to preserve and strengthen us through the power of thy Holy Spirit so that we may stand firm against them, and not be defeated in this spiritual warfare, until at last we obtain complete victory.

\*Hymn # 476 *"I Need Thee Every Hour"* 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 # 504 \*Benediction \*Postlude "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

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

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THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Mary Anzelone; Acolyte, Willow Weimer; Ushers, the Bruner Family; Projector, Shakira McKinney; 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 Joanne Torrance.

THIS YEAR'S Lent devotional booklet is entitled, "Living the Gospel Life: Lent 2017." The daily devotions in this booklet highlight the concepts of being sent, demonstrating faith in action, and being mission-minded each day of Lent. Suggested activities are associated with preparing our hearts, souls and minds to reflect on the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ and his mission for us. Devotionals are available for you to pick up at the back of the sanctuary.

THE DEACONS will meet Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, March  $8^{th}$  at 5:30 p.m. in the parlor.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, March 8<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 8<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 9<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.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM will meet Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at SS Simon & Jude Marion Hall.

MARCH 4 SCHOOLS is a prayer walk to be held from March 9 through March 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. each evening. Walking will be at either the Blairsville football field track or Saltsburg track. The goal is to unite both sides of the school district for 7 consecutive days 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. For more information, please check out the website at www.march4schools.com or see Pastor Monroe.

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 Torrance State Hospital patients: liquid and bar soap, shampoo, new or used music CD's, puzzles and greeting cards. You may leave the items in the box in the back of the sanctuary marked for Torrance State Hospital.

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

PARENTS OF GRADUATES, our church tradition has been to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of our children and young adults, especially at graduation time. But it is really hard to keep up with who's graduating from what school and what their future plans are going to be. Please notify the office (724-459-7991) 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 4<sup>th</sup> during the morning worship service at 10:00 a.m.

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. The schedule of host churches and ministers follows.

March 8	Rev. Steve Bugay, C&MA Church
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	



CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS! Next Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> Daylight Saving Time begins, remember to set your clocks ahead.

## **REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR**

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
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
Wednesda	<b>y</b> 12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Worship & Lunch
	5:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group meets in the parlor
	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Unit Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	March4Schools
Friday	11:00 a.m.	Ministerium Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	March4Schools
Saturday	6:00 p.m.	March4Schools
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	6:00 p.m.	March4Schools
		Daylight Saving Time Begins