



*God made him
who had no sin
to be sin for us...*

2 Corinthians 5:21

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 6, 2016 ~ 11:00 AM

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 & Cindy Borbonus

Lighting of the Candles

Brylea Borbonus, Acolyte

Introit # 439 vs. 2 *"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"*

*Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.*

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: While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Leader: Then 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: You are a hiding-place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

*Hymn # 72 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We
take your blessing for granted and squander our inheritance. We
boast of our good works and resent your great mercy to others.
Forgive us, God of grace. Let us no longer be lost in our sin. Help
us to find our way home to you, where you welcome us with open
arms; 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

Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (pg. 78 of NT)
 Anthem *"In the Presence of Jehovah"*
 Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
 New Testament Lesson II Corinthians 5:16-21 (pg. 181 of NT)
 Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- ### *Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Apostles' Creed)

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

- *Doxology
- *Prayer of Dedication

- *Hymn # 354

“Just As I Am”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer ("...debts...and debtors...")

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

(Please hold the bread until all have received, we will partake together)

(Please hold the cup until all have received, we will partake together)

Prayer after Communion

- *Hymn # 358

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

- *Benediction

- *Choral Response

- ## *Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand.)

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

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, Mary Anzelone; Acolyte, Brylea Borbonus; Ushers, Darrin, Tricia, Alex and Andrew Baker; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Sound, 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 Dave Semsick.

A RECEPTION will be held following worship today in Fellowship Hall to celebrate 35 years of music ministry in our church by Cindy Borbonus. All are welcome to stay and celebrate this milestone.

THE CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday, March 8th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, March 9th at 5:30 p.m. in the parlor.

THE DAISY TROOP will meet in Fellowship Hall Wednesday, March 9th at 5:30 p.m.

OUR BELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, March 9th. 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.

**Next Sunday, March 13th Daylight Saving Time begins,
Spring ahead...change your clocks!**

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 paper towels, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, Band Aids, Kleenex, dishwasher detergent and floor cleaner. 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.

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 9th. 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.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES are scheduled to begin next Sunday, March 13th. We will gather for a light lunch after worship 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: March 13, 20, April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1. Students will unite with the church during worship on Pentecost, May 8. If you have any questions about the classes, please contact Pastor Tim or Deb Lint.

THE DEACONS will check blood pressures next Sunday, March 13th following worship. See Susie Cotti to have your numbers checked.

VACCINATIONS are available from the Dept. of Health to those who are uninsured or underinsured at the Blairsville Community Center from 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. March 16 and April 20. Please call the Dept. of Health to schedule an appointment at 724-357-2995.

THE ANNUAL EGGSTRAVAGANZA & EGG HUNT is scheduled for Saturday, March 19th 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!

THE BLAIRSVILLE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD presents its 7th Annual "Showtime." The presentation is scheduled for Saturday, March 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Blairsville High School Auditorium. Tickets are on sale at the Koffee Shoppe, Historical Society, and This, That and More. Call for more information at 724-459-5779.

A HEALTHY COOKING DEMONSTRATION will be held at the Blairsville Community Center Monday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m. featuring Chef Don Nadzadi. Come and enjoy free sampling. Please rsvp to 724-459-8588. Sponsored by the Blairsville Walkworks.

DINING WITH DIABETES classes will be offered by Penn State Extension beginning Monday, April 18th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The classes continue April 25th, May 2nd and July 25th 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 LUNCHESES will be held each Wednesday afternoon through Lent. A service will be held at 12:00 noon followed by a light lunch. The worship schedule is as follows:

Mar 9	Rev. Timothy Monroe.....	First United Methodist Church
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.

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion
	12:00 p.m.	A Celebration Reception for Cindy Borbonus
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Christian Ed Committee Meeting
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Lunch at First United Methodist Church-Rev. Timothy Monroe
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 a.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Blairsville Area Ministerium Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Family Faith Night
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00-2:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class meets in Fellowship Hall
		<i>Daylight Saving Time Begins-Spring ahead</i>
