



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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April 10, 2016 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Brent Ritchie, 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 # 56

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,

The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.

My soul with comfort rich he fills, and every grief he gently stills:

To God all praise and glory!

Call to Worship (*Psalm 30*)

Leader: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**People: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

**People: For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.**

**Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.**

Leader: You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

People: So that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

*Hymn # 82

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

*Prayer of Confession

**God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways
of death. We fail to love and feed the sheep that you have given
us to tend. We stand by while some are threatened and even
participate in persecution. Forgive us, God of grace. Change
the path we are on, show us the light of your way, and send us
forth to serve you; 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

New Testament Lesson Acts 9:1-6 (pg. 127 of NT)

Anthem *“Here I Am, Lord”*

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson John 21:1-19 (pg. 115 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(Apostles' Creed)*

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.

*Hymn # 480 *“Open My Eyes, That I May See”*

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 # 310 *“Thine Is the Glory”*

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand.)

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, Brent Ritchie; Acolyte, Willow Weimer; Ushers, John Clark, Abigail, Elizabeth Bruner, Alex Kirkland and Brylea Borbonus; Greeters, Ed & Becky Bence; Projector, Kayla Moran; Audio, 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 Bob and Bessie George by family.

OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS will gather for a light lunch followed by class today after worship. Students will unite with the church during worship on Pentecost, May 15.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will check blood pressures today following worship. See Susie Cotti to have your numbers checked.

THE GRANNIES will meet Monday, April 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall.

THE CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday, April 12th at 6:00 p.m.

OUR BELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, April 13th. 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 CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, April 13th. 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 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. Requests are kept in confidence.

THE DEACONS will collect items on a monthly basis to be taken to the Pathway Homeless Shelter in Black Lick. During the month of April 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 CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Thursday, April 14th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

SAVE THE DATE...plans are being made to have a new church directory published. Picture dates are scheduled for June 16, 17 and 18. Also, volunteers will be needed as greeters for these days. Please mark your calendars and watch future bulletins and newsletters for more details.

THE PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE would like all those with keys to take note...if you are no longer in a position that requires you to have keys, please turn them into the church office so that we can distribute them to committee members who are scheduled to open and close the facility.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. The 3rd Annual Blairsville Mission Partnership will be held Saturday, May 14th from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Lunch and child care will be provided. Consider volunteering your time working for neighbors in the area. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of the sanctuary.

Applications are also available for those who would like to have work done at their homes. For more information, contact the church office or Pastor Monroe. The Mission Partnership is sponsored by the Blairsville Area Ministerium.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will provide vaccinations for those underinsured or uninsured from 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. at the Blairsville Community Center, May 18, June 15, July 20 and August 17. The vaccines are by appointment only. Please call 724-357-2995 to schedule an appointment.

MISSION MOMENT - MEETING JESUS IN MAXIMUM SECURITY

When we read Matthew 25 and think about visiting “the least of these” in prison, it is easy to focus on our own virtue. We forget that in those visits we meet Jesus; and meeting Jesus can be joyous, humbling and life-changing. Women who live near Bedford Presbyterian Church in Hudson River Presbytery are discovering the joys of these encounters.

In the fall of 2013, the church started a program, Woman 2 Woman, in which women from the church and the neighborhood began to visit their neighbors inside New York state's only maximum-security prison for women. Women from this affluent section of Westchester County are matched with an inmate, and they commit to visit this inmate at least once a month for at least a year. The church offers training and ongoing support for the visitors. Within two years, the numbers have grown to more than 50. These visits are life-giving for the inmates, some of whom otherwise have no contact with the outside during their long sentences. Suddenly they feel seen, recognized and respected as human, valued for their resilience in the face of traumas dating back to early childhood. The horrors of their previous lives and of their crimes are heard with understanding and not judgment. As one woman said, the visits “let us know we're not alone.”

And the relationships are life-changing for the visitors as well. They reach across frightening barriers of race, culture, education and class to discover another human being very much like themselves. The visits are a pleasure, not a duty. One visitor explained, “It's about simple kindness, far-reaching in its healing qualities.”

Nancy Gernert, Coordinator of Woman 2 Woman and Ruling Elder at Bedford Presbyterian Church

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
		Blood Pressure Checks
	12:15 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Monday	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Christian Ed Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Congregational Fellowship Committee Meeting
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:15 p.m.	Confirmation Class