



be with you.  
As the Father has  
sent me,  
so I send you."

John 20:21, NRSV

**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 23, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting

Connie Bruner, 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 # 598 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

**Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose Word cannot be broken formed you for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all your foes.**

Call to Worship (*Psalm 16*)

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

**People: The boundary lines have fallen for me  
in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.**

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**People: I keep the Lord always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.**

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;  
my body also rests secure.

**People: You show me the path of life.  
In your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

\*Hymn # 289 "Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven"

\*Prayer of Confession

**Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the  
dead. We want to receive forgiveness, but we are not ready to  
forgive. We want to see Jesus' wounds, but we ignore the  
woundedness of others. Forgive us; give us new life! Embrace  
us in Christ's body so that we may embody for the world the life  
that death cannot destroy; 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                      I Peter 1:3-9 (pg. 232 of NT)  
 Anthem                      *"We Walk By Faith"*  
    Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director  
 Gospel Lesson                      John 20:19-31 (pg. 115 of NT)  
 Sermon                      Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- \*Affirmation of Faith                      *(Shorter Catechism, Q. 37 & 38)*  
     What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?  
     **The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.**  
     What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?  
     **At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the Day of Judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.**
- \*Hymn # 312                      *"Christ Is Alive"*  
     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 # 302                      *"He Lives"*
- \*Benediction
- \*Choral Response
- \*Postlude

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

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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, Connie Bruner; Ushers, Bob & Charlotte Cosharek, Alex Kirkland and Tom Holby; Projector, Jonathan Clayton; Audio, Alex 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 Ron Conrad by Ron and Kim McKinney.

WE WILL HOST families in the Family Promise Program beginning today through next Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Many volunteers are needed to make this week a success. Specifically, we need volunteers willing to come in after supper to help clean up. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Naomi Sigafoes, Gene Artman or Pastor Monroe.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, April 26<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, April 27<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.

VACCINATIONS are being offered by the Dept. of Health to those who are underinsured or uninsured. Shots are given by appointment only, at the Blairsville Community Center. Dates and times are May 17, June 21, July 19 and August 16 from 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. Please call the PA Dept. of Health at 724-357-2995 if you have questions or to schedule an appointment.

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 DEACONS are collecting new or gently used men's shoes size 10 or larger for patients at Torrance State Hospital. You can leave the shoes in the office or in the back of the church in or near the Torrance Hospital bin.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped with the Seder meal. Many hands make light work was definitely true last Thursday. We appreciate all of you and the many ways you served.

DURING the month of April the Deacons are collecting the following items for Pathway Shelter: Lysol, Lysol wipes, paper towels, dishwasher tabs, 409 cleaner and Mr. Clean (floors). You may leave the items in the box in the back of the sanctuary marked for Pathway.

PARENTS OF GRADUATES, our church tradition has been to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of our children and young adults, especially at graduation time. Please notify the office 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. If your graduate has a talent they would like to share during the recognition service such as singing, playing an instrument, speaking, etc., please let Kim know.

COUPONS FOR VETERANS are being collected. Please save manufacturer's coupons only. The program allows up to one month expired. If possible, please cut coupons and separate into food and non-food bundles. There is a box at the back of the sanctuary to place the coupons in marked Coupons for Veterans. If you have any questions, please see Erica Ash or Ellen Williams.

HELPING, HOPING, HEALING: A Faithful Response to Persons and Families Dealing with Drug Addiction is a workshop being offered through the Kiskiminetas Presbytery. There is no cost for this event. Workshops run from 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Snacks will be provided.

The schedule of workshops is: April 22, Grace Church in Kittanning; April 29, Marion Center Church; or May 6, Clarion Church. If you are interested in attending a workshop, please see Pastor Monroe or contact the church office.

CAMP LAMBEC is open and has a new website, [www.camplambec.org](http://www.camplambec.org). Camp Lambec is a place for fun adventures in faith, family and friends. You can check out the website for more information and to register for the camp that's right for you. Registration forms and camping brochures are available at the website.

## REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

<b>Today</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Monday</b>		Family Promise begins
	9:00-3:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>		Family Promise
<b>Wednesday</b>		Family Promise
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop meets in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
<b>Thursday</b>		Family Promise
	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
		Family Promise
<b>Friday</b>		Fellowship Hall reserved
		Family Promise
		Family Promise
<b>Saturday</b>		Family Promise
		Family Promise
		Family Promise
<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
		Family Promise concludes