



*Let them*  
**praise**  
 the name  
*of the* **LORD,**  
*for he* commanded  
*and they were created.*

Psalm 148:5, 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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**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting Barb Brown, 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 Olivia Eckenroad, Acolyte

Introit # 66 *"To God Be the Glory"*

**To God by the glory, great things he hath done;  
 So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
 Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
 And opened the life-gate that all may go in.  
 Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
 Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
 O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
 And give him the glory, great things he hath done.**

Call to Worship (*Psalm 148*)

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
 Praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels;  
 Praise him, all his host!

**People: Praise him, sun and moon; Praise him all you shining stars!  
 Praise him, you highest heavens,  
 and you waters above the heavens!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
 for he commanded and they were created.

**People: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!  
 Wild animals and all cattle,  
 creeping things and flying birds!**

Leader: Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
 princes and all rulers of the earth!

**People: Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
 for his name alone is exalted;  
 his glory is above earth and heaven.

**People: He has raised up a horn for his people,  
 praise for all his faithful,  
 for the people of Israel who are close to him.  
 Praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn # 51

*"How Great Thou Art"*

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You show your love for us in Jesus, but we fail to love one another. You give us freedom in the Spirit, but we deny the freedom of others. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to learn and keep your new commandment of love so that all will know we are yours; 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 Revelation 21:1-6 (pg. 259 of NT)

Anthem *"Jerusalem"*

New Testament Lesson Acts 11:1-18 (pg. 130 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Affirmation of Faith *(Heidelberg Catechism, Q.54-55)*

What do you believe concerning "the Holy Catholic Church"?

**I believe that, from the beginning to the end of the world, and from among the whole human race, the Son of God, by his Spirit and his Word, gathers, protects, and preserves for himself, in the unity of the true faith, a congregation chosen for eternal life. Moreover, I believe that I am and forever will remain a living member of it.**

What do you understand by "the communion of saints?"

**First, that believers one and all, as partakers of the Lord Christ, and all his treasures and gifts, shall share in one fellowship. Second, that each one ought to know that he is obliged to use his gifts freely and with joy for the benefit and welfare of other members.**

\*Hymn # 603 *"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

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

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 358 *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

\*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, Barb Brown; Acolyte, Olivia Eckenroad; Ushers, Adam, Dana & Brady Doak and Nancy Campbell; 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.

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.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION will be next Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor. New members will unite with the congregation during worship Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in becoming a member, please see Pastor Monroe.

GRANNIES will meet Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE PRIMARY ELECTION will be on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Voting will be held in Fellowship Hall all day.

THE DAISY TROOP will meet Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

OUR BELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. 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 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 CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

WIC will meet in Fellowship Hall Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE is making available a piano to anyone who may be interested in being the new owner. Please contact the church office or see Elaine Jellison for more information.

THE DEACONS are asking for individuals and families to usher during the summer months. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you to all who have volunteered to usher this year.

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 for more details.

THE CHESTNUT HILLS SOCIAL CENTER will dedicate and present an Autumn Blaze Maple tree and bronze plaque to the Blairsville Borough Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. The presentation will take place on Water Street between the Veterans' Memorial Wall and the river. All are welcome to come to the presentation followed by fellowship and dessert at the Chestnut Hills Social Center.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...this year's Baccalaureate Service will be held Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at SS Simon & Jude Church. It's been moved from Sunday due to the Memorial Day holiday. Please consider donating cookies for the reception following the service.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Blairsville Mission Partnership will be held Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

TRINITY YOUTH CONFERENCE 2016 will be held July 24-30<sup>th</sup> at Living Waters Camp and Conference Center in Schellsburg, PA. Registration is \$335 per person, however discounts are available for early registration. Scholarships are also available. For more information, contact the church office or go to the website at: [www.trinityyouthconference.org](http://www.trinityyouthconference.org).

## REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

<b>Today</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	9:45 a.m.	New Member Orientation
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Blood Pressure Checks
	12:15 p.m.	Confirmation Class
<b>Monday</b>	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	All Day	Primary Election
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:45 a.m.	New Member Orientation
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:15 p.m.	Confirmation Class

**MISSION MOMENT – CAPNWP**

*Looking for a little (or a lot) of help at camp!*

Greetings, I hope you all are enjoying the warm weather and are gearing up for outdoor fun. We are at camp, but we need your help. There is a lot to do to get ready for the camping season. We need volunteers to do all kinds of jobs and general clean up.

At Westminster Highlands, we can start hosting volunteers as early as April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Beginning April 24<sup>th</sup>, individuals and or groups can even stay over if they would like to enjoy a couple days of volunteering.

At Camp Lambec, we will be looking for volunteers beginning in May. Please contact Joe Tagliaferre at [campmanager@capnwp.org](mailto:campmanager@capnwp.org) or call 724-738-0058. Hope to see you there!