

GOD *exalted*
HIM *at HIS*
right hand as
Leader and
SAVIOR.
Acts 5:31, 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 3, 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, Organist

Lighting of the Candles

Eli Borbonus, Acolyte

Introit # 71

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,

Join me in glad adoration!

Call to Worship (*Psalm 118*)

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

**People: I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

Leader: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**People: I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

Leader: This is the Lord's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**People: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God, I will extol you.

**People: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

*Hymn # 289

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

*Prayer of Confession

God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You offer us your forgiveness, yet we refuse to forgive others. You show us signs of resurrection, yet still we fail to believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and send us out in mission to proclaim your reconciling love; 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 1:4-8 (pg. 245 of NT)
 Anthem *"Sing, Shout, Alleluia!"*
 Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
 Betsy Holby, flute
 New Testament Lesson Acts 5:27-32 (pg. 123 of NT)
 Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- *Affirmation of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Brief Statement of Faith)

- *Hymn # 302

"He Lives"

- 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 # 562 *"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"*
- *Benediction
- *Choral Response
- *Postlude

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

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

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| Today | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School Classes |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | 12:15 p.m. | Confirmation Class |
| Monday | 6:30 p.m. | Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | 12:00-1:00 p.m. | Food Bank distributes groceries in Fellowship Hall |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Deacons meet in Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday | 6:00 p.m. | Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Historical Society Meeting in Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday | 3:00 p.m. | Stitching Group |
| Friday | 11:00 a.m. | Ministerium Meeting |
| Sunday | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Confirmation Class |
| | | Blood Pressure checks |

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, Eli Borbonus; Ushers, Bob & Charlotte Cosharek and Joan & Kayla Moran; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Audio, Jaison McKinney; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

THE ROSE in worship this morning is given in celebration of the birth of Ryland Joshua Uncapher. Congratulations to Josh, Morgan, Keller and Maelin!

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Tom and Janet Smith.

OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS will gather for a light lunch followed by class today after worship. Moving forward, the scheduled dates are: April 10, 17, 24 and May 1. **Students will unite with the church during worship on Pentecost, May 15.**

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, April 5th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for their monthly meeting.

OUR BELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, April 6th. 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 6th. 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Ruie Gressley who will turn 90 years young on her birthday, April 7th! Birthday love and greetings can be sent to her at: Ruie Gressley, 153 Meadow Wood Road, Indiana, PA 15701.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries Tuesday, April 5th from 12:00-1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet in Fellowship Hall Wednesday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m.

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.

THE DEACONS will check blood pressures following worship on these scheduled dates: April 10, 24, May 8 and 22nd. Please see Susie Cotti to have your numbers checked.

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.



Pastor Tim has been nominated by the Health and Human Services Subcommittee (HHSS) of the Indiana County Community Emergency Planning Committee for Male Civic Leader of the Year – as part of the Leader Circle Awards. The Leader's Circle of Indiana County will be celebrating 21 nominees on April 20th at the Kovalchick Center. HHSS nominated Tim for his work as Co-Chair of the Faith Team, which is a part of HHSS and as the County's pastoral liaison for community emergencies.

CONGRATULATIONS & GOOD LUCK!

MISSION MOMENT - A SMALL CHURCH MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The Presbytery of Northern Waters over the years has had several small churches in basically “the middle of nowhere.” Sadly, several have had to close their doors due to aging congregations and/or finances. However, one of these small churches, First United Presbyterian Church of Willow River, Minnesota, has continued to be an energized congregation and a vital part of the community. This was much in evidence when various organizations contributed to the New Roof Fund, praising the church for its visibility in the community. One Sunday in the fall the congregation goes to a riding stable for “Cowboy Church” led by cowboys themselves, followed by a delicious breakfast. A favorite Sunday in the life of the church is when the Christian Motorcycle Association and other cyclists, as well as kids with bikes or four-wheelers, join for worship and the Blessing of the Bikes, always followed by a picnic. Several members of the congregation have participated in Presbyterian Disaster Relief missions to Oklahoma and New Orleans. Yes, this little church on Highway 61 in Willow River, Minnesota, is alive and well.

Betty Starkey, the United Presbyterian Church of Willow River