

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

April 8, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Rick Shoemaker, 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 #712 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Sent forth by God's blessing our true faith confessing,

The people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended, O now be extended

The fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,

Shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us

To work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

Call to Worship (*Psalm 133*)

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

**People: It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**People: For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life for evermore.**

*Hymn # 295 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

*Prayer of Confession

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. We claim that we have no sin but you know the truth about us. We say that we have not seen you even when you stand among us now. Forgive us, God of grace. Breathe on us with your Spirit to set us free from doubt and sin, so that we may be at peace with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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*"a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit
to know Christ and to make Christ known"*

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- *Assurance of Forgiveness
- *Gloria Patri
Sacrament of Baptism
- *Sharing of the Peace
- *Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson I John 1:1-2:2 (pg. 238 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
 What benefit do we receive from “the resurrection” of Christ?
First, by his resurrection he has overcome death that he might make us share in the righteousness which he has obtained for us through his death. Second, we too are now raised by his power to a new life. Third, the resurrection of Christ is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection. (Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 45)

*Hymn # 310 “Thine Is the Glory”
 Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)
 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.)

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, Rick Shoemaker; Ushers, Todd & Stacy Faulk, Tom Holby and Pat Swope; 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 Linda George.

THE DEACONS will check blood pressures following worship today. If you would like to have your numbers checked, please see Susie Cotti.

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

A WYOTECH LUNCHEON will be served to students Tuesday, April 10th at 11:00 a.m. The luncheons are an outreach ministry of the Mission Committee and friends.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet with a representative of Thrivent Financial Wednesday, April 11th at 11:00 a.m.

BELL CHOIR rehearsal will be held Wednesday, April 11th at 6:00 p.m. If you would like more information on the bell choir, please see Vicky Westley.

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 cleaning supplies and trash bags for the Pathway Shelter through the month of April. They can be placed in the container at the back of the sanctuary. Monetary donations are also being accepted. Please give your financial gifts through your church offering.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, April 11th beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you enjoy singing and are interested in sharing your gift, there is always room in the choir. For more information, please see Cindy Borbonus.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, April 12th at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome.

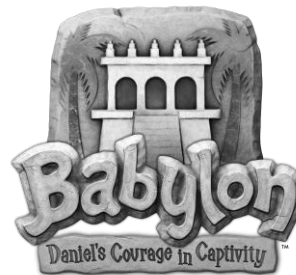
THE CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE will meet Thursday, April 12th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss plans for Vacation Bible School.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM will meet Friday, April 13th at 11:00 a.m. at SS Simon & Jude Church's Marion Hall.

DURING the month of April the Deacons are collecting the following items for Torrance State Hospital patients: gently used or new suitcases, body wash and men's & women's deodorant. You may leave the items in the box in the back of the sanctuary marked for Torrance State Hospital.

USHERS ARE NEEDED each Sunday during worship. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of the sanctuary. Please consider signing up for your choice of dates.

WE WILL HOST families in the Family Promise Program beginning Sunday, April 22nd through Sunday, April 29th. Volunteers are needed in all areas. If you are willing to help, please contact the church office or see Gene Artman.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL has been scheduled for the week of June 11-15. The theme this year is "Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity," a curriculum by Group Publishing. The Christian Ed Committee is looking for workers in all areas. If you are interested in volunteering to help this year, please contact the church office.

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Baptism
	12:00 p.m.	Blood Pressure Checks
Monday	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	WyoTech Luncheon
Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	Finance Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop meets in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Christian Ed Meeting
Friday	11:00 a.m.	Ministerium Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship