

**"And if I go
and prepare a place for you,
I will come again
and will take you to myself,**



**so that where I am,
there you may be also."**

John 14:3, 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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May 14, 2017 ~ 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 # 94

"Shout to the Lord"

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.

Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing;

Power and majesty, praise to the King.

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

Call to Worship (*Psalm 31*)

Leader: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;

do not let me ever be put to shame;

in your righteousness deliver me.

People: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

Leader: You are indeed my rock and my fortress;

for your name's sake lead me and guide me.

People: Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

Leader: My times are in your hand; deliver me.

People: Let your face shine upon your servant;

save me in your steadfast love.

*Hymn # 507

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*Prayer of Confession

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You call us to be a holy temple, but we reject the very cornerstone. You call us to be a holy people, but we resist your

saving grace. Forgive us; give us new life! Make us new people, a new temple, filled with the Spirit of life – 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 2:2-10 (pg. 237 of NT)

Anthem *“Jesus Is the Living Stone”*

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson John 14:1-14 (pg. 108 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. (*Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1*)

*Hymn # 110 *“We Come, O Christ, to You”*

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 # 453 *“Christ Be My Leader”*

*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, Bonni Dunlap, Joan Moran, Bob & Charlotte Cosharek; Projector, Blake Tonkin; Audio, Mitchell Tonkin; 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 loved ones by Chick and Connie Stewart.

THE BASKET OF FLOWERS in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of Bea Lutton by her family.

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY to all the women of the church who nurture us in our faith!

THE BLANKET OFFERING will be received today during worship. All gifts are sent to Church World Service to supply blankets to those in need. Last year thousands of CWS blankets were distributed throughout the U.S. to families in need.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall near the kitchen. Packets for the meeting are available to pick up in the parlor.

ELECTION DAY is Tuesday, May 16th. Voting will take place in Fellowship Hall all day.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, May 17th at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in more information, please see Vicky Westley, director.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be here before you know it! If you love to have fun, work with kids and learn new and exciting things, we want you! Volunteers are needed in many areas at this year's Bible school. No experience is necessary! Those working directly with children will need proper clearances per our church's Child Care Policy. For more information, contact Cindy Borbonus, Nancy Hartmann, Kim McKinney or the church office.

- Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 19-23
- Each evening will begin with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. followed by an opening at 6:00 p.m.
- Kids ages 3 years (potty trained) through 5th grade (this year) are invited to attend free of charge
- A VBS Program will be presented during worship on Sunday, June 25th at 10:00 a.m.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: we are looking for a few things to borrow or use for crafts during the week of Bible school. They include:

- Blue tarps – any size (*will be returned*)
- 3 – five gallon water jugs (*will be returned*)
- Memorabilia from any of the following countries: Honduras, Cuba, Mexico, Haiti or Ghana. (*will be returned*)
- 16 oz. or less plastic or glass jars with lids
- Paper towel tubes
- Color or printed duct tape

Some of these items will be returned after vbs. If you have any questions or have items to lend, please see Cindy or Jen Borbonus.

DURING the month of May the Deacons are collecting the following items for Pathway Shelter: garbage bags, paper towels, spray cleaners (409, Lysol), disinfectants, sponges, band aids, and dishwasher tabs. You may leave the items in the box in the back of the sanctuary marked for Pathway.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, May 18th 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 them.

PARENTS OF GRADUATES, if you would like pictures of your graduate shown during Graduate Recognition Sunday, please submit no more than 5 pictures (including graduation picture) to Mary Anzelone at mka7493@comcast.net. The last day to submit pictures is Friday, May 26th. Graduate recognition will be Sunday, June 4th 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 contact Kim McKinney or the church office.

SS SIMON & JUDE CHURCH will hold a Card Party and Basket Raffle at the Parish Center Wednesday, May 17th at 6:00 p.m. The evening will include a Salad Bar and several raffles. Cost is \$6.00 at the door.

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.

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.

CHOOSE LIFE NOW EVENT will be held Saturday, June 24th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Kovalchick Convention & Athletic Complex. It will be an educational event for Opioid and Suicide education, prevention, and intervention, along with worship. Several speakers are scheduled as well as break-out sessions. A light lunch will be served. Please register by Friday, June 9th. Contact Brandy at blee51592@gmail.com.

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE will begin Sunday, June 4th. Our worship hour will begin at 10:00 a.m. throughout the summer months. Following Labor Day, our Regular Schedule will resume.

OUR CHOIR will be taking a break for the summer months. Beginning in June, we will host guest musicians during worship. If you or someone you know would like to share a musical talent during worship, please see Cindy Borbonus or contact the church office. The choir will be back in worship in September.

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
		Blanket Offering received <i>Mother's Day</i>
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
		Election–voting in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary reserved
Saturday	4:40 p.m.	Sanctuary reserved
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Last day of Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
		Teacher Recognition