

EVEN ON MY
SERVANTS,
BOTH MEN AND
WOMEN,
I WILL POUR
OUT MY
SPIRIT
IN THOSE DAYS.

ACTS 2:18



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 15, 2016 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

"We Have Come to Join Worship"

Arr. By Bill Ingram

Bell Choir – Director, Vicky Westley

Words of Greeting

Dennis Gould, 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

Cole Stuchal, Acolyte

Introit # 48

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

Call to Worship (*Psalms 104*)

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

**People: These all look to you to give them their food
in due season;**

Leader: When you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand,
they are filled with good things.

**People: When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.**

Leader: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works -

**People: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.**

*Hymn # 59

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*Prayer of Confession

God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. We try to build towers to the heavens, and ignore the plight of people on earth. We sneer at the voices of prophets and squander the gifts of your Spirit. Forgive us, God of grace. Lead us, by your Holy Spirit, to live as your beloved children, those you have called and claimed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

Reception of New Members

*Sharing of the Peace

*Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29 (pg. 129 of OT)

Anthem *"Canticle of the Spirit"*

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

New Testament Lesson Acts 2:1-21 (pg. 119 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(A Brief Statement 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, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 492

"Spirit of the Living God"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

(Please hold the bread until all have received, we will partake together)

(Please hold the cup until all have received, we will partake together)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn # 461

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

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

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

WE WELCOME fourteen new members to the congregation this morning. Eight young people have completed confirmation classes and include: Abigail Bruner, Elizabeth Bruner, Harrison Gilligan, Shakira McKinney, Daniel Kukula, Andrew Baker, Cole Stuchal and Alex Kirkland. Six others will join through reaffirmation of faith. They include: John and Mary Hileman (from Ebenezer Church), Gary and Barri Stuchal, and Bob and Vicky Doty. A light reception will be served immediately after worship to meet and greet our newest members.

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, Dennis Gould; Acolyte, Cole Stuchal; Ushers, Willa & Rick Shoemaker and Nikki & DeWayne Reeves; Projector, Blake Tonkin; Audio, Mitchell Tonkin; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Bell Choir Director, Vicky Westley; 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 the Moran Family.

THE DEACONS will check blood pressure next Sunday, May 22nd following worship. If you would like to have your numbers checked, please see Susie Cotti.

A SESSION MEETING will be held Tuesday, May 17th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to be picked up in the parlor.

OUR BELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, May 18th. If you have questions or are interested in ringing, please see Vicky Westley, director or a bell choir member.

THE CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, May 18th. For more information about the choir, please see Cindy Borbonus or come to rehearsals on Wednesdays. You're always welcome.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE is making available a piano to anyone who may be interested in becoming 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.

THE BLAIRSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL Baccalaureate Service will be held Thursday, May 26th 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. They can be brought to our church Thursday morning and Pastor Monroe will make sure "most" of them arrive at SS Simon & Jude.

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 DEACON PANTRY is a ministry to many in the community. Not many weeks go by without someone benefiting from the items that stock the shelves. At this time however, we are running low on breakfast cereal. All cereals, hot or cold, are appreciated. If you would like to help stock this area of the pantry, a box is located at the back of the sanctuary.

WE ARE PLEASED to announce that we will be compiling a 2016 pictorial directory! We welcome anyone attending our church worship or other activities to get their picture taken; for example, once the directory is complete, you can use it to identify who you're sitting next to in church! The Photography sessions will take place in the Fellowship Hall on June 16th from 2 to 9 p.m., June 17th from 2 to 9 p.m. and June 18th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sign up for times after church or call Bonni Dunlap 724-388-1520 or e-mail bdunlap1211@gmail.com. There is no cost to be photographed & every family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait in a blue colored background; all orders will be 20% off! Each family that brings in a non-perishable food item will receive \$5 off portraits and the photographer has a \$10 coupon for each household. Only participating households will receive a free directory.

WE WILL host families in the Family Promise Program beginning May 29th through June 5th. If you would like to volunteer, please see Gene Artman. Many tasks need accomplished during the week.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 22nd will be our last Sunday school class and during worship we will recognize our teachers. Classes will begin again in September.

TRINITY YOUTH CONFERENCE 2016 will be held July 24-30th 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.

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE will begin Sunday, June 5th. We will worship from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. during the summer months. Following Labor Day, our Regular Schedule will resume.

OUR CHOIR will also 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 your talents during worship, please see Cindy Borbonus. 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 and Communion New Members unite
	12:00 p.m.	Light reception in Fellowship Hall
	2:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Monday	5:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Saturday	4:00-6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Last day of Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship and Teacher Appreciation
	12:00 p.m.	Blood Pressure checks