



**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 21, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting

Brent Ritchie, 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

Brylea Borbonus, Acolyte

Introit # 374

*"Refiner's Fire"*

**Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.**

**Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.**

**Refiner's fire; my heart's one desire is to be holy,**

**Set apart for you, Lord. I choose to be holy,**

**Set apart for you, my Master, ready to do your will.**

Call to Worship (*Psalms 66*)

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples,

let the sound of his praise be heard,

**People: who has kept us among the living,  
and has not let our feet slip.**

Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for me.

**People: I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled  
with my tongue.**

Leader: Truly God has listened; he has given heed  
to the words of my prayer.

**People: Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.**

\*Hymn # 56 *"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"*

\*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 3:13-22 (pg. 234 of NT)  
 Anthem                      *"The Greatest Commandment"*  
    Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director  
 Gospel Lesson                      John 14:15-21 (pg. 109 of NT)  
 Sermon                      Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Affirmation of Faith                      *(Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 27-28)*  
 What do you understand by the providence of God?

**The almighty and ever-present power of God whereby he still upholds, as it were by his own hand, heaven and earth together with all creatures, and rules in such a way that leaves and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and unfruitful years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, and everything else, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.**

What advantage comes from acknowledging God's creation and providence?

**We learn that we are to be patient in adversity, grateful in the midst of blessing, and to trust our faithful God and Father for the future, assured that no creature shall separate us from his love, since all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot even move.**

- \*Hymn # 320                      *"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"*
- 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 # 447                      *"Because 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, Brent Ritchie; Acolyte, Brylea Borbonus; Ushers, Susie Cotti, Emily Harkleroad, Naomi Sigafoes and Linda George; 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 my father by Marilyn Neal.

THE DEACONS will check blood pressures following worship today. Please see Susie Cotti to have your numbers checked.

GRANNIES will meet Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall.

THE BLAIRSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL Baccalaureate Service will be held Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Each area church is asked to contribute cookies for the fellowship that follows the service. If you are willing to donate cookies, please have them to our church by noon on Wednesday and the pastor will see that they are delivered.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in more information, please see Vicky Westley, director.

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

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.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be here before you know it! Please use the bulletin insert to register your children. 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade (this year) are invited to attend free of charge
- A VBS Program will be presented during worship on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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, graduate recognition will be Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact Brandy at blee51592@gmail.com.

## REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

<b>Today</b>	9:45 a.m.	Last day of Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
		Teacher Recognition
	12:00 p.m.	Blood Pressure checks
<b>Monday</b>	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Blairsville High School Baccalaureate
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Worship