

**HUMBLE  
YOURSELVES  
THEREFORE  
UNDER THE  
MIGHTY HAND  
OF GOD, SO  
THAT HE MAY  
EXALT YOU  
IN DUE TIME.**

**1 PETER 5:6, 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 28, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting

Jean Heberling, 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

John Clark Bruner, Acolyte

Introit # 499

*"He Leadeth Me"*

**He leadeth me, O blessed thought!**

**O words with heavenly comfort fraught!**

**What e'er I do, wher e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

**He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;**

**His faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.**

Call to Worship (*Psalm 68*)

Leader: Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate him flee before him.

**People: But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God;  
let them be jubilant with joy.**

Leader: Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

**People: lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds –  
his name is the Lord – be exultant before him.**

Leader: Father of orphans and protector of widows is God  
in his holy habitation.

**People: God gives the desolate a home to live in;  
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,  
but the rebellious live in a parched land.**

Leader: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel;  
and whose power is in the skies.

**People: Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel;  
He gives power and strength to his people.  
Blessed be God!**

\*Hymn # 82

*"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You have offered us your Word; still we trust in worldly truths. You have offered us eternal life; still we cling to temporary things. Forgive us; give us new life! Show us the glory of your presence and the gift of your promise: 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 4:12-14, 5:6-11 (pg. 235 of NT)

Anthem    *"If My People"*

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson                                      John 17:1-11 (pg. 111 of NT)

Sermon    Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Affirmation of Faith                                      (*Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 49*)

What benefit do we receive from Christ's ascension into heaven?

**First, that he is our Advocate in the presence of his Father in heaven. Second, that we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that he, as the Head, will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, that he sends us his Spirit as a counterpledge by whose power we seek what is above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God, and not things that are on earth.**

\*Hymn # 322                                      *"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"*

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

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 458                                      *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

\*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, Jean Heberling; Acolyte, John Clark Bruner; Ushers, the Faulk family; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Audio, Jaison McKinney; 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 Jeff and Rose Lewis.

**\*\*OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE** will begin next **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.

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.

THE OFFICE will be closed Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, June 1<sup>st</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.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION will be next Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> during the 10:00 a.m. morning worship service. We have nine high school graduates and five graduates of higher education. Each one will be recognized in worship next Sunday. Following the worship service, a light reception will be held in Fellowship Hall. We hope you will plan to attend worship and stay for the fellowship.

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.

WE WILL CELEBRATE the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

COLD? BLANKETS are available in the pews curtesy of the Grannies. If there is not one in your seat, borrow from another. At the end of worship, please refold and leave in the pew.

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
- Acrylic paint
- Baby oil
- Rice, Dry beans
- Coffee Filters
- Clothespins (with metal spring)

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.

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR. If you have admired the flag display at the cemetery, please consider helping. All are welcomed and appreciated. We will be taking down poles and markers Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m. The schedule for Independence Day and Veteran's Day will be printed closer to the dates.



## Vacation Bible School

June 19— 23

6:00— 8:15 p.m.

Optional light dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Ages 3 years (potty trained) - 5<sup>th</sup> grade this year

Each day in VBS we will learn many new things! We will hear Bible stories, sing songs, play fun games, create cool crafts and more. Please use the bulletin insert to register your child/ren.

For more information, please see Cindy or Jen Borbonus or call the church office.

A VBS Program will be presented during worship Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. A Festival will be held immediately following in Fellowship Hall and the church yard. There will be games, prizes, food and fun!

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.

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.

#### Special Musicians Schedule

June 4.....	Alex Baker
June 11.....	Angela Lyons
June 18.....	Our Bell Choir
June 25.....	VBS Kids

#### REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

<b>Today</b>	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Monday</b>		The office will be closed for the holiday
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
<b>Saturday</b>	2:00-6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved

#### SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS:

<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion Graduate Recognition
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