

The
sheep
follow
him
because
they
know
his
voice.

John 10:4, 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 7, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Mary Anzelone, 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 # 440

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Savior, like a Shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;

In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 23*)

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

People: I fear no evil; for you are with me;

your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life, and I shall dwell

in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

*Hymn # 73 *"The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well"*

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

- *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 2:19-25 (pg. 232 of NT)
Anthem	<i>"My Loving Shepherd"</i>
	Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
Gospel Lesson	John 10:1-10 (pg. 103 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- *Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(Apostles' Creed)

- *Hymn # 505 *"All the Way My Shepherd Leads Me"*
- 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 # 440 *"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*
- *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, Mary Anzelone; Ushers, Becky Bence, Elaine Jellison, Jean Heberling and Nancy Campbell; Projector, Kayla Moran; 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 loved ones by the Moran Family.

A PRESBYTERY MEETING will be held Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. at the East Brady Church. Nancy Hartmann will attend as commissioner with Pastor Monroe.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet with a representative from Thrivent Wednesday, May 10th at 1:00 p.m. to review the church's account.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, May 10th at 5:30 p.m. in the parlor.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, May 10th at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in more information, please see Vicky Westley, director.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m. There is always room in the choir for one more voice. For more information, contact Cindy Borbonus, director.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, May 11th 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.

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 BLANKET OFFERING will be received next Sunday, May 14th 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.

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.

PARENTS OF GRADUATES, our church tradition has been to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of our children and young adults, especially at graduation time. Please notify the office or see Kim McKinney about your child's pending graduation from high school or college so that we may show your son or daughter how much we care. 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 let Kim know.

THE HALLELUJAH CHOIR of NuValley Presbyterian Church will present an Annual Spring Concert this evening at 6:30 p.m. at the church. A free will offering will be received to benefit the Choir Fund. Fellowship and refreshments will follow the concert.

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.

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.

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.

MARGARET CARUSO of St. Simon and Jude Church in Blairsville is in need of a liver transplant to help save her life. She has battled Non Alcoholics Cirrhosis for several years and despite success in slowing down this chronic disease, it has progressed to the need for a new liver. Despite the seriousness of her condition and likelihood of death without a transplant, people with her condition don't score high enough to have any chance of getting a liver from the nationwide transplant list. Therefore since the liver is the only organ in the human body that can regenerate on it's own, Margaret is pursuing a "live donor," where a portion of a healthy person's liver is removed and placed in the recipient. Both livers will regenerate giving new life to the recipient. Not just anyone will qualify as a donor. Donors must be between 18 and 54 years of age and testing is necessary to be sure of compatibility. Anyone who feels called to possibly serve as a donor can contact the church office for more information.

ANYONE INTERESTED in *Rose of Sharon* saplings, please contact Elaine Jellison. She has several to share.

THE SECRETARY will be out of the office Thursday and Friday, May 11-12th. Please have any announcements for the May 14th bulletin to the church office by Tuesday, May 9th. The office will be staffed by a volunteer if you need to stop in. Thank you.

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Fellowship Hall reserved
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Presbytery Meeting at East Brady
Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting with Thrivent
	5:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop meets in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Unit Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	Ministerium Meeting
Friday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
		Blanket Offering Received
Sunday		<i>Mother's Day</i>