



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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THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Bonni Dunlap, 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

Willow Weimer, Acolyte

Introit # 122

"He Is Exalted"

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name!

He is the Lord; forever his truth shall reign.

Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Call to Worship (*Psalm 97*)

Leader: The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

**People: The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.**

Leader: For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

**People: The Lord loves those who hate evil;
he guards the lives of his faithful;
he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.**

Leader: Light dawns for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

**People: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!**

*Hymn # 56

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

*Prayer of Confession

God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways of death. You have set us free to serve you, but we serve our own interests. You have delivered us from captivity, but we remain captive to our fear. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your loving-kindness upon this whole family of believers so that we may rejoice in our redemption; 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 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
(pg. 260 of NT)

Anthem *“I Am”*
Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson John 17:20-26 (pg. 111 of NT)
Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(The Westminster Confession of Faith)*

All saints being united to Jesus Christ their head, by his Spirit and by faith, have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as to conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

*Hymn # 544 *“The Church’s One Foundation”*
Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (*“...debts...and debtors”*)
Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 393 *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

*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, Bonni Dunlap; Acolyte, Willow Weimer; Ushers, Shakira McKinney, Andrew Baker, Harrison Gilligan and Alex Kirkland; Greeters, Doug & Andrea Clayton; 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 Joanne Torrance.

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

NEW MEMBERS AND OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS will unite with the congregation during worship next Sunday, May 15th. A light reception will be held in Fellowship Hall following worship to greet our newest members.

WE WILL RECEIVE the Blanket Offering today during worship. Please know that 100% of the offering goes to Church World Service to provide blankets to those facing disaster in the U.S. and around the world. Ten dollars will purchase a blanket that can provide the comfort someone may need in a time of crisis. Please prayerfully consider your gift.

THE DEACONS will check blood pressure today following worship. If you would like to have your numbers checked, please see Susie Cotti.

GRANNIES will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday, May 9th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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.

To my church family,

I want to thank everyone for the special reception that was given in honor of my 35 years of music ministry here at the church. A special thanks to the committee who organized it and to Pastor Tim. I have been blessed to be able to do what I love for so many years. I love God, my family and my church family. With much appreciation,

Cindy Borbonus

OUR BELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, May 11th. We would love to have new members join us. No experience necessary, we'll train you. 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 11th. New voices are always appreciated. 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 being 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.

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.

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. 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.

THE 3RD ANNUAL BLAIRSVILLE MISSION PARTNERSHIP will be held Saturday, May 14th from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Consider volunteering your time working for neighbors in the area. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of the sanctuary. For more information, contact the church office or Pastor Monroe.

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 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.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES will soon be coming to an end for the summer. Sunday, May 22nd will be our last class and during worship we will recognize our teachers. Classes will begin again in September.

OUR CHOIR will also be taking a break for the summer months. The choir will sing during worship Sunday, May 29th. Beginning in June, we will host guest musicians during worship. The choir will be back in worship in September.

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.

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship – Blanket Offering
	12:00 p.m.	Blood Pressure checks
Monday	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Christian Ed Committee Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Presbytery Meeting at Concord
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop meets in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday	11:00 a.m.	Blairsville Area Ministerium Meeting
Saturday	8:00-4:00 p.m.	Blairsville Mission Partnership Work Day
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	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