

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

August 20, 2017 ~ 10:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting

Jen Borbonus, 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 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Organ & Piano Duet

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (*Psalm 133*)

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!

**People: It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.**

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**People: For there the Lord ordained his blessing,  
life for evermore.**

\*Hymn # 9 "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

\*Prayer of Confession

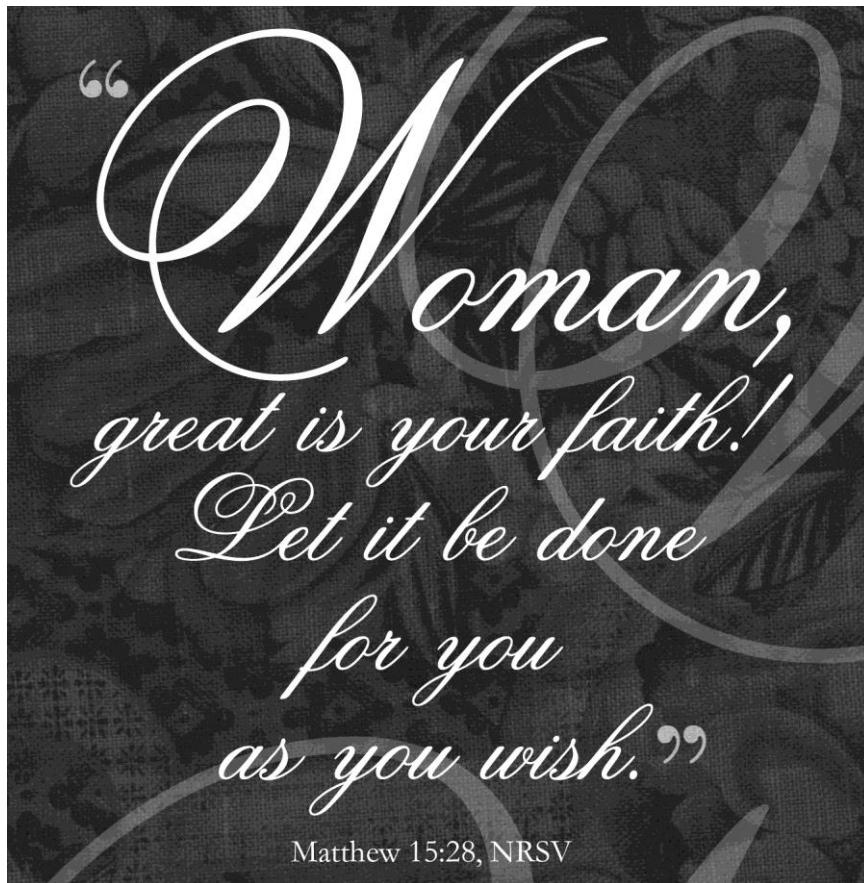
**O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory.  
You invite us to live together in unity; we allow family drama to  
drive us apart. You welcome all to the table of grace; we turn  
away strangers asking for crumbs. Forgive us; restore and  
reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that  
we may be one as you are one, sharing the blessing of life  
forevermore, to the glory of your holy name.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

\*Time with the Younger Saints



**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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## DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson                      Romans 11:1-2, 29-32 (pg. 160 of NT)  
Special Music                      *"Worship Medley"*                      Organ & Piano Duet  
Gospel Lesson                      Matthew 15:21-28 (pg. 17 of NT)  
Sermon                      Rev. Timothy Monroe

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Affirmation of Faith                      *(A Brief Statement of Faith)*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

\*Hymn # 473                      *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*  
Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer *(debt...and debtors...)*  
Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word  
Offertory  
\*Doxology  
\*Prayer of Dedication  
\*Hymn # 393                      *"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*  
\*Benediction  
\*Postlude

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

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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, Jen Borbonus; Ushers, the Baker Family; Projector, Alex Kirkland; Audio, Andrew 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 loved ones by Rick and Willa Shoemaker.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</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.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

WIC will meet with clients in Fellowship Hall Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A CHOIR PICNIC will be held Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> beginning with swimming and fellowship at **3:00 p.m.** followed at 5:00 p.m. with the picnic meal. All those interested in the choir and their families are invited to join Cindy, choir members and their families at the Borbonus Farm. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share. For more information, see Cindy or contact the church office. Choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.



### Sunday School Annual Kickoff Breakfast

*"You are God's Masterpiece!"* Ephesians 2:10

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 9:45 AM**

Join us as we begin our Sunday School year with our annual Kickoff Breakfast. Everyone is invited...come enjoy fellowship with us and learn about the different classes that are available to you.

### Sunday School Classes

Begin Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.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 Nancy Campbell or the church office. Requests are kept in confidence.

GUEST MUSICIANS are scheduled to share their musical talent during worship. If you or someone you know would be willing to share with us, please see Cindy Borbonus or contact the church office.

#### Special Musicians Schedule

Today..... Organ & Piano Duet  
August 27 ..... Rachel Henigan

THE BLAIRSVILLE COMMUNITY BAND will perform a "Summer Pops" concert Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. The performance will be held at the amphitheater by the Veteran's Wall below the diamond. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy an evening of music!

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.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH in Clarksburg will host our guests from Rwanda September 12, 2017 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. Rev. Celestin Nsengimana and Rose Marie Ibyashaka will be the guest speakers. Dinner will be served immediately following. If you would like to attend, please register by calling the church office 724-459-7991 or the presbytery office 724-783-7196 by Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### SUMMER WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Tuesday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Nominating Committee Meeting
<b>Friday</b>	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	3:00 p.m.	Choir Picnic