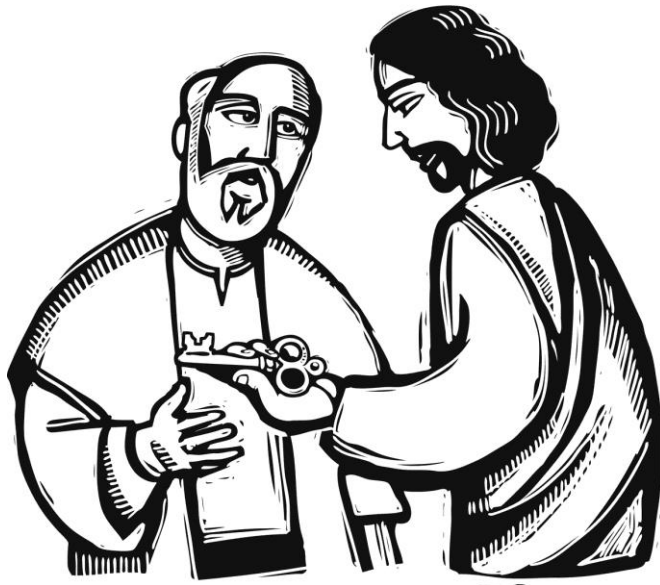


“YOU ARE THE  
MESSIAH,  
THE SON OF THE  
LIVING GOD.”

MATTHEW 16:16, 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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August 27, 2017 ~ 10:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting

Rick Shoemaker, 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

Call to Worship (*Psalms 124*)

Leader: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side,  
when our enemies attacked us,

**People: Then they would have swallowed us up alive,  
when their anger was kindled against us;**

Leader: Then the flood would have swept us away,  
the torrent would have gone over us;  
then over us would have gone the raging waters.

**People: Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us  
as prey to their teeth.**

Leader: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

**People: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

\*Hymn # 84 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

\*Prayer of Confession

**God our redeemer, we confess that we remain captivated by sin.  
You let the oppressed go free, but we allow oppression to  
continue. You give away the keys to your realm, but we try to  
stand guard at the gates. Forgive us; liberate us! Let us be no  
longer bound by sin, but released, restored, set free to worship  
and serve you in freedom; 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                      Romans 12:1-8 (pg. 161 of NT)  
Special Music        “Someone’s Watching Over Me”        Rachel Henigin  
Gospel Lesson                      Matthew 16:13-20 (pg. 18 of NT)  
Sermon                                      Rev. Timothy Monroe

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

### \*Affirmation of Faith

Why is he called Christ, that is, the Anointed One?

**Because he is ordained by God the Father and anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, fully revealing to us the secret purpose and will of God concerning our redemption; to be our only High Priest, having redeemed us by the one sacrifice of his body and ever interceding for us with the Father; and to be our eternal King, governing us by his Word and Spirit, and defending and sustaining us in the redemption he has won for us.**

*(Heidelberg Catechism, Q.31)*

### \*Hymn # 420                      “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

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 # 442                      “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

\*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, Rick Shoemaker; Acolyte, Willow Weimer; Ushers, Bill & Vicky Westley and Tony & Amy Yackuboskey; Projector, Kayla Moran; Audio, Tyler Moran; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

RACHEL HENIGIN will be sharing her musical talents with us this morning. The song she has chosen is being sung in memory of her good friend, Michaela.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of Bea Smith by Ed Bence.

A CHOIR PICNIC will be held today 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 the choir members and their families at the Borbonus Farm. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to share. Choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

GRANNIES will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. All are welcome to join them.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Tuesday, August 29<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.



## 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.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE SCHEDULE CHANGE**

**Sunday, September 10, the Worship hour will return to 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School classes will begin at 9:45 a.m. September 17<sup>th</sup>**

THE 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL COATS-FOR-KIDS DRIVE is now underway. Again this year we are receiving monetary donations for the purchase of specific size coats. Please mark your donation clearly for "Coats" and place it in the offering plate. If you know of a family with children who may need a winter coat, please contact Janet Smith.

ARE YOU A CAKE BAKER? We are looking to update our list of cake bakers to call for WyoTech Luncheons. If you would be willing to bake a cake and bring it to the church for the WyoTech student lunches, please contact Rich Crawford or the church office.

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>.

THE LADIES AUXILIARY of Friends of Blairsville Parks and Recreation Foundation is sponsoring a Multiphasic Wellness Testing on September 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:30 a.m. at Excelsa Health in Blairsville Plaza. Cost is \$45 for a standard profile and walk-ins are welcomed. Please contact the Excelsa Health Call Center at 1-877-771-1234 to register or register online at [www.excelsahealth.org/wellnesschecks](http://www.excelsahealth.org/wellnesschecks). An 8-hour fast is required. Registration closes September 6th.

**SUMMER WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	3:00 p.m.	Choir Picnic
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship with Clark Bruner
<b>Monday</b>		<i>Labor Day – Office Closed</i>

**UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:**

September 3 .....	Last day of the Summer Schedule, Worship 10:00
September 4 .....	Labor Day-Office Closed
September 5 .....	Board of Deacons Meeting 6:00
September 6 .....	Bell Choir Rehearsals begin 6:00
.....	Choir Rehearsals begin 7:00
September 10 .....	Regular Schedule begins, Worship at 11:00
.....	Sunday School Kick-Off Breakfast 9:45
September 17 .....	First day of Sunday School Classes 9:45
.....	Worship 11:00
September 19 .....	Session Meeting 6:30
September 20 .....	Worship Committee Meeting 5:30
September 24 .....	Congregational Meeting 12:00