



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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September 13, 2015 ~ 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

Willow Weimer, Acolyte

Introit # 21

"This Is My Father's World"

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears

All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought

Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas – his hand the wonders wrought.

Call to Worship (*Psalm 19*)

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

People: the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

Leader: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

**People: the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

**People: the ordinances of the Lord
are true and righteous altogether.**

Leader: In keeping them there is great reward.

People: Let the words of my mouth

and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

*Hymn # 471

"As the Deer"

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way.

We protect what is dear to us and neglect what is dear to you.

We preserve our own way of life and profit at the expense of

others. Forgive us, God of grace. Show us the error of our

ways, and guide us back to your path of righteousness, justice,

and peace; 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 James 3:1-12 (pg. 230 of NT)
 Anthem *"The Grace of Christ's Sacrifice"*
 Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
 Gospel Lesson Mark 8:27-38 (pg. 43 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)

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

- *Doxology

- *Prayer of Dedication

- *Hymn # 345 *"Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult"*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

(Please hold the bread until all have received, we will partake together)

(Please hold the cup until all have received, we will partake together)

Prayer after Communion

- *Hymn # 458 *"O Jesus I Have Promised"*

- *Benediction

- *Choral Response

- *Postlude

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

This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

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; Acolyte, Willow Weimer; Ushers, Kim & Ron McKinney, Naomi Sigafos and Tom Holby; Projection, Jonathan Clayton; Audio, Alex 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 Pat and Janeen Swope.

CHOIR REHEARSALS have begun Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. New voices are always appreciated. If you have questions or concerns, please see Cindy Borbonus, director or any choir member. We will begin rehearsing special music for the holidays. If you are interested in participating during this time, please see Cindy Borbonus or come to rehearsals Wednesdays. You're always welcome.

OUR BELL CHOIR will start rehearsals in October. We still need ringers for our lower octaves. If you are interested, don't be shy! We would love to have you 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.

A WYOTECH LUNCHEON will be served to students Tuesday, September 15th at 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. The luncheons are an outreach ministry of the Mission Committee and friends.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH will sponsor vaccination clinics at the Blairsville Community Center September 16, October 21, November 18 and December 16 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. You are eligible for vaccines at low or no cost if you are underinsured or uninsured. Please call the PA Dept. of Health at 724-357-2995 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to be picked up in the parlor.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, September 17th at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. If you do any kind of needlework such as embroidery, knit, crochet, etc. you are invited.

MANDATED REPORTER OF CHILD ABUSE TRAINING will be held Thursday, September 17th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Elders, deacons, Sunday School teachers, staff and anyone who works directly with children are encouraged to attend. If you plan to be present, please contact the church office so we can prepare accordingly.

AN USHER SIGN-UP SHEET is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to participate in worship as an usher/greeter, please sign-up for your choice of dates.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE has begun to work on the 2016 budget. Committee chairs are asked to begin looking at your numbers for next year and have your budget numbers submitted by Thursday, October 15th.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately following worship Sunday, September 27th to approve the 2016 Pastor Terms of Call and the report of the Nominating Committee.

THE KISKIMINETAS PRESBYTERY MISSION/WORK TRIP will be October 25 – 30, 2015 at Point Pleasant, NJ. The area is still recovering from Superstorm Sandy which devastated the coast. Registration deadline is September 15th. For more information, contact the church office.

Mission Moment – *Christian Education*

Reading the lectionary passages for today, I am overwhelmed. One mentions keeping a civil tongue, another finding wisdom, and still another following Christ and how that can change lives.

As a Christian educator, it dawns on me that our children can be the ones who change lives. They can be the face of Christ to the world.

Our church, Westwood Presbyterian, located in one of the wealthiest parts of Los Angeles, is bordered on all sides by expensive high-rises, megamansions, and grand compounds. In the midst of this abundance, the children witness the absolute despair of those without the physical, mental, or financial means to support their most basic needs.

Enter the Manna Bag ministry.

Our children's ministry raised funds to seed this new initiative, which provides care packages for people in our area who live on the streets. A Manna Bag provides enough food and water for one day, as well as socks, a toothbrush and toothpaste, wet wipes, and a resource sheet.

The children assemble the Manna Bags, which carry the message that God's grace is for all people, with no boundaries or exclusions. These tangible signs of care connect the children and the rest of our congregation to those whom Jesus cherished most.

—Greg Halterman, director of children and family ministries,
Westwood Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes begin
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	11:00-12:00 p.m.	WyoTech Luncheon
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Historical Society By-Law Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group meets in the parlor
	7:00 p.m.	Mandated Reporter of Child Abuse Training in Fellowship Hall
Friday	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Daisy Bridging in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship