



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 18, 2016 ~ 11:00 AM

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Jean Heberling, 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 # 9

*"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"*

***Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God acclaim,  
His greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name.***

***Lift high your songs, before his throne  
To whom alone all praise belongs.***

Call to Worship (*Psalm 79*)

Leader: O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;  
they have defiled your holy temple.

**People: We have become a taunt to our neighbors,  
mocked and derided by those around us.**

Leader: Help us, O God of our salvation,  
for the glory of your name;

**People: Deliver us, and forgive our sins,  
for your name's sake.**

Leader: Then we, your people, the flock of your pasture  
will give thanks to you forever.

**People: From generation to generation  
we will recount your praise.**

\*Hymn # 111

*"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in  
thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what  
we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole  
heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors  
as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us  
amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may  
delight in your will and walk in your ways, 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

Old Testament Lesson	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 (pg. 709 of OT)
Anthem	<i>"Seed of Faith"</i>
	Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
New Testament Lesson	I Timothy 2:1-7 (pg. 208 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy Monroe

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- \*Affirmation of Faith
    - What kind of mediator and redeemer must we seek?
    - One who is a true and righteous man and yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is at the same time true God.**
    - Why must he be a true and righteous man? Because God's righteousness requires that man who has sinned should make reparation for sin, but the man who is himself a sinner cannot pay for others.**
    - Why must he at the same time be true God? So that by the power of his divinity he might bear as a man the burden of God's wrath, and recover for us and restore to us righteousness and life.**
    - Who is this mediator who is at the same time true God and a true and perfectly righteous man? Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is freely given to us for complete redemption and righteousness.**
  - \*Hymn # 356 *"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"*
  - 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 # 109 *"O, How I Love Jesus"*
  - \*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, Jean Heberling; Ushers, the Baker Family; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Audio, Jaison McKinney; 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 Tom and Janet Smith.

BEST WISHES to Cory and Samantha (Sprague) Schaeffer on their marriage September 17<sup>th</sup>!

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately following worship next Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> to act on the 2017 Pastor Terms of Call and the report of the Nominating Committee.

A SESSION MEETING will be held Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to be picked up in the parlor.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the choir is invited to attend rehearsals. For more information, see Cindy Borbonus or a choir member.

WIC will meet in Fellowship Hall Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. The 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Care & Share Day Food Drive will be taking place in September. Look for a paper bag in the September 19<sup>th</sup> edition of the Indiana Gazette. Drop off your donation at the church Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. The food donations support the ICCAP Food Bank.

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 or the church office. Requests are kept in confidence.

WE HAVE become aware of the need to update our member military Honor Roll located at the back of the sanctuary. If you served in the military, please check the Honor Roll to see if you have been included. If we missed you, please contact the church office at 724-459-7991 or [upchurch@r-church.com](mailto:upchurch@r-church.com).

ON BEHALF of your Bell Choir, I want to thank the congregation for supporting our bell choir program. We work hard to learn the art of ringing, but have so much fun at our rehearsals, too. Beginning in October, we will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor classroom located on the right at the end of the hall. Currently, we have at least one position open in our 3-octave choir and would like to fill it ASAP. If you are not already one of our ringers, prayerfully consider helping to fill in our sound. I ask anyone interested in ringing with us to contact me. I have heard that there is some interest in forming a children or youth bell choir? Why should the adults have all the fun, right? I ask parents with interested children or youth to also contact me. Thank you for the opportunity to instruct, lead and direct this bell choir. It is a true blessing!

Vicky Westley, Director

CHRISTMAS CANTATA rehearsals will begin Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 p.m. Anyone wishing to participate in the special music is invited to attend rehearsals. The cantata will be presented Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact Cindy Borbonus.

FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH has scheduled a Special Music Events Series. On Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. an "Organ Plus" concert will be held. David Billings, organ, Lucy Scandrett, harp, and Jack Scandrett, horn will perform a mainly French program featuring works of Franck, Grandjany and Hakim plus the premiere of "Christmas Carol Trilogy" for harp and organ. Admission is free and a reception will follow. Tickets are available at the door, [www.PCCsing.org](http://www.PCCsing.org) and 412-635-7654. More musical opportunities will be available in October and December.

#### **MISSION MOMENT** - *Church Wraps Up Hurricane Sandy Relief*

In the nearly four years since Hurricane Sandy struck the U.S., volunteer work teams from across the country have traveled to the hard-hit regions, particularly NJ and NY, to help people recover and return to their homes. But after months of hosting recovery teams, one church believes the time has come to close the doors on its Sandy relief efforts. Morning Star Presbyterian Church of Bayville, NJ, quickly joined other churches and organizations to help restore life to communities that were heavily damaged by the 2012 storm. "Right after the storm, PDA came to us and began talking about the potential of hosting a volunteer village here," said Rev. Dr. Myrlene Hamilton Hess, pastor. With grant assistance, the church hosted more than 1,500 volunteers who worked 82,000 hours over 609 days, according to Hamilton Hess. "There were a lot of grassroots organizations that were at work doing a variety of things from mucking out to rebuilding in the first year," she said. "During the second year, the teams did more substantial construction work, along with a lot of demo work. By the third and fourth years, we were doing a lot of basic construction—tons of sheetrock, floors, rebuilding the interior of homes as well as roof and exterior work." Hamilton Hess says the church was built as a multipurpose facility in 2007. Since it didn't have a traditional sanctuary, the visitors could eat there, sleep downstairs, and mingle with church members. The church has always had a sense of mission about it, hosting a food pantry as well as AA meetings. But when the Sandy work began, she says, the congregation developed a sense of community it had not seen before. "The teams have always said we've given them a great thing by opening doors, but what our team always saw was the sacrifice of those who came," she said. Hamilton Hess said it also had an impact on the work teams. "They kept saying what a warm welcome they got here and how they felt at home. I think we gave them that sense of home, a sense of being safe," she said. While recovery and rebuilding work continues, the demand for work teams and projects in Morning Star's region has changed. It is harder to find projects to assign teams to, and the congregation felt it could no longer maintain the village without being able to deliver on work projects. In addition, Hamilton Hess is retiring and the church is preparing to seek new leadership. The village officially closed at the end of July. "More than anything we have ever done in our church's life, we felt so clearly that this was a call from God to do this work," Hamilton Hess said. "Now we feel God is saying it is time to close it. But I'm sad about it. It's been incredible for me, and I've personally loved being involved with this."

## REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

<b>Today</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC
	6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary reserved
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	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting