



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 20, 2015 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Dennis Gould, 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

Brylea Borbonus, Acolyte

Introit # 494

"Step by Step"

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.

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***I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways;
And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.***

Call to Worship (*Psalms 1*)

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**People: but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season.

**People: and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.**

All: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.

*Hymn # 48

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way.
We sow the seeds of conflict while you seek the harvest of peace.
We argue about who is greatest while you welcome the last and
least. Forgive us, God of grace. Draw near to us this day with
the wisdom of your Word, and teach us how to serve you;
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 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (pg. 230 of NT)
Anthem *"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"*
 Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
Gospel Lesson Mark 9:30-37 (pg. 45 of NT)
Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(The Westminster Confession of Faith)*
God in infinite and perfect love, having provided in the covenant of grace, through the meditation and sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, a way of life and salvation, sufficient for and adapted to the whole lost race of man, doth freely offer this salvation to all men in the gospel. In the gospel God declares his love for the world and his desire that all men should be saved; reveals fully and clearly the only way of salvation; promises eternal life to all who truly repent and believe in Christ; invites and commands all to embrace the offered mercy; and by his Spirit accompanying the Word pleads with men to accept his gracious invitation.
*Hymn # 437 *"Jesus Loves Me, This I Know"*
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 # 589 *"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"*
*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, Dennis Gould; Acolyte, Brylea Borbonus; Ushers, Patti, Sean and Harrison Gilligan and Naomi Sigafos; Projection, 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 loving memory of Don and other loved ones by Soni Clapper.

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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 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately following worship next Sunday, September 27th to act on the 2016 Pastor Terms of Call, the report of the Nominating Committee and moving the January Congregational Meeting back one week.

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.

WE CELEBRATE with Sandy Duffey 10 years of faithful service as custodian Monday, September 21st. We hope you will share your appreciation for the many ways she ministers to us. Notes of thanks and appreciation can be sent to the church in care of Sandy.

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.

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. For more information, contact the church office.

ICCAP'S 28th Annual Care & Share Day will be held Saturday, September 26th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. We will once again be a collection site for filled bags. The donated food will be distributed through the 18 food pantries in Indiana County and through the Power Pack Program that benefits Elementary Students. We hope you will consider filling a bag or making a donation to help reach the county goals! Please no outdated food or home canned foods.

Mission Moment – *International Day of Peace*

Every day of my internship, I walk by the flags of the UN member states waving in front of the UN General Assembly building. I am consistently overwhelmed by the global efforts for peacemaking they represent. At the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations, alongside the updates on current events and the measures taken to address international issues, I learn from building relationships within the network of peacemakers—people with unified hearts who work together for a world of love and freedom. From all the peacemakers I have met here, I am reminded that God not only plants the passion in us but also equips us to carry out the desires of his heart. The second of today's morning psalms declares: "The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made" (Ps. 145:8–9). God will help us, who are called to be imitators of Christ, to love all he has created as lavishly as he does. God will use his people to break down barriers and work out differences to bring peace. Let us take time on this appointed day to reflect on how we can work for peace wherever God has placed us and with all that he has given us.

—*Esther Lee, volunteer intern, Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations, 2013–14*

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

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| Today | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School Classes |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship |
| Monday | 6:30 p.m. | Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday | 5:30 p.m. | Daisy Troop Meeting |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir rehearsal |
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| | 10:30 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Congregational Meeting |