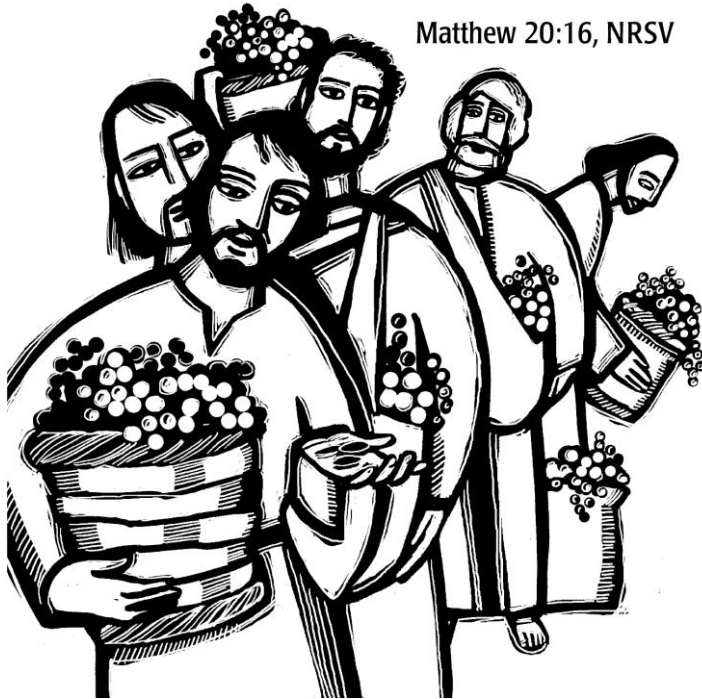


So the **last**
will be **FIRST**,
and the
first
will be **LAST.**

Matthew 20:16, 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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September 24, 2017 ~ 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

Brylea Borbonus, Acolyte

Introit # 71 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near

Join me in glad adoration!

Call to Worship (Psalm 105)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,

People: Make known his deeds among the peoples.

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.

**People: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those
who seek the Lord rejoice.**

Leader: Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually.

**People: Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered.**

*Hymn # 59 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*Prayer of Confession

**God our redeemer, we confess that we remain captivated by
sin. You shower your blessing upon us, yet we continue to
complain. You give us more than we deserve, yet we resent
your goodness to others. 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	Philippians 1:21-30 (pg. 196 of NT)
Anthem	<i>“Here I Am, Lord”</i>
	Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
Gospel Lesson	Matthew 20:1-16 (pg. 21 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Affirmation of Faith** *(The Second Helvetic Confession)*

We are justified on account of Christ. Now it is most certain that all of us are by nature sinners and godless, and before God's judgment-seat are convicted of godlessness and are guilty of death, but that, solely by the grace of Christ and not from any merit of ours or consideration for us, we are justified, that is, absolved from sin and death by God the Judge. For what is clearer than what Paul said: "Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus." (Rom. 3:23)

***Hymn # 66** *"To God Be the Glory"*

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 # 61** *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"*
(to the tune: "In Babilone")

***Benediction**

***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; Acolyte, Brylea Borbonus; Ushers, Adam, Dana & Brady Doak and Joan & Kayla Moran; Projector, Kayla Moran; Audio, Tyler Moran; 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 family by Patrick and Janeen Swope.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Tom Smith.

GRANNIES will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday, September 25th
from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

THE BOY SCOUTS will meet Monday, September 25th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Tuesday, September 26th 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 DAISY TROOP will meet Wednesday, September 27th at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, September 27th at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in more information, please see Vicky Westley, director.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, September 27th at 7:00 p.m. There is always room in the choir for one more voice. Rehearsals for our Christmas Cantata will begin Wednesday, October 4th at 7:45 p.m. The cantata will be presented to the congregation Sunday, December 17th at 11:00 a.m. For more information, contact Cindy Borbonus, director.

THE OFFICE will be closed Wednesday, September 27th due to a scheduled power outage by Penelec from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather on Wednesday the scheduled outage will be moved to Thursday. The office would then be closed on Thursday.

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.

THE 3RD 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.

WE WILL CELEBRATE the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

VALERIE STIPCAK, a young lady who is acquainted with our church, will present an Organ Recital Friday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church in Latrobe, PA. All are invited.

ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th, the Congregational Fellowship Committee will offer a Bread Baking event at 9:00 a.m. in our church kitchen. If you've ever wanted to learn the art of bread baking or would like to share your skills, this event is for you. The finished products will be served on Sunday, October 1st. Some of the bread will be used during worship as we celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion.

THEN FOLLOWING WORSHIP, a Soup and Bread Luncheon is planned for the congregation. We hope you will plan to attend the Bread Baking experience and/or share in the blessings of the efforts. The event is sponsored by the Congregational Fellowship Committee. We are looking for volunteers to make soup for the luncheon. Please let Nancy Hartmann know if you can help. See the bulletin insert to RSVP.

CARE & SHARE DAY 2017 will be held Saturday, September 30th. We will be a collection sight again this year. Those participating can drop off their food donations in Fellowship Hall from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

2017 HURRICANES HARVEY & IRMA have caused a lot of destruction in the south. If you would like to contribute financially to help, we are receiving gifts to be sent to PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance). Please make your check payable to UPC and mark clearly for Hurricane Relief.

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
	2:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Monday	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts
Tuesday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Bread Baking in the Kitchen
	10:00-2:00 p.m.	Care-N-Share Drop-off
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion
	12:00 p.m.	Soup & Bread Luncheon