

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

April 15, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Bonni Dunlap, 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 #469 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

Call to Worship (Psalm 4)

Leader: Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

**People: Know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;
the Lord hears when I call to him.**

Leader: There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

**People: You have put gladness in my heart
more than when their grain and wine abound.**

**All: I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.**

*Hymn # 123 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

*Prayer of Confession

**God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in
fear. You sent the Lord of life among us yet we gave him up to
die. You raised him from the dead yet we still do not believe.
Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to receive with gratitude the
great gift of love you offer, and live as your beloved children;
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 I John 3:1-7 (pg. 240 of NT)

Anthem "Worthy Is the Lamb"

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:36b-48 (pg. 115 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed
the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to
the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with
outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the
gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was
crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for
the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.** (A Brief Statement of Faith)

*Hymn # 300 "In the Garden"

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 # 293 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna"

*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, Bonni Dunlap; Acolyte, Willow Weimer; Ushers, the Tonkin's and Moran's; Audio, Blake Tonkin; Projector, Elizabeth Bruner; 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 Ron Conrad by Ron and Kim McKinney.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting can be picked up in the parlor.

BELL CHOIR rehearsal will be held Wednesday, April 18th at 6:00 p.m. If you would like more information on the bell choir, please see Vicky Westley.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, April 18th beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you enjoy singing and are interested in sharing your gift, there is always room in the choir. For more information, please see Cindy Borbonus.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, April 18th at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome.

THE DEACONS will check blood pressures next Sunday following worship. Please see Susie Cotti for more information.

WE WILL HOST families in the Family Promise Program beginning Sunday, April 22nd through Sunday, April 29th. Volunteers are needed in all areas. If you are willing to help, please contact the church office or see Gene Artman.

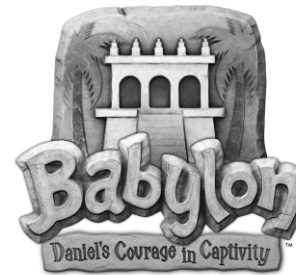
TODAY is the deadline to have articles and/or information to the church office for the May edition of the UPLIFT newsletter. If you have news to share, please leave it in the office or place it in the offering plate. For more information or questions, please call the office at 724-459-7991.

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 DEACONS are collecting cleaning supplies and trash bags for the Pathway Shelter through the month of April. They can be placed in the container at the back of the sanctuary. Monetary donations are also being accepted. Please give your financial gifts through your church offering.

DURING the month of April the Deacons are collecting the following items for Torrance State Hospital patients: gently used or new suitcases, body wash and men's & women's deodorant. You may leave the items in the box in the back of the sanctuary marked for Torrance State Hospital.

USHERS ARE NEEDED each Sunday during worship. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of the sanctuary. Please consider signing up for your choice of dates.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL has been scheduled for the week of June 11-15. The theme this year is "Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity," a curriculum by Group Publishing. The Christian Ed Committee is looking for workers in all areas. If you are interested in volunteering to help this year, please contact the church office.

WORK DAYS ANNOUNCED AT CAMP LAMBEC: The camp is looking for volunteers to help get Camp Lambec ready for opening and perform some maintenance on two days: May 5th and May 19th, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The heavy snow took its toll on the trees last winter. There is a need for help sawing, splitting, and removing the downed trees. There are many other jobs to do for all skill levels. Please email Bob Meanor at meanor300@comcast.net by May 1st if you are able to help. A light lunch will be provided.

CHURCH PARKING is available in front of the building on Walnut Street, in the ally along the side of the building and in the parking lot across the street. Those able to walk are asked to please park across the street in the lot so those with difficulty walking can park closer to the building. Please refrain from parking in the Episcopal Church spaces.

AN ABUNDANCE of plastic grocery bags are now in stock for the food pantry. Thank you to all who shared their bags with us. For now, we will stop receiving them.

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
		Music Club in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday	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
	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Blood Pressure Checks
		Family Promise begins