

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" Rev. Timothy R. Monroe 137 N. Walnut Street ~ Blairsville, PA 15717-1349 Church office 724-459-7991 e-mail: upchurch@r-church.com; website: www.r-church.com Pastor Emeritus - Rev. Dr. Roger D. Petersen

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE April 22, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of GreetingDennis Gould, LiturgistLeader: The Lord be with you.People: And also with you.Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude Lighting of the Candles

Introit #440

Marilyn Neal, Organist andles John Clark Bruner, Acolyte "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Savior, like a Shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare: Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are. Call to Worship (*Psalm 23*)

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

People: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Leader: Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

People: I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

*Hymn # 73 "The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well"

*Prayer of Confession

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. We speak of your great love but our own hearts condemn us. We express concern for the poor but our own actions betray us. Forgive us, God of grace. Good shepherd, restore our souls and lead us in right paths for your name's sake; 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 LessonI John 3:16-24 (pg. 240 of NT)Anthem"My Loving Shepherd"
Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, DirectorGospel LessonJohn 10:11-18 (pg. 103 of NT)SermonRev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. (Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1)

*Hymn # 442 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

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 # 440 "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
*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, John Clark Bruner; Ushers, Linda George, Jean Heberling and Ron & Kim McKinney; Audio, Shakira McKinney; Projector, 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 Jim Neal by the Neal Family.

THE DEACONS will check blood pressures following worship today. If you would like to have your numbers checked, please see Susie Cotti.

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

GRANNIES will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday, April 23^{rd} from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

BELL CHOIR rehearsal will not be held Wednesday due to Family Promise. If you would like more information on the bell choir, please see Vicky Westley.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, April 25th 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 26th at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome.

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.

GENE ARTMAN recently attended a special training for elders to serve communion. The training was held for elders in the presbytery so if an ordained minister is not available, the sacrament can still be shared.

TWO MEMORIAL SERVICES will be held Saturday, April 28th in the sanctuary. At 11:00 a.m. the family and friends of Todd Warnick, the son of Elaine Jellison, will gather for a service remembering Todd. Then, at 3:00 p.m. the family and friends of Mary Elizabeth Davenport will gather in the sanctuary for a time of remembering Betty.

THE CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE is looking for the names of upcoming graduates from high school or schools of higher learning. It has been our tradition to recognize the accomplishments of our young people during a worship service. Please submit names of graduates to the church office or see Kim McKinney.

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.

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal	
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11:00 a.m. Worship	
12:00 p.m. Blood Pressure checks	
Family Promise begins	
Monday 9:00-12:00 p.m. Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall	
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall	11
Family Promise	
TuesdayFamily Promise	
Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Daisy Troop Meeting	
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	
Family Promise	
Thursday3:00 p.m.Stitching Group	
Family Promise	
Friday Family Promise	
Saturday11:00 a.m.Memorial Service in the Sanctuary	7
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Sunday 9:45 a.m. Sunday School	
10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal	
11:00 a.m. Worship	
Family Promise concludes	