



*“I am the  
true vine and  
my Father  
is the  
gardener.”*

*John 15:1*

**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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April 29, 2018 ~ 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 Olivia Eckenroad, Acolyte

Introit # 56 vs. 2 *“Sing Praise to God”*

**What God’s mighty power has made, in mercy he is keeping;  
by morning flow or evening shade his eye is never sleeping.  
And where he rules in kingly might, there all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory!**

Call to Worship (*Psalms 22*)

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**People: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.  
May your hearts live forever!**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;  
and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

**People: For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
and he rules over the nations.**

Leader: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.

**People: Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord,  
and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.**

\*Hymn # 59 *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in  
fear. You make us branches of your vine, but we fail to abide in  
you. You extend your promise to all, yet we seek to cut off and  
exclude. Forgive us, God of grace. Sanctify us in your perfect  
love, the love that casts out all fear, so that we may truly love one  
another; 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 4:7-21 (pg. 241 of NT)  
 Anthem "Abide In Me"  
 Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director  
 Gospel Lesson John 15:1-8 (pg. 109 of NT)  
 Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- \*Affirmation of Faith *(The Westminster Confession of Faith)*  
**By the indwelling of the Holy Spirit all believers being vitally united to Christ, who is the Head, are thus united one to another in the Church, which is his body. He calls and anoints ministers for their holy office, qualifies all other officers in the Church for their special work, and imparts various gifts and graces to its members. He gives efficacy to the Word and to the ordinances of the gospel. By him the Church will be preserved, increased, purified, and at last made perfectly holy in the presence of God.**
- \*Hymn # 589 "O Master Let Me Walk with Thee"  
 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 # 393 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"  
 \*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; Acolyte, Olivia Eckenroad; Ushers, the Baker Family; Audio, Alex Kirkland; Projector, Andrew Baker; 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 Bill's parents by Bill and Deb Lint.

THE DEACONS will meet Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Please remember this will be our picnic meeting before we break for the summer months. The elders are invited to join us at our picnic.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

BELL CHOIR rehearsal will be held Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Room. If you would like more information on the bell choir, please see Vicky Westley.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome.

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.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will be taking a break for the summer months. Beginning in June, we will host guest musicians during worship. If you or someone you know would like to share a musical talent during worship, please see Cindy Borbonus or contact the church office.

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.

MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING is being offered in two locations. The Shelocta Presbyterian Church will hold the training Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and Grace Presbyterian Church in Kittanning will hold training Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00-9:00 p.m. This 3-hour workshop will provide you with the required training in a format that will make sense to your situation as a church elder, deacon, volunteer, teacher or pastor. Those completing the workshop will receive a certificate which is valid for 5 years. For more information or to register, please contact Carol Mock at the presbytery office at 724-783-7196 or email her at carolm@kiskipby.org.

## REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
		Family Promise concludes
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Bank distributes groceries
	6:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting & Picnic
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Historical Society Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
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