



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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May 6, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Mary Anzelone, 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

Introit # 560

“I Love to Tell the Story”

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story because I know ‘tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.**

**I love to tell the story, ‘twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

Call to Worship (*Psalm 98*)

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.

**People: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

**People: Let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the Lord,
for he is coming to judge the earth.**

**He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

*Hymn # 23

“All Creation of Our God and King”

*Prayer of Confession

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear. In Christ, you claim us as children, but we disobey your commands. In Christ, you even call us friends, but we have not been faithful to you. Forgive us, God of grace. By the power of your Spirit help us to abide in your love and share that love with others; 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 5:1-6 (pg. 241 of NT)

Anthem

“I Choose You”

Betsy Holby - flute

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

John 15:9-17 (pg. 109 of NT)

Sermon

Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(The Westminster Confession of Faith)

All saints being united to Jesus Christ their head, by his Spirit and by faith, have fellowship with him in his graces, sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory: and, being united to one another in love, they have communion in each other's gifts and graces, and are obliged to the performance of such duties, public and private, as to conduce to their mutual good, both in the inward and outward man.

*Hymn # 468

“My Jesus, I Love 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 # 358

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

- *Benediction
- *Choral Response
- *Postlude

(**All who are able, please stand.*)

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Mary Anzelone; Ushers, Elaine Jellison, Dennis Gould and Rick & Willa Shoemaker; Projector, Kayla Moran; Audio, Tyler Moran; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

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 FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in honor of Janet Wilson, a wonderful mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother who we love very much by the Reeves and Zabala Families.

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

A WYOTECH LUNCHEON will be served Tuesday, May 8th at 11:00 a.m. This will be our final luncheon for the students due to the school closing in June. Thank you to all who have supported and volunteered in many ways through the years.

A PRESBYTERY MEETING will be held Tuesday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Srader Grove Church. Tom Smith will attend as commissioner with Pastor Monroe.

A WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING will be held Wednesday, May 9th at 5:30 p.m. in the parlor. For more information, please see Elaine Jellison.

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.

BELL CHOIR rehearsal will be held Wednesday, May 9th 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 9th 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 10th at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome.

THE CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Thursday, May 10th to discuss plans for the First Responder's Appreciation Dinner to be held Sunday, June 3rd following worship.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM will meet Friday, May 11th at 11:00 a.m. at SS Simon & Jude Church Marion Hall.

THE BLANKET OFFERING will be received next Sunday, May 13th during worship. All gifts are sent to Church World Service to supply blankets to those in need. Last year thousands of CWS blankets were distributed throughout the U.S. to families in need. Please see the bulletin insert for more information.

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.

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.

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. Grace Presbyterian Church in Kittanning will hold training Wednesday, May 23rd 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.

THE BLAIRSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL Baccalaureate Service will be held Wednesday, May 16th at 7:00 p.m. at Hopewell United Methodist Church. Family and friends are invited to attend this cap and gown event led by the Class of 2018.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER IN MAY:

- Primary Election Tuesday, May 15th – voting in Fellowship Hall
- Teacher Appreciation Sunday, May 20th
- Last day of Sunday School Sunday, May 20th
- Last day of our 11:00 a.m. Worship Schedule Sunday, May 27th
- Memorial Day Monday, May 28th – office closed
- Summer Schedule begins Sunday, June 3rd – Worship at 10:00 a.m.

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
		Fellowship Hall reserved
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Tuesday	11:00 a.m.	WyoTech Luncheon
	7:00 p.m.	Presbytery Meeting
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Worship Committee Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Congregational Fellowship Committee Meeting
	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Unit Meeting
Friday	11:00 a.m.	Ministerium Meeting
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Blanket Offering
		<i>Mother's Day</i>