

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

September 16, 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

Lighting of the Candles

Introit # 59 *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Call to Worship (*Psalms 19*)

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**People: The decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;**

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

**People: The commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

**People: The ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.**

Leader: In keeping them there is great reward.

**People: Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

*Hymn # 471 *“As the Deer”*

*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way.
We protect what is dear to us and neglect what is dear to you.
We preserve our own way of life and profit at the expense of
others. Forgive us, God of grace. Show us the error of our ways,
and guide us back to your path of righteousness, justice, and
peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

Prayer of Dedication of the Refurbished Windows

*Sharing of the Peace

*Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson James 3:1-12 (pg. 230 of NT)

Anthem *“I’m So Glad”*

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Mark 8:27-38 (pg. 43 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 # 474 *“I Surrender All”*

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 255 *“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”*

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

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

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes for all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boys Scout Meeting
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

He asked them,
**“But
who
do you
say
that I
am?”**



Mark 8:29, NRSV

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*“a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit
to know Christ and to make Christ known”*

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THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Bonni Dunlap; Ushers, Erica Ash, Linda George, Janet Schreiber and Ellen Williams; Projector, Alex Kirkland; Audio, 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 loved ones by Soni Clapper.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, September 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to pick up in the parlor.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, September 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Room. We are looking for two ringers. No experience is necessary just a willingness to learn. If you are interested in more information about the bell choir, please see Vicky Westley. You are also welcome to come to rehearsal.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, September 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you are interested in singing in the chancel choir, please see Cindy Borbonus.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, September 20th at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome.

YOU ARE INVITED Saturday, September 29th to the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m. for a light dinner followed by the showing of the Sight & Sound Production of "Samson." This will be a fun evening spending time together as a church family! Bring your lawn chair. Everyone is welcome. Dinner and a movie is provided in cooperation by the Congregational Fellowship and Christian Ed Committees.

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.

CARE & SHARE DAY will be held Saturday, September 29th. This year is the 31st annual food drive for the ICCAP Food Bank. The church will be open from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for you to drop off your donations.

MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING will be offered Thursday, September 20th from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Marion Center Presbyterian Church. Please call the office asap if you are interested in attending.

AN USHER SIGN-UP SHEET is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to participate in worship as an usher/greeter, please sign-up. There are still dates available. Our deacons thank you.

THE CHEVY CHASE COMMUNITY CENTER hosts a Soup Kitchen in Blairsville from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the 2nd Baptist Church, 241 E. Campbell Street. The dates are listed: September 11 & 18, October 9 & 23, November 20, and December 18. Volunteers are always needed to help support the program. If you would like to help, please contact the center Monday, Tuesday or Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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.

THE BLAIRSVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will sponsor a "Twisted Bazaar" Saturday, September 29th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Community Center. The bazaar will include: a basket raffle, flea market, silent auction and food. There is no admission charge. Everyone is invited.