

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

September 23, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting Dennis Gould, 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 # 428 *“When Peace Like a River”*

**When peace like a river attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say,  
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”**

**It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

Call to Worship (*Psalm 1*)

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow  
the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread,  
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**People: But their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season.

**People: And their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper.**

**All: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous.**

\*Hymn # 67 *“Come, We That Love the Lord”*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way.  
We sow the seeds of conflict while you seek the harvest of peace.  
We argue about who is greatest while you welcome the last and  
least. Forgive us, God of grace. Draw near to us this day with  
the wisdom of your Word, and teach us how to serve you;  
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 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a (pg. 230 of NT)

Anthem *“Devotion”*

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Mark 9:30-37 (pg. 45 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation of Faith (*The Westminster Confession of Faith*)

**God in infinite and perfect love, having provided in the covenant  
of grace, through the mediation and sacrifice of the Lord Jesus  
Christ, a way of life and salvation, sufficient for and adapted to  
the whole lost race of man, doth freely offer this salvation to all  
men in the gospel. In the gospel God declares his love for the  
world and his desire that all men should be saved; reveals fully  
and clearly the only way of salvation; promises eternal life to all  
who truly repent and believe in Christ; invites and commands all  
to embrace the offered mercy; and by his Spirit accompanying  
the Word pleads with men to accept his gracious invitation.**

\*Hymn # 437 *“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”*

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 # 589 *“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”*

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

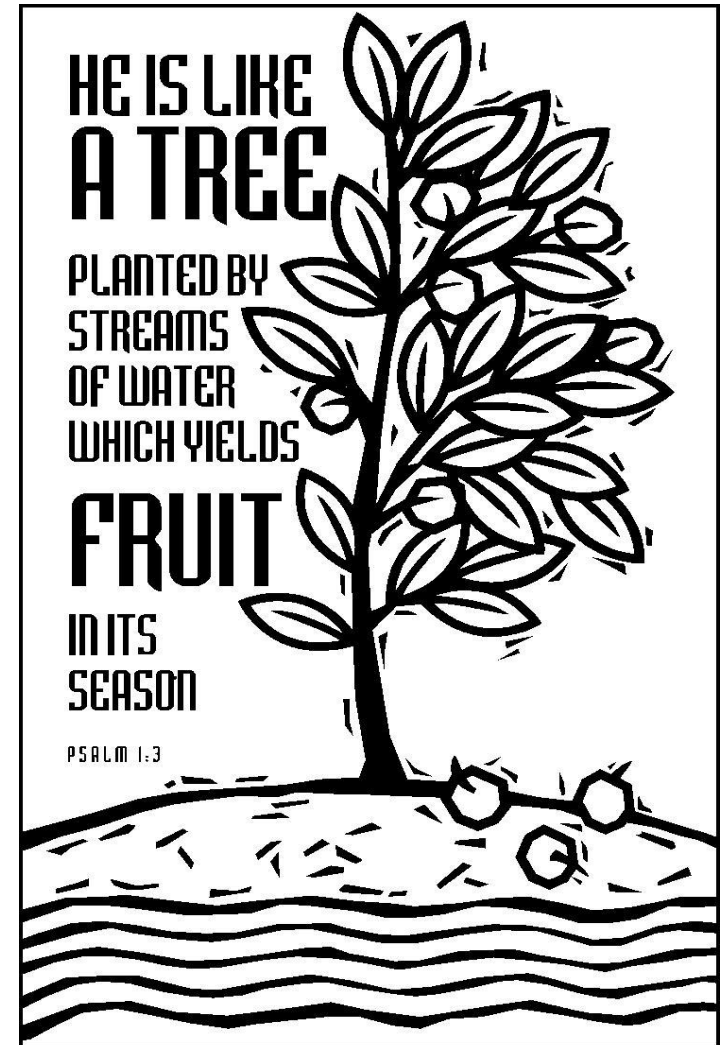
\*Postlude

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

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**REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes for all ages
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boys Scout Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 a.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Care & Share Day donation drop-off
	2:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
	5:00 p.m.	Dinner & A Movie
<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting



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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, Dennis Gould; Ushers, Gene & Chery Artman; Projector, Kayla Moran; 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 Marilyn Neal.

GRANNIES will meet Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Christmas Cantata rehearsals will begin October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:00 p.m. If you are interested in singing in the chancel choir or the Christmas Cantata, please see Cindy Borbonus.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held immediately following worship next Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> to accept the report of the Nominating Committee and the 2019 Pastoral Terms of Call.

YOU ARE INVITED Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

CARE & SHARE DAY will be held Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. This year is the 31<sup>st</sup> annual food drive for the ICCAP Food Bank. Food donations can be brought to the church between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Thank you.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE will soon begin to review information for the 2019 budget. Committee chairs are asked to begin looking at your plans for next year and consider your financial needs for the New Year. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

SAVE THE DATE...This year's Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner will be held following worship Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars!

PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE Active Shooter Response Training & Emergency Preparedness for Houses of Worship: *How to Remain Welcoming and Protected* will be presented by Trooper Clifford A. Greenfield. Presentations will be made October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at our church; October 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at Hilltop Baptist Church in Indiana; and October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Marion Center Presbyterian Church.

THE CHEVY CHASE COMMUNITY CENTER hosts a Soup Kitchen in Blairsville from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist Church, 241 E. Campbell Street. The dates are listed: 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.