

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

September 30, 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

Lighting of the Candles

Introit # 71 vs. 3 *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you:
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.**

**Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriends you.**

Call to Worship (*Psalms 124*)

Leader: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side
when our enemies attacked us,

**People: Then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;**

Leader: Then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;

**People: Blessed be the Lord,
who has not given us as their prey.**

Leader: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

**People: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

*Hymn # 56 *“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*

*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your way.
You rain down mercy upon us, yet we murmur in our
discontent. You cast out the evil within us, yet we fling curses at
others. Forgive us, God of grace. Call us home from our
wandering, deliver our souls from death, and cover us with
your love; 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

Old Testament Lesson Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 (pg. 448 of OT)

Anthem *“Songs for the Journey”*

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

New Testament Lesson James 5:13-20 (pg. 231 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church’s mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of men. His service to men commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of men in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God’s judgment on man’s inhumanity to man and the awful consequences. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God’s renewal of man’s life in society and of God’s victory over all wrong.

*Hymn # 595 *“They’ll Know We Are Christians”*

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 # 393 *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

*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
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boys Scout Meeting
Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	“PA State Police Active Shooter Response Training & Emergency Preparedness for Houses of Worship”
	6:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Historical Society Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	8:00 p.m.	Christmas Cantata 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 & Communion



*The prayer of
the righteous
is powerful and
effective.*

James 5:16

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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, Jean Heberling; Ushers, Terry & Barb Brown and John & Mary Hileman; Projector, Blake Tonkin; Audio, Elizabeth Bruner; 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 Bea Smith by Ed and Becky Bence.

“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 Tuesday, October 2nd at 8:30 a.m. at our church; October 9th at 1:30 p.m. at Hilltop Baptist Church in Indiana; and October 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Marion Center Presbyterian Church.

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

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet in Fellowship Hall Wednesday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, October 4th at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome.

WE WILL CELEBRATE the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

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.

WE WILL HOST families in the Family Promise Program beginning Sunday, October 21st through Sunday, October 28th. Volunteers are needed in all areas. If you are willing to help, please contact the church office or see Pastor Monroe.

THE 4th ANNUAL COATS-FOR-KIDS DRIVE is now underway. Again this year we are receiving monetary donations for the purchase of specific size coats. Please mark your donation clearly for “Coats” and place it in the offering plate. If you know of a family with children who may need a winter coat, please contact Janet Smith.

ONCE AGAIN the Deacons will assemble Thanksgiving Baskets for families in the community. We ask that you consider donating food items or giving a monetary contribution. Boxes will soon be available at the back of the church for the collection of food donations. Please check expiration dates on items before donating them. If any member of the congregation is aware of a family who may need a Thanksgiving basket, please contact Pastor Monroe or Marilyn Neal.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS, our church family Thanksgiving Dinner will be served Sunday, November 18th immediately following worship. Watch your bulletins for more information.

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: 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.