

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE
January 13, 2019 ~ 11:00 AM
THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Terry Brown, 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 # 66 vs. 3 *"To God Be the Glory"*

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

But purer, and higher and greater will be

Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give him the glory, great things he hath done.

Call to Worship (*Psalms 29*)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

**People: The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**People: May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

*Hymn # 50 *"Great Is the Lord"*

*Prayer of Confession

God our Redeemer, we confess that our lives do not reflect your glory. You walk with us in times of trial, but we abandon others in trouble. You pour out your love for us, but we fail to share your mercy. Forgive us, God of grace. Send us your Holy Spirit to cleanse and recreate us so that we may honor your name; 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 Isaiah 43:1-7 (pg. 672 of OT)

Anthem *"You Are Mine"*

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Betsy Holby, flute

Gospel Lesson Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (pg. 60 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith (*Heidelberg Catechism, Q.1*)

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 73 *"The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well"*

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*"...debts...and debtors..."*)

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

(Please hold the bread until all have received, we will partake together)

(Please hold the cup until all have received, we will partake together)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn # 719 *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

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

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion
Monday	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Session meets in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	3:00 p.m.	Community Unity Worship at the C&MA Church



The Holy Spirit descended
on him in bodily form,
like a dove.

Luke 3:22

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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This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Terry Brown; Ushers, the Baker family; Projector, Kayla Moran; Audio, Olivia Eckenroad; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by the Clayton Family.

GRANNIES will meet Monday, January 14th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, January 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting can be picked-up in the parlor.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesday, January 16th at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Monroe leads the study of Ephesians. All are welcome.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, January 16th 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.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, January 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you are interested in singing in the chancel choir, please see Cindy Borbonus. Additional voices are always welcome.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, January 17th at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor. This is our new meeting time. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome.

CPR TRAINING has been cancelled for Saturday, January 19th and will be rescheduled for a later date.

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.

THE 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available to pick up at the back of the sanctuary. They have been placed in alphabetical order for your convenience. If we missed you or you would like to have envelopes, please drop a note in the offering plate or contact the church office, 724-459-7991.

THE 2019 FLOWER CHART is hanging in the hallway outside the church office. If you would like to order flowers for Sunday worship, please use the chart to sign-up for your choice of date. Flowers are \$20/Sunday and checks can be made payable to the Board of Deacons. Special dedications can be given to the church office or printed on the chart by your name.

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 27TH following worship, we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided. The work of the church during 2018 will be reviewed and the 2019 Nominating Committee will be elected. We hope you will attend.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS are asked to have year-end reports for the Annual Ecclesiastical/Corporate Meeting to the church office by Sunday, January 20th. The meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 27th immediately following worship.

YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS will be mailed mid to late January. If you would like your statement sooner, please contact the church office.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES will be held for young people interested in learning more about their faith and considering membership in the church beginning in mid-March. Classes will be Sundays from 12:00-2:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served. Classes will be held about 8-10 weeks. More details will be available soon.

THE SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2019

Each year the committees of session seek to have volunteers become active participants. Please review the committees and their responsibilities and consider serving. If you would like more information or have questions, please see Pastor Monroe or an elder. Chairs will be determined at the January Session meeting.

Worship – Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings

Mission – Benevolences, special offerings, global & local missions and missionaries

Christian Education – Sunday school programs, curriculum, adult education, youth work, leadership education

Finance – Finances, special funds, and annual budget

Stewardship – Stewardship education and programs, challenges the congregation in its faithful use of the many different resources entrusted to our care

Property & Maintenance – Construction, maintenance, repairs, housekeeping, safety, security, yard work, inventory

Congregational Fellowship – Suppers, Dinner Theater, picnics, outings, trips, camping

Evangelism – New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity