

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

February 24, 2019 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Rick Shoemaker, 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 # 477 "Come and Find the Quiet Center"

**Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see  
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.**

Call to Worship (Psalm 37)

Leader: Do not fret because of the wicked;  
do not be envious of wrongdoers,

**People: For they will soon fade like the grass,  
and wither like the green herb.**

Leader: Trust in the Lord, and do good;  
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

**People: Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you  
the desires of your heart.**

Leader: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.  
Do no fret – it leads only to evil.

**People: For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait  
for the Lord shall inherit the land.**

Leader: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;  
he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

**People: The Lord helps them and rescues them;  
he rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,  
because they take refuge in him.**

\*Hymn # 435 "Like a River Glorious"

\*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and  
too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our  
hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming  
fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change;**

**open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace  
to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus  
Christ, the light of the world.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

\*Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 45:3-11, 15 (pg. 42 of OT)

Anthem "Love One Another"

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Luke 6:27-38 (pg. 64 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Affirmation of Faith (Confession of 1967)

**Wise and virtuous men through the ages have sought the highest  
good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and beauty. Yet  
all human virtue, when seen in the light of God's love in Jesus  
Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility. All  
men, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and  
helpless without his forgiveness. Thus all men fall under God's  
judgment. No one is more subject to that judgment than the man  
who assumes that he is guiltless before God or morally superior  
to others.**

\*Hymn # 382 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

(to the tune: St Agnes)

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 # 375 "I Then Shall Live"

\*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
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	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
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Baptisms



**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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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 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; Ushers, Ed & Becky Bence and Rick & Willa Shoemaker; Projector, Shakira McKinney; 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 loved ones by Sue Harvey.

GRANNIES will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to pick-up in the parlor.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 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, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Room. We are looking for two ringers, one to ring the 2 highest and lightest bells and one to ring the 2 lowest and heaviest bells. 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 and see what it's like.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

COPIES OF THE ANNUAL REPORT are available on the back table for those who were unable to attend the Congregational Meeting in January. Please help yourself to a copy.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome.

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. Please see Pastor Monroe or Bobbi for more information.

ON ASH WEDNESDAY, March 6<sup>th</sup>, the Community Lenten Lunches will begin. Each Wednesday through the Lenten Season a community church will host a service at 12:00 noon followed by a soup and sandwich lunch. The schedule for this year's luncheons follows.

- March 6.....Black Lick United Methodist  
Rev. Jim Kendall
- March 13..... Christian & Missionary Alliance  
Rev. Brett Dinger
- March 20..... Blairsville First United Methodist  
Rev. Timothy Monroe
- March 27..... Blairsville United Presbyterian  
Father Steve Bugay
- April 3.....Hopewell Methodist  
Rev. Joe Baird
- April 10..... Hebron Lutheran  
Hebron Representative
- April 17.....Sts. Simon & Jude  
Rev. Cory Braatz
- April 19, Good Friday, 7:00 p.m. .... Second Baptist  
Rev. John Buchmann

**MISSION MOMENT** – *“Laundry Love” – a local ministry*

For the past two years, St. Peter’s Episcopal Church has been hosting a monthly “free laundry” service at the E&F Norge Laundromat on Walnut Street. After some startup publicity including a Blairsville newspaper article, the only folks who showed up at the first session were those who brought donations of laundry supplies and cash. However, word of mouth prevailed and people called to ask for details or just came with friends we were already serving. Since then we have served 14 families, averaging 3-4 each month. We have had some families move to other towns where local congregations have picked up their support. We have had some families with improved circumstances who no longer need our services – and they have stayed in touch with us and each other.

Although we served some temporarily homeless families, most are working but not earning a living wage or are on disability and cannot work. Doing laundry is expensive and not covered by social services. Most of our families have no car so they rely on others or come on foot using baby strollers or borrowed shopping carts to carry their laundry.

The ministry we offer there varies. Some just need a person to listen to them; some ask us for prayers; some ask to receive a blessing or communion or inquire about baptism; some need other help that we can often find for them by referring them elsewhere. Others just need a hug, a smile and some kind words of encouragement. We try to just be present for them while we are there and see where God’s path takes us, not pushing any particular agenda or message.

We normally hold our monthly sessions on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month after services from about noon until 3 and post the dates/times on our church’s Facebook page. We welcome volunteers any Sunday, for as little as an hour here and there. We welcome cash donations or laundry supplies (bring them to the laundromat or drop them at St. Peter’s any Sunday between 10:15 am and noon).

If anyone would like more information, they may feel free to contact me through the St. Peter’s Facebook page, my cell phone (603-674-6329) or email (kathy950@gmail.com).