

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

March 10, 2019 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Connie Bruner, 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 # 446 *“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”*

*O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths
Its flow may richer, fuller be.*

Call to Worship (*Psalm 91*)

Leader: You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

**People: Will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.”**

Leader: Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.

**People: When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.**

**All: With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

*Hymn # 73 *“The Lord My Shepherd Guards Me Well”*

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We desire earthly kingdoms and dismiss your heavenly realm. We seek to provide for ourselves and spurn the bread of life you offer. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to rely on your saving word, to trust in your sustaining care, and to worship and serve you alone; 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 Romans 10:8b-13 (pg. 160 of NT)

Anthem *“On Eagles Wings”*

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Luke 4:1-13 (pg. 61 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

The most wise, righteous, and gracious God, doth often-times leave for a season his own children to manifold temptations and the corruption of their own hearts, to chastise them for their former sins, or to discover unto them the hidden strength of corruption and deceitfulness of their hearts, that they be humbled; and to raise them to a more close and constant dependence for their support upon himself, and to make them more watchful against all future occasions of sin, and for sundry other just and holy ends. (*Westminster Confession of Faith*)

*Hymn # 476 *“I Need Thee Every Hour”*

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 # 483 *“Take Time to Be Holy”*

*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
Daylight Saving Time Begins

Monday 9:00-12:00 p.m. Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting

Tuesday 12:00-1:00 p.m. Food Bank distribute groceries

Wednesday 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch
5:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
5:30 p.m. Daisy Troop Meeting
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 2:00 p.m. Stitching Group
6:00-8:00 p.m. Girl Scout Leader Meeting
6:00-8:00 p.m. ALICE Training-New Florence

Friday 1:30-6:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00-2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHESES SCHEDULE:

March 13Christian & Missionary Alliance
Rev. Brett Dinger

March 20Blairsville First United Methodist
Rev. Timothy Monroe

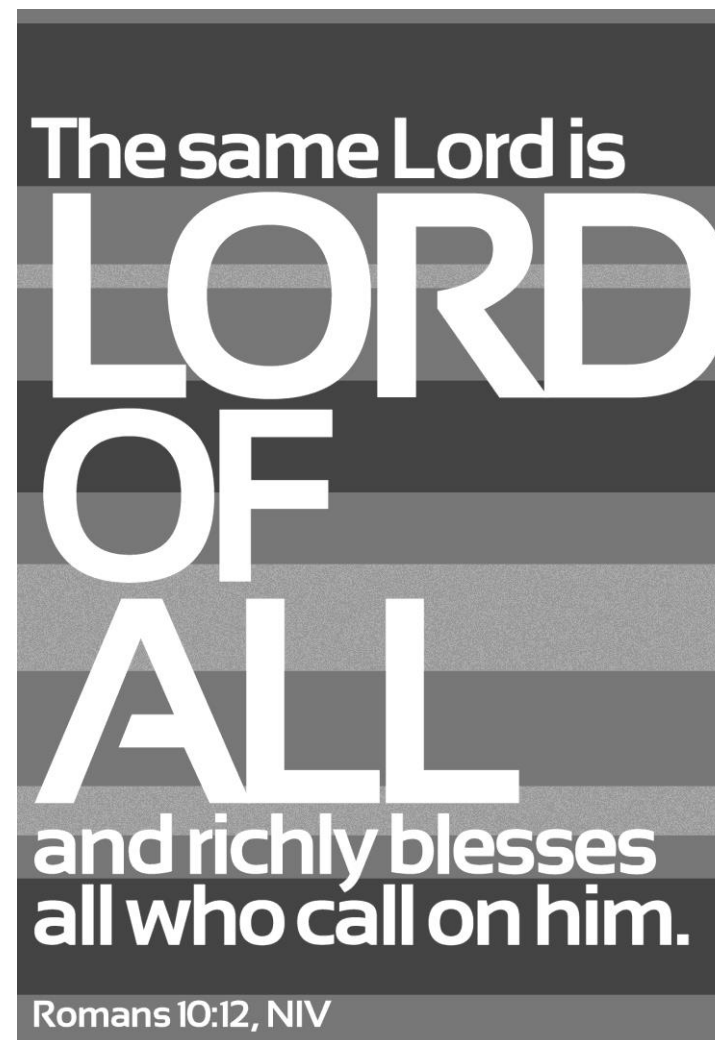
March 27Blairsville United Presbyterian
Father Steve Bugay

April 3Hopewell Methodist
Rev. Joe Baird

April 10Hebron Lutheran
Hebron Representative

April 17Sts. Simon & Jude
Rev. Cory Braatz

April 19, Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.Second Baptist
Rev. John Buchmann



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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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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, Connie Bruner; Ushers, John & Mary Hileman and Steve & Joan Moran; Projector, Kayla Moran; Audio, Olivia Eckenroad; 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 Annabel Machak.

GRANNIES will meet Monday, March 11th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday, March 12th from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesday, March 13th at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Monroe leads the study of Ephesians.

THE COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEON is Wednesday, March 13th. We will gather at the C&MA Church at 12:00 p.m. and Rev. Brett Dinger will share the message. Following the service, a soup and sandwich lunch will be served.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Wednesday, March 13th at 5:30 p.m. in the parlor.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, March 13th 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 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.

A COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE will be held in Fellowship Hall Friday, March 15th from 1:30 – 6:00 p.m. For an appointment, please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, March 13th 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, March 14th at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor. 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 next Sunday, March 17th. Classes will be from 12:00-2:30 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.

THIS YEAR'S LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET was written by folks from the community. As a community project, the ministerium took the lectionary Gospel reading for each day of Lent and asked folks from the various churches to prepare a devotional message that relates to that portion of scripture. Each devotion is composed of an assigned scripture lesson, a devotional message of about 400 words, and a one or two sentence prayer. All submissions were compiled into booklet form, duplicated, and distributed to area churches for use during the Lenten Season. What a wonderful way for the Christians of Blairsville to share Christ as one. Devotionals are available for you to pick up at the back of the sanctuary today.

ALICE TRAINING will be held Thursday, March 14th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the New Florence Presbyterian Church. ALICE or Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evaluate Training Program is a pioneer in active shooter preparation. The training is free and open to the public.

THE VOLUNTEER OFFICE at Torrance Hospital is looking for new or gently worn items for men and women. They include: shoes and boots, clothes, socks (white & colored), underwear, -bras (no underwire), buttons the size of a dime/nickel (for clothing repairs). Please place donations at the back of the sanctuary. For questions, please see Susie Cotti or call the church office.

MISSION MOMENT - *PDA Blue T-Shirt Sunday*

Every year, the first Sunday in Lent is designated “Wear your blue T-shirt to church Sunday” as a testament of one of the ways that One Great Hour of Sharing makes a difference.

King David sang, *“You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy...”* (Psalm 30:11)

Thousands of volunteers each year (9,148 in 2018, to be exact) put on a blue T-shirt that reads, “Out of chaos, hope.” The volunteers bring not only ladders and drywall for rebuilding, but also the love of God. Many disaster survivors who see the love of God evident in the lives of these servants are able to take off their cloak of mourning and begin to find joy.

“I think the blue shirt means different things to different people. I think to survivors of disaster, I think they see the blue shirts as a symbol of hope,” said Gail Farnham, a member of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) National Response Team.

Many congregations have not had an opportunity to “earn” PDA T-shirts through volunteer work team efforts but are supporting the ministry of PDA through financial gifts, actions and prayers. You are standing in the GAP (Give, Act, Pray) for disaster survivors. Therefore, PDA urges all congregations to participate in a “blue-out.”

Alan Ford, a volunteer disaster response coordinator for Mission Presbytery in Texas, said that PDA helped after the wildfires of 2011 and all of the disasters that have affected the presbytery since then, including various floods and windstorms and Hurricane Harvey in 2017. Ford said, “Our modest One Great Hour of Sharing gifts have been returned to us many times over. Many thanks and blessings, PDA!”

Learn more about PDA at pcusa.org/pda.