

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

March 17, 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 # 435 *"Like a River Glorious"*

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,

Over all victorious in its bright increase:

Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day,

Perfect, yet it growth deeper all the way.

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,

Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.

Call to Worship (*Psalms 27*)

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

**People: Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.**

Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

**People: Wait for the Lord; be strong,
and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

*Hymn # 569 *"God of Grace and God of Glory"*

*Prayer of Confession

O Lord, our light and salvation, our shield and the stronghold of our lives, we confess that we have neglected your gracious covenant; for though you have granted us citizenship in heaven, we have concerned ourselves with earthly things; though your Son has borne the cross for our redemption, we have indulged the flesh, fearing to follow him as we should. Forgive us, merciful God, for our shameful ways, and transform us in accordance with your glory and the power by which Christ Jesus rules over all things.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

*Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 (pg. 12 of OT)

Anthem *"Promised Land"*

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

New Testament Lesson Philippians 3:17-4:1 (pg. 198 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in men and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God. (*Confession of 1967*)

*Hymn # 408 *"I Am Thine, O Lord"*

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 # 513 *"O Jesus, I Have Promised"*

*Benediction

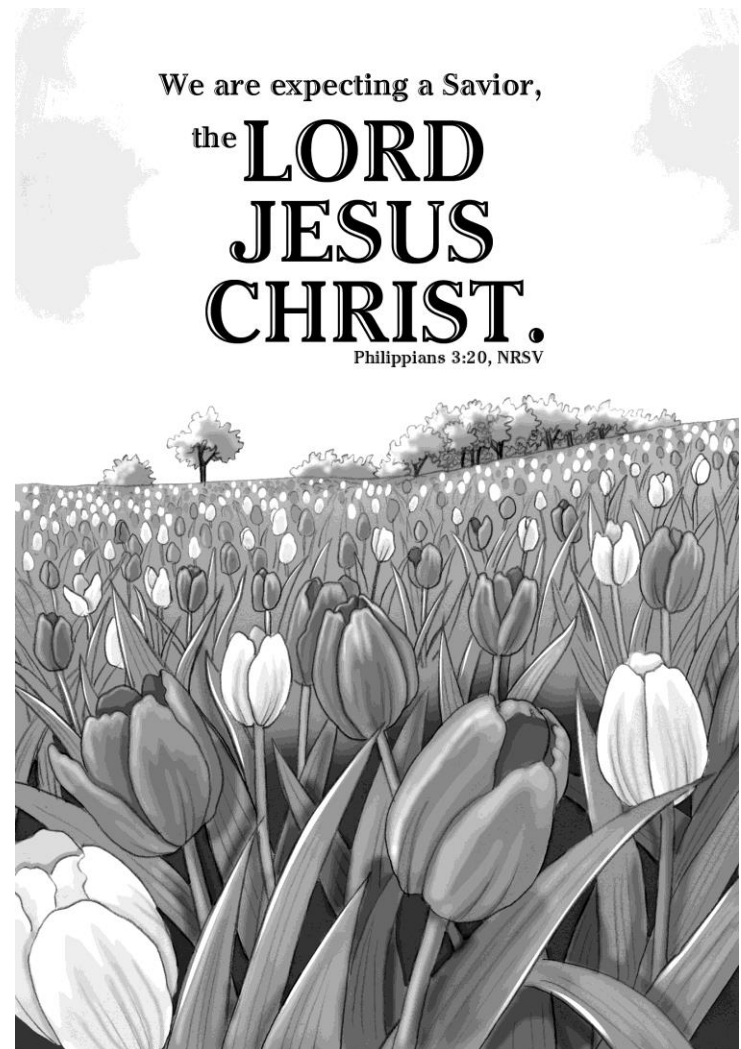
*Choral Response

*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
	12:00-2:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Christian Ed Meeting
Saturday	12:00-6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
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	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00-2:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class



We are expecting a Savior,

the **LORD
JESUS
CHRIST.**

Philippians 3:20, NRSV

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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, Rick Shoemaker; Ushers, Elaine Jellison, Steve Moran; 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 loved ones by Rick and Willa Shoemaker.

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BIBLE STUDY will not be held the following two Wednesdays due to the Lenten Lunch schedule. We will resume Wednesday, April 3rd.

THE COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEON is Wednesday, March 20th. We will gather at the First United Methodist Church at 12:00 p.m. and Rev. Monroe will share the message. Following the service, a soup and sandwich lunch will be served.

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.

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 CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE will meet Thursday, March 21st at 6:00 p.m. in the parlor.

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 STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, March 21st 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 starting today following worship. Classes will begin at 12:00 and end about 2:30 p.m. A light lunch will be served. Please see Pastor Monroe or Bobbi for more information.

THIS YEAR'S LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET was written by folks from the community. Each devotion is composed of an assigned scripture lesson, a devotional message of about 400 words, and a one or two sentence prayer. Devotionals are available for you to pick up at the back of the sanctuary.

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.

COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEES SCHEDULE:

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