

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE  
Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

### THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Bobbi Monroe, 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 # 353 vs. 3 “*Grace Greater than Our Sin*”  
Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
Freely bestowed on all who believe:  
You that are longing to see his face,  
Will you this moment his grace receive?  
Grace, grace, God’s grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God’s grace,  
Grace that is greater than all our sin.

### Call to Worship (*Joel 2*)

Leader: Yet even now, says the Lord,  
return to me with all your heart,  
People: **With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
rend your hearts and not your clothing.**  
Leader: Return to the Lord, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
People: **Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and relents from punishing.**  
All: **Blow the trumpet of Zion; sanctify a fast;  
call a solemn assembly; gather the people.**

\*Hymn # 371 “*Our Father, We Have Wandered*”

### \*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We make a great display of our piety and fail to practice authentic prayer. We give our hearts to earthly treasure and turn our backs on heavenly favor. Forgive us, God of grace. Reconcile us to yourself so that we might have the blessing of abundant life in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

Imposition of Ashes

*(As worshippers come forward to receive the imposition of ashes – those in the pew will read Psalm 51 aloud.)*

### DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson II Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 (pg. 181 of NT)

Anthem “*In This Moment of Remembrance*”

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 58:1-12 (pg. 688 of OT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

### RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. **Amen.** *(The Apostles’ Creed)*

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 386 “*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*”

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 # 440           *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*  
\*Benediction  
\*Choral Response  
\*Postlude

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

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This Evening 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.

Our Worship Assistants for the evening service are Liturgist, Bobbi Monroe; Ushers, Bill & Deb Lint, Pat Swope; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; and Organist, Marilyn Neal.

Lenten Devotional Booklets are available at the back of the sanctuary for anyone wishing to take one. The booklets include a Daily Lenten Reflection for each day beginning today and concluding on Easter Day.

Our Offering received this evening will be used in replenishing our Deacon Food Pantry Outreach.



# ASH WEDNESDAY *worship*

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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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## Psalm 51

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my  
transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my  
sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in  
your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and  
blameless when you pass judgment.
- 5 Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived  
me.
- 6 You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me  
wisdom in my secret heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall  
be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have  
crushed rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right  
spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your  
holy spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a  
willing spirit.
- 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will  
return to you.
- 14 Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and  
my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
- 15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
- 16 For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt  
offering, you would not be pleased.
- 17 The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and  
contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.