

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

March 31, 2019 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Deb Lint, 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 # 90 v. 2 *“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”*

*Jesus! What a Strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my Strength, my victory wins.*

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a Friend!

Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Call to Worship (*Psalms 32*)

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**People: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

Leader: While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

**People: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Leader: Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to you.

**People: You are a hiding-place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

*Hymn # 72 *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We
take your blessing for granted and squander our inheritance. We
boast of our good works and resent your great mercy to others.
Forgive us, God of grace. Let us no longer be lost in our sin. Help
us to find our way home to you, where you welcome us with open
arms; 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 II Corinthians 5:16-21 (pg. 181 of NT)

Anthem *“Come Find Forgiveness and Love”*

Betsy Holby - Flute

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (pg. 78 of NT)

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 and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 354 *“Just As I Am”*

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 # 348 *“Softly and Tenderly”*

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

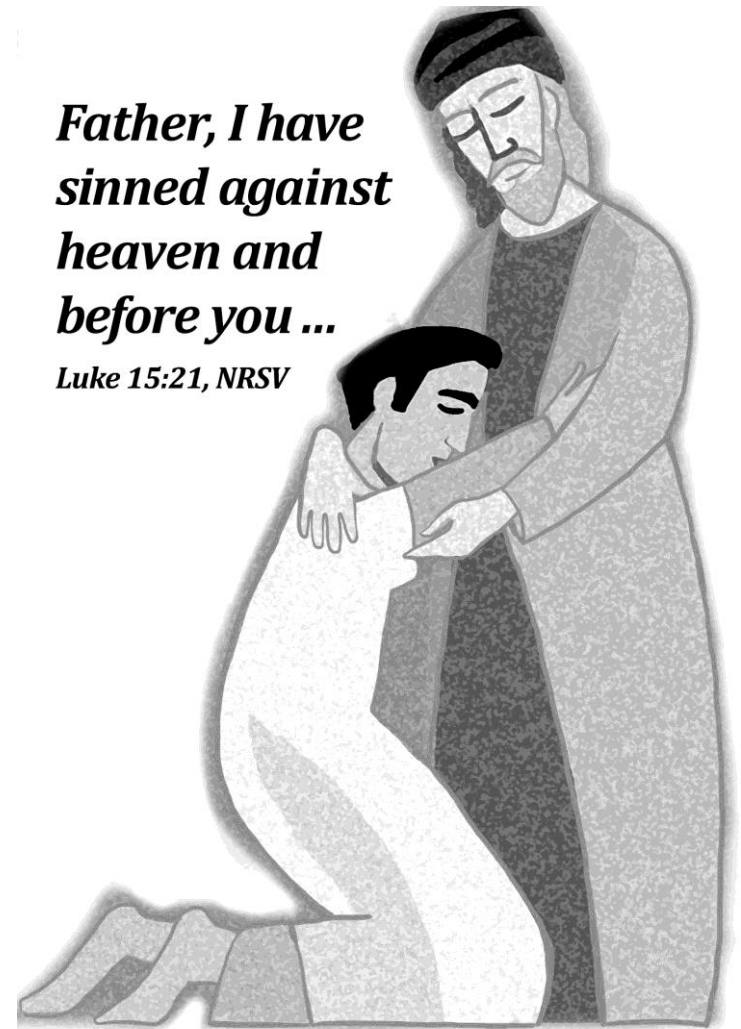
*(*All who are able, please stand.)*

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion
	12:00-2:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Historical Society Meeting
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
	12:00-2:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class

***Father, I have
sinned against
heaven and
before you ...***

Luke 15:21, NRSV



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.

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, Deb Lint; Ushers, Eli, Brennan & Ewan Borbonus and David & John Kerin; Projector, Alex Kirkland; Audio, Andrew Baker; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will be held for young people today following worship. Classes will begin at 12:00 and end about 2:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

BIBLE STUDY will resume Wednesday, April 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Monroe is leading our study of Ephesians.

THE COMMUNITY LENTEN Service and Lunch will be held Wednesday, April 3rd at Hopewell United Methodist Church. Rev. Joe Baird will share the message. Worship begins at 12 noon followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, April 3rd 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, April 3rd 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.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, April 4th at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome to join the group.

TRAINING on use of our handicap lift will be held following worship today. All are welcome to stay for the training. The lift is located at the kitchen end of Fellowship Hall in the hallway entrance.

EASTER FLOWERS are being offered by our deacons. Please use the bulletin insert to place your order and note your dedication.

A SEDER is planned for Maundy Thursday, April 18th. Please use the bulletin insert to RSVP.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is a few short months away. If you enjoy working with kids and learning new things, you don't want to miss this opportunity. We need...want volunteers to help with this year's VBS program scheduled for June 17-21. Our curriculum will be from Group Publishing entitled, "Athens – Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth." Please contact the church office for more information or to volunteer. All volunteers will need copies of current child protection clearances on file in the office.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will present Sight and Sound DVD of "Noah," today at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will present, "Bow the Knee" a dramatic musical for Easter. Performances will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 12-14 at 7:00 p.m. A free will offering will be received. Light refreshments will be served following the musical.

COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHESES SCHEDULE:

- April 3 Hopewell Methodist
Rev. Joe Baird
- April 10 Hebron Lutheran
Hebron Representative
- April 17 Sts. Simon & Jude
Rev. Cory Braatz
- Good Friday, April 19 Second Baptist
Rev. John Buchmann

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE SEASON OF LENT AND EASTER:

- Wednesdays.....Lenten Lunches, 12:00 pm
- Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
- Thursday, April 18 Maundy Thursday
Seder Meal and Communion in Fellowship Hall, 6:00 pm
- Friday, April 19 Community Good Friday Worship
Second Baptist Church, 7:00 pm
- Sunday, April 21 Early Easter Worship, 8:30 am
Easter Breakfast, 9:30 am
Easter Day Worship, 11:00 am

MISSION MOMENT – One Great Hour of Sharing – 70th Anniversary

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God’s love with people experiencing need. Your gifts to this offering support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, food for the hungry, and community development that helps people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities. When God’s people work together through One Great Hour of Sharing, the possibilities are endless.

We will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Palm Sunday, April 14th during our 11:00 a.m. worship. Please see the bulletin insert for more information.

One Great Hour of Sharing is the church saying,
“We’ll be there when you need us.”