

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

April 28, 2019 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Lon Ferguson, 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 # 438 *“On Eagle’s Wings”*

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord, “My refuge, my Rock in whom I trust.”
And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun
and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

Call to Worship (*Psalms 118*)

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

**People: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**People: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

*Hymn # 289 *“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”*

*Prayer of Confession

**God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways
of death. You offer us your forgiveness, yet we refuse to forgive
others. You show us signs of resurrection, yet still we fail to
believe. Forgive us, God of grace. Fill us with your Holy Spirit
and send us out in mission to proclaim your reconciling love;
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 Revelation 1:4-8 (pg. 245 of NT)

Anthem *“In Christ Alone”*

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

New Testament Lesson Acts 5:27-32 (pg. 123 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith (*Brief Statement of Faith*)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer
of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to
accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us
together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our
faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the
Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with
the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men
to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the
Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all
peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in
Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and
to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to
God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily
tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s
new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

*Hymn # 302 *“He Lives”*

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 562 *“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”*

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand.)

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00-2:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop Meeting
Tuesday	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Historical Society Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Baptism
	12:00-2:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	2:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved

GOD *exalted*
HIM *at HIS*
right hand as
Leader and
SAVIOR.

Acts 5:31, 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, Lon Ferguson; Ushers, the Moran Family; Projector, Alex Kirkland; Audio, Andrew Baker; 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 William and June Lint by Tom and Janet Smith.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet today following worship from 12:00 until about 2:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesday, May 1st at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Monroe is leading our study of Ephesians.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, May 1st 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, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you are interested in singing in the chancel choir, please see Cindy Borbonus.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, May 2nd 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.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped prepare, serve and clean up the Seder Meal. There were many lending a hand which helped make the evening a success. We had approximately 60 in attendance. Much appreciation to all of you and the many ways you served.

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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is a couple short months away. If you enjoy working with kids and learning new things, you don't want to miss this opportunity. Volunteers are needed to help with this year's VBS program scheduled for June 17-21. Our curriculum is from Group Publishing entitled, "Athens – Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth." Please contact the church office for more information or to volunteer.

THERE ARE SEVERAL Sunday dates still available on the Flower Chart located in the hallway outside the office. Stop by and sign-up for your choice of dates. Flower arrangements are \$20 each and checks can be made payable to the "Deacons." Special dedications can be submitted to the church office.

PARENTS OF GRADUATES, please notify the office or see Joan Moran about your student's pending graduation from high school or college so that we may show your son or daughter how much we care. Graduate recognition will be Sunday, June 2nd during the morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. If your graduate would like to share a talent during the recognition service such as singing, playing an instrument, speaking, etc., please let Joan know or contact the church office.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER IN MAY:

- Teacher Appreciation Sunday, May 19th
- Last day of Sunday School Sunday, May 19th
- Primary Election Tuesday, May 21st – voting in Fellowship Hall
- Last day of our 11:00 a.m. Worship Schedule Sunday, May 26th
- Memorial Day Monday, May 27th – office closed
- Summer Schedule begins Sunday, June 2nd –
Worship at 10:00 a.m.; Sunday School and Choirs in recess
- Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 2nd – 10:00 a.m.