

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE  
October 20, 2019 ~ 11:00 AM  
**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting Mary Anzelone, 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 # 664 *“Thy Word”*

*Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

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*When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way,*

*Still you’re there right beside me.*

*And nothing will I fear as long as you are near.*

*Please be near me to the end.*

Call to Worship (*Psalms 119*)

Leader: Oh, how I love your law!

It is my meditation all day long.

**People: Your commandment makes me wiser**

**than my enemies, for it is always with me.**

Leader: I have more understanding than all my teachers,

for your decrees are my meditation.

**People: I understand more than the aged,**

**for I keep your precepts.**

Leader: I hold back my feet from every evil way,

in order to keep your word.

**People: I do not turn away from your ordinances,**

**for you have taught me.**

Leader: How sweet are your words to my taste,

sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**People: Through your precepts I get understanding;**

**therefore I hate every false way.**

\*Hymn # 471 *“As the Deer”*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. You call us to study the Scriptures, but we are easily distracted. You ask us to be persistent in prayer, but we are**

**quickly discouraged. Forgive us, God of grace. Write your Word in our hearts, so that we may truly know you and joyfully serve you; 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**

Old Testament Lesson Jeremiah 31:27-34 (pg. 735 of OT)

Anthem *“O God of Truth and Justice”*

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Luke 18:1-8 (pg. 81 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation of Faith (*The Larger Catechism, Q.184-185*)

For what things are we to pray?

**We are to pray for all things tending to the glory of God, the welfare of the church, our own or others’ good; but not for anything that is unlawful.**

How are we to pray?

**We are to pray with an awe filled sense of the majesty of God, and deep sense of our own unworthiness, necessities, and sins; with penitent, thankful, and enlarged hearts; with understanding, faith, sincerity, fervency, love, and perseverance, waiting upon him with humble submission to his will.**

\*Hymn # 478 *“Sweet Hour of Prayer”*

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 # 473 *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

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

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, Mary Anzelone; Ushers, Kristi & Hannah Eckenroad, Linda George and Elaine Jellison; 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 loving memory of Cherry Klingensmith by Cindy and family.

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**REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	2:30 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	7:45-8:15 p.m.	Christmas Cantata Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Christian Ed Committee Meeting
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	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
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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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A SESSION MEETING will be held Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to pick up in the parlor.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The Old Testament book of Daniel is our focus. All are welcome.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. We are in need of two ringers to complete our choir. If you are interested in ringing, please see Vicky Westley.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. New and familiar voices are always welcomed! Please see Cindy Borbonus for more information.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA rehearsals will be held Wednesdays from 7:45-8:15 p.m. Anyone wishing to participate in the special music is invited to attend rehearsals. The cantata will be presented Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

OUR SESSION with your help is entering a time of visioning. We hope to understand where we've been, who we are and where the Holy Spirit is directing us. The Rev. Kathy Nice will be leading us through a resource developed by Healthy Congregations, Inc. There are three workshops to be completed over a period of one year or more. We will hold two three-hour consecutive evenings per workshop. If you are interested in taking part, we ask that you make it a priority and participate fully in the discussion and work. **Workshop 1 is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday evenings, November 13 & 14 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.** Please contact the church office if you plan to attend, 724-459-7991. Please keep the process in your prayers.

THE BLAIRSVILLE COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND will perform their Annual Veteran's Day Concert Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Blairsville Senior High School auditorium. All are 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 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COATS-FOR-KIDS DRIVE is now underway. We are receiving monetary donations for the purchase of specific size coats. Please mark your donation clearly for "Coats" and place it in the offering plate. If you know of a family with children who may need winter coats, please contact Janet Smith or the church office at 724-459-7991.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers to work on personal projects and to fellowship. All are welcome.

THE CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE will meet Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATIONS will be held Sundays, November 10<sup>th</sup> and November 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor. If you are interested in becoming a member, please see Pastor Monroe.

THE DEACONS will assemble Thanksgiving Baskets for families in the community. Each box contains everything a family needs to cook a Thanksgiving dinner. We ask that you consider donating food items or giving a monetary contribution. Boxes will soon be available at the back of the church for the collection of food donations. If any member of the congregation is aware of a family who may need a Thanksgiving basket, please contact Pastor Monroe or Marilyn Neal.

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, we collect items for the Pathway Homeless Shelter in Black Lick based on their specific needs at that time. Throughout the month of October, we will be collecting: bath towels, wash cloths, paper towels and tissues. They can be placed in the designated container in the vestibule. If you wish to make a monetary donation, please make your check payable to the "Board of Deacons." If you have any questions, please contact Steve Moran.

**MISSION MOMENT** - *Educate a Child, Transform the World*

*“Beginning with John Calvin’s support of free schools, people of the Reformed tradition have always affirmed the value of education and its potential to transform lives and systems.” — PC(USA) Policy Statement “Loving Our Neighbors: Equity and Quality in Public Education”*

Presbyterians have always supported public education. Jesus calls us to love God with “heart, soul and mind.” Our Reformed tradition affirms education as one way we develop our mind and one way we love God. The PC(USA)’s most recent policy statement on public education stands in that tradition and recognizes “that quality public schools are essential to our society’s efforts to overcome poverty and address social inequality.” The policy statement states that “quality public schools offer a holistic education, one that equips our children to live both meaningful and productive lives. A quality public school ... is a place where they learn to think critically and become effective citizens, where they gain an appreciation for the sweep of human history and for the arts. Public schools are one place where children and young people can learn about their own bodies, how to be healthy and stay fit.” The study acknowledges the role of private and charter schools while affirming that quality public schools impact most of our children. Loving our neighbor means loving our neighbors’ children and supporting the public schools, even if we do not have children attending those schools. The Educate a Child Roundtable (which grew out of the Educate a Child, Transform the World initiative launched at the 221st General Assembly in Detroit in 2014) is working to encourage and resource Presbyterian congregations around issues related to public schools. The roundtable has written and approved the “Educate a Child Covenant.” It is in the process of developing resources. This covenant will be a way that congregations can publicly commit to actively supporting public education and become part of a network of congregations who share that commitment. There are many ways that congregations can support public education, including recognizing and affirming educators and students in worship at the beginning of the school year, providing resources to teachers who purchase supplies with their own money, starting a before- or after-school learning center and supporting legislation that improves schools.

*Rev. Dave Brown, Member of the Educate a Child Roundtable and Co-Author of the Public Education Policy Statement “Loving Our Neighbors: Equity and Quality in Public Education”*