

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

October 6, 2019 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Jean Heberling, 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 # 549 *"I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"*

I love your kingdom, Lord, the house of your abode,

The Church our blest Redeemer saved

With his own precious blood.

Call to Worship (*Lamentations 3:22-26*)

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

**People: They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.**

Leader: "The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

**People: The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.**

**All: It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.**

*Hymn # 72 *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

*Prayer of Confession

Sovereign God, we confess that we have not turned away from sin. We worry that our hope is lost and forget the promise of your love. We take the gift of faith for granted and fail to keep your commandments. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to hold fast to the teaching of your Word and guard the treasure entrusted to us; 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 Timothy 1:1-14 (pg. 211 of NT)

Anthem *"Seed of Faith"*

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Luke 17:5-10 (pg. 80 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

*Prayer of Dedication

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

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 # 474 *"I Surrender All"*

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

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

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	12:00-1:00 p.m.	Food Bank
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00-8:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Leader Meeting
Friday	11:00 a.m.	Area Ministerium Meeting
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

CHURCH PARKING is available in front of the building on Walnut Street, in the ally along the side of the building and in the parking lot across the street. Those able to walk are asked to please park across the street in the lot so those with difficulty walking can park closer to the building. Please refrain from parking in the Episcopal Church spaces at all times, Sundays and through the week. Thank you.

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN of Blairsville First United Methodist Church are hosting a Harvest Festival on October 16th. The Salad Bar is from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. for a donation of \$7.00. There will also be a bake sale, crafts, and a flea market from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door, the church office or from a member of the United Methodist Women.



LAMENTATIONS 3:22, 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, Jean Heberling; Ushers, Bob & Charlotte Cosharek, Alan Lowman and Dennis Gould; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Audio, Jaison McKinney; 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 Irving and Beverly Lindsey.

TODAY WE celebrate World Communion Sunday. The cloth on the communion table and the baskets used to serve the sacrament are gifts from our partner congregation in Rwanda, the Gitarama Church.

THE ICCAP FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday, October 8th from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Those signing up for the first time should bring proof of residence in the Blairsville borough.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesday, October 9th 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 9th 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.

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 5th 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 a winter coat, please contact Janet Smith.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, October 10th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers to work on personal projects and to fellowship. All are welcome.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. New and familiar voices are always welcomed! Please see Cindy Borbonus for more information.

A BIG THANK YOU to those who organized, prepared, served and cleaned-up the refreshments for Dr. Petersen's reception last Sunday. The day was a wonderful celebration of his many years of ministry to this congregation and to many others.

SAVE THE DATE, this year's Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Sunday, November 24th following worship. We will gather in Fellowship Hall for a time of thankfulness for our church family and the many ways in which God has blessed us. Please look for inserts in upcoming bulletins.

WE HOPE that those ordering flowers through the deacons (signing up on the chart in the hallway) would take the arrangement following worship or pick them up at the church by the following Tuesday. Flowers that remain at the church after Tuesday will be shared with homebound members of the congregation. Please contact Jen Borbonus, Mary Hileman or Marilyn Neal if you have any questions or concerns.

AN USHER SIGN-UP SHEET is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to participate in worship as an usher/greeter, please sign-up. There are still dates available.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE will soon review information for the 2020 budget. Committee chairs are asked to look at your plans for next year and consider your financial needs. Changes to your budget area should be into the church office by October 15th. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

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 - *Peace & Global Witness Offering and World Communion*

Most of us don't get any mail except for what? Bills and junk. But once in a while, now and then, a pretty envelope, perhaps hand-addressed and with something nice inside, is nestled among the coupons and ads and utility bills. *An invitation.* It's something different and it feels good. It feels good to be invited.

Sometimes the church talks about the work we do as an obligation or a duty. We start thinking about the sign-up sheets and the time requirement, the money and ... But I try to remember “*invitation*” instead. Every time we are asked to give of ourselves, our time, our talent and our treasure, it helps to think of it as an invitation to imagine and be a part of God's reign on earth. And on World Communion Sunday, I can think of no more appropriate word than “*invitation.*”

Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, invites us to the table. And not just us, but Christ invites, and we open doors open to believers from all over the world, and we even profess that believers from every time and place join us. At this table we proclaim that Christ joins us into one body despite our differences. Christ invites and our doors open to the broken, the hurting and the survivors of violence — those who suffer, as he suffered, to be nourished by his compassion. Christ invites, and our doors open to those all those who work for reconciliation and advocate for God's justice, which makes for peace.

Christ invites, and we also offer ourselves to the pursuit to end violence and bring about reconciliation through the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Through our gifts, we offer a healing hand to women

experiencing abuse, here in this country and in places like Guatemala, even as we seek to remedy the structures that create their vulnerability. Our giving offers a word of peace to those incarcerated here and those crushed by civil war in places like the Democratic Republic of Congo. Our offering draws together those who were once at war, creating opportunities for veterans from this land to return to Iraq and build relationships that offer a start to healing and understanding.

It is one of the ways we RSVP “yes” to Christ's invitation and offer, as the words in 2 Thessalonians say, “peace, at all times, in all ways.” At Christ's table, and in these gifts, we are invited to believe those words. But for peace to truly be offered “at all times, in all ways,” we will start at *this* time and in *these* ways. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

Bryce Wiebe, Director of Special Offerings and Appeals, PC(USA)