

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

January 12, 2020 ~ 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 # 148 *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

Call to Worship (*Psalm 29*)

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord, over mighty waters.

**People: The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.  
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness.

**People: The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare;  
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"**

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**People: May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

\*Hymn # 50 *"Great Is the Lord"*

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face.  
We adore the high and mighty and ignore your humble  
servant. We act with prejudice and partiality and fail to share  
your love for all. Forgive us; give us grace. Pour out the power  
of your Spirit and renew us in our calling: to show the wonder  
of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

Ordination and Installation of Elder and Deacon

\*Sharing of the Peace

\*Time with the Younger Saints

**DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 42:1-9 (pg. 670 of OT)

Anthem *"Celtic Communion"*

Chancel Choir, Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Matthew 3:13-17 (pg. 3 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation of Faith (*Heidelberg Catechism, Q.1*)

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**That I belong - body and soul, in life and in death - not to  
myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost  
of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has  
completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he  
protects me so well that without the will of my Father in  
heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that  
everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore,  
by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and  
makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to  
live for him.**

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 123 *"Fairest Lord Jesus"*

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 # 719 *"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"*

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

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

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.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Lon Ferguson; Ushers, Bob & Charlotte Cosharek, Pat Swope and Tom Smith; 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 memory of our moms by Bob and Vicky Doty.

WE REJOICE this morning as Elizabeth Bruner is ordained and installed to the Diaconal Class of 2022 and as Jeff Lewis is ordained and installed to the Sessional Class of 2020.

GRANNIES will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. All are invited to join us. There are tasks for all skill levels.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Those signing up for the first time should bring proof of residence within the Blairsville Borough.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The New Testament book of Acts will be our focus. All are welcome.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</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, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. New and familiar voices are always welcomed! Please see Cindy Borbonus for more information.



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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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THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, January 16<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.

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY will be held at our church Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. Plan to come listen as church choirs and musical groups share in a time of community worship. This service is sponsored by the Area Ministerium.

YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS will be mailed mid to late January. If you would like your statement sooner, please contact the church office.

A BIG THANK YOU to Janet Smith for coordinating the Coats-for-Kids Drive. This year we were able to provide 35 coats to children without the warmth of a winter jacket. Contacts were made through the Food Bank, Pathway Shelter and Family Promise. We thank all those who gave financially to provide the coats.

ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 26<sup>th</sup> following worship, we will hold our Annual Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided. The work of the church during 2019 will be reviewed and the 2020 Nominating Committee will be elected. If you have any items to be discussed, please inform Pastor Monroe by Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> so that they can be reviewed by the Session before the meeting. We hope you will attend.

REPORTS are requested from committee chairs and treasurers for the annual Congregational Meeting which will be held Sunday, January 26, 2020 following worship. Please have reports to the church office by Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Jill during office hours at 724-459-7991 or email at [upchurch@r-church.com](mailto:upchurch@r-church.com).

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 2020 FLOWER CHART is hanging in the hallway outside the church office. If you would like to order flowers for Sunday worship, please use the chart to sign-up for your choice of date. Flowers are \$20/Sunday and checks can be made payable to the Board of Deacons. Please contact the church office with any questions or concerns.

PER CAPITA, literally "per head", is the amount requested from each member to cover the administrative expenses of the General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery. For 2020, that amount is \$33.62 per member on the active roll. That breaks down to \$8.95 to G.A., \$2.40 to Synod and \$22.27 to Presbytery. A letter was enclosed with your January UPLIFT Newsletter explaining the Session's action with regard to Per Capita. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Monroe. If you need a copy of the letter, please contact the church office, 724-459-7991.

THE WORK OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE is some of the most important in the life of the church. Those serving have the responsibility to bring before the congregation the names of members who will potentially serve as elders and deacons.

Members of this committee should have:

- \* An understanding of the nature, ministry and mission of the church
- \* An awareness of the spiritual nature of the offices of elder and deacon
- \* A knowledge of the impending challenges before the church
- \* A familiarity with the members of the congregation and the potential gifts and abilities they bring to service
- \* A spirit of prayer as they approach this work

If you, or someone you know would do well at the discernment of nominations, and would like to be considered for service on this committee, please write the name and place it in the offering plate or drop it off to the church office by January 19<sup>th</sup>.

## THE SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2020

Each year the committees of session seek to have volunteers become active participants. Please review the committees and their responsibilities and consider serving. If you would like more information or have questions, please see Pastor Monroe or an elder. Chairs will be determined at the January Session meeting.

Worship – Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings

Mission – Benevolences, special offerings, global & local missions and missionaries

Christian Education – Sunday school programs, curriculum, adult education, youth work, leadership education

Finance – Finances, special funds, and annual budget

Stewardship – Stewardship education and programs, challenges the congregation in its faithful use of the many different resources entrusted to our care

Property & Maintenance – Construction, maintenance, repairs, housekeeping, safety, security, yard work, inventory

Congregational Fellowship – Suppers, Dinner Theater, picnics, outings, trips, camping

Evangelism – New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity

## REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion Ordination & Installation of Officers
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Monday Music Club Meets
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting-Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	12:00 p.m.	Food Bank Distribution
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Sanctuary carpet cleaning
	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	2:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
	3:00 p.m.	Community Christian Unity Service