

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

January 19, 2020 ~ 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 # 588 *"A Charge to Keep I Have"*

Call to Worship (*Psalm 40*)

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**People: He drew me up from the desolate pit,
out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.**

Leader: He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

**People: Happy are those who make the Lord their trust,
who do not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after false gods.**

Leader: I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord.

**People: Do not, O Lord, withhold your mercy from me;
let your steadfast love and your faithfulness
keep me safe forever.**

*Hymn # 426 *"Blessed Assurance"*

*Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face.
We labor for worldly things and lack in spiritual gifts. We
sacrifice much for false idols and forsake your holy Lamb.
Forgive us; give us grace. Take away the sin of the world and
teach us, as disciples, to show the wonder of your love in
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 Isaiah 49:1-7 (pg. 679 of OT)

Anthem *"They'll Know We are Christians"*

Chancel Choir, Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson John 1:29-42 (pg. 92 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith (*Westminster Confession of Faith*)

**Since there is no other way of salvation than that revealed in
the gospel, and since in the divinely established and ordinary
method of grace faith cometh by hearing the Word of God,
Christ hath commissioned his Church to go into all the world
and to make disciples of all nations. All believers are,
therefore, under obligation to sustain the ordinances of the
Christian religion where they are already established, and to
contribute by their prayers, gifts, and personal efforts to the
extension of the Kingdom of Christ throughout the whole
earth.**

*Hymn # 281 *"Lamb of God"*

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 # 486 *"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*

*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
	2:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
	3:00 p.m.	Community Christian Unity Service
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
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 p.m.	Luncheon & Congregational Meeting



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to know Christ and to make Christ known"*
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THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Mary Anzelone; Ushers, Bill & Deb Lint and Gene & Chery Artman; 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 loving memory of Maurice Borbonus by Cindy and family.

A COMMUNITY SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY will be held today at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Plan to come listen as church choirs and musical groups share in a time of worship. This service is sponsored by the Blairsville Area Ministerium.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesday, January 22nd 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 22nd 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 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. New and familiar voices are always welcomed! Please see Cindy Borbonus for more information.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, January 23rd 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 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.

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.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 26th 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. We hope you will attend.

REPORTS are requested from committee chairs and treasurers for the annual Congregational Meeting. Please have reports to the church office today. Email to upchurch@r-church.com or drop them off at the 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. We hope that those ordering flowers through the deacons 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 the church office with any questions or concerns.

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

THE COMMUNITY LENTEN worship services are held at 12:00 noon each Wednesday through the Season of Lent which begins Ash Wednesday, February 26th. Following the service a soup and sandwich lunch is served by the host church. Following is the 2020 schedule:

2/26	Black Lick UMC	Tim Monroe	Simon of Cyrene
3/4	C&MA	Dawn Krishart	Pilate's wife
3/11	Hebron Lutheran	Joe Baird	Nicodemus
3/18	United Presbyterian	Steve Bugay	Peter
3/25	Hopewell UMC	Rusty McClurg	Pilate
4/1	First UMC	Sharon Kendall	Mary Magdalene
4/8	Sts. Simon & Jude	Susan O'Shaughnessy	Guards at tomb
4/10	Crossroads	Harold Hicks	Thieves on cross