

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

February 2, 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 Brady Doak, Acolyte

Introit # 482 "Sanctuary"

Call to Worship (*Micah 6:6-8*)

Leader: "With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?

**People: Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings?**

**Will the Lord be pleased with  
thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?"**

Leader: He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you

**People: But to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?**

\*Hymn # 589 "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face.  
We demand signs and desire wisdom; yet the cross of Christ  
is all we need. We boast about our strengths; yet the  
weakness of Christ has saved us. Forgive us; give us grace.  
Teach us what is truly wise and good and blessed: 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**

Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:1-12 (pg. 4 of NT)

Anthem Chancel Choir, Cindy Borbonus, Director

New Testament Lesson I Corinthians 1:18-31 (pg. 166 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

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

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus  
proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the  
poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and  
deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and  
binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the  
gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this  
Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking  
the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life  
eternal.**

\*Hymn # 479 "Near the Cross"

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 # 255 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

(\*All who are able, please stand)

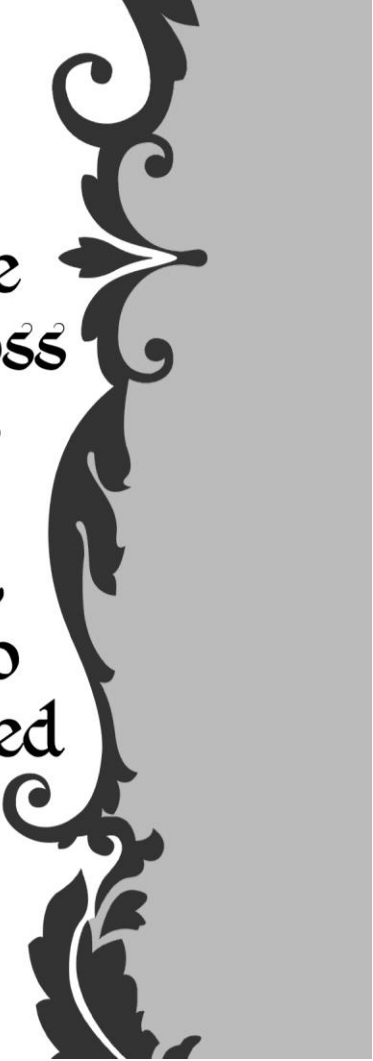
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**REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:**

- Sunday** 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. Worship  
*Souper Bowl of Caring Offering*
- Monday** 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Monday Music Club Meets
- Tuesday** 6:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
- 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
- Sunday** 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. Worship  
*Scout Sunday*
- 12:00-3:00 p.m. Fire Company Fundraiser Dinner  
in Fellowship Hall

THE COMMUNITY LENTEN worship services are held at 12:00 noon each Wednesday through the Season of Lent which begins Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. 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



The message  
about the cross  
is foolishness  
to those who  
are perishing,  
but to us who  
are being saved  
it is the  
power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:18, 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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THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Mary Anzelone; Acolyte, Brady Doak; Ushers, Doug & Andrea Clayton, Kim McKinney and Linda George; Projector, Chase Stuchal; 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 loved ones by Marilyn Neal.

THE ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL OF CARING OFFERING will be received during worship today. All of the gifts received will be sent to ICCAP to support the Food Bank. Prayerfully consider your gifts.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The New Testament book of Acts is our focus. All are welcome.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, February 5<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, February 5<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.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, February 6<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.

NEXT SUNDAY following worship, the Blairsville firemen will host a fundraiser swiss steak dinner in Fellowship Hall. 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.

PER CAPITA 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 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.

Worship – Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings – Dennis Gould, chair

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

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

Finance – Finances, special funds, and annual budget – Rick Shoemaker, chair

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

Property & Maintenance – Construction, maintenance, repairs, housekeeping, safety, security, yard work, inventory – Bob Cosharek and Pat Swope, co-chairs

Congregational Fellowship – Suppers, Dinner Theater, picnics, outings, trips, camping – Joan Moran, chair

Evangelism – New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity – Lisa Hainaut, chair

## **Mission Moment**

*Lord, you are my shepherd; I have all that I need. Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever. —Psalm 23 (NLT)*

When faced with chaos and danger, four World War II U.S. Army chaplains on a critically damaged Army transport together chose to offer their shipmates the peace they could. When nothing more could be done, these same chaplains laid down their lives, giving a few of those around them a chance for life. This story from more than 75 years ago lives on to both inspire and steady those who have answered the call to military service. Few chaplains find themselves giving their lives for their faith as literally as the Four Chaplains did, but all have raised their hands and taken the oath knowing that they might. All of our chaplains have made that choice. Serving as the Deputy Force Chaplain at Camp Fallujah, Iraq, in 2006, PC(USA) Navy Chaplain Mark Smith didn't travel frequently around Al Anbar province. When he did, it was usually a night flight on a Blackhawk helicopter. One rare daytime trip Chaplain Smith took as part of a vehicle convoy moving between Fallujah and Ramadi was a reminder of his call to serve no matter the cost. After a successful mission and while nearing the fortified entrance back into Camp Fallujah and safety, an explosion sounded in the distance. Chaplain Smith breathed a quick prayer of thanks that the gate was in sight and they had reached safety. The Marines, however, did what Marines do — they turned and headed toward the explosion. Soon a radio call came ordering a return to camp and all were spared. Chaplain Smith was stirred by the devotion of the Marines he served with that day, and knew he belonged among them. Chaplains are to be with those they serve, in every time and place, regardless of the circumstances. Our chaplains work with Marines, sailors, soldiers, airmen and Coast Guard members — from the greenest recruits to the most senior officers — standing ready to live out their calls in ways large and small, private and public. Today we recognize and honor the Four Chaplains and pray for those who are now serving as military chaplains. May they choose each day the example set in 1943 that such love can live forever.

*Lyman M. Smith, Captain, CHC, USN, retired; Director of the Presbyterian Counsel for Chaplains and Military Personnel*