

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

February 16, 2020 ~ 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 Acolyte

Introit # 423 vs. 2 *“Surely It Is God Who Saves Me”*

Call to Worship *(Psalm 119)*

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

**People: Happy are those who keep his decrees,
who seek him with their whole heart,
who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.**

Leader: You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.

**People: O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!**

Leader: Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

**People: I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.
I will observe your statutes;
do not utterly forsake me.**

*Hymn # 9 *“Come Let Us Praise the Lord”*

*Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face.
We look to false gods for help and turn away from you. We
say yes to what is evil and no to what is good. Forgive us; give
us grace. Help us to resist temptation and choose a better
way: 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

New Testament Lesson I Corinthians 3:1-9 (pg. 167 of NT)

Anthem *“Show Me the Way”*

Chancel Choir, Cindy Borbonus, Director

Old Testament Lesson Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (pg. 186 of OT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(Heidelberg Catechism Q. 28)*

What advantage comes from acknowledging God’s creation
and providence?

**We learn that we are to be patient in adversity, grateful in
the midst of blessing, and to trust our faithful God and
Father for the future, assured that no creature shall
separate us from his love, since all creatures are so
completely in his hand that without his will they cannot
even move.**

*Hymn # 443 *“Trust and Obey”*

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 # 358 *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

*Benediction

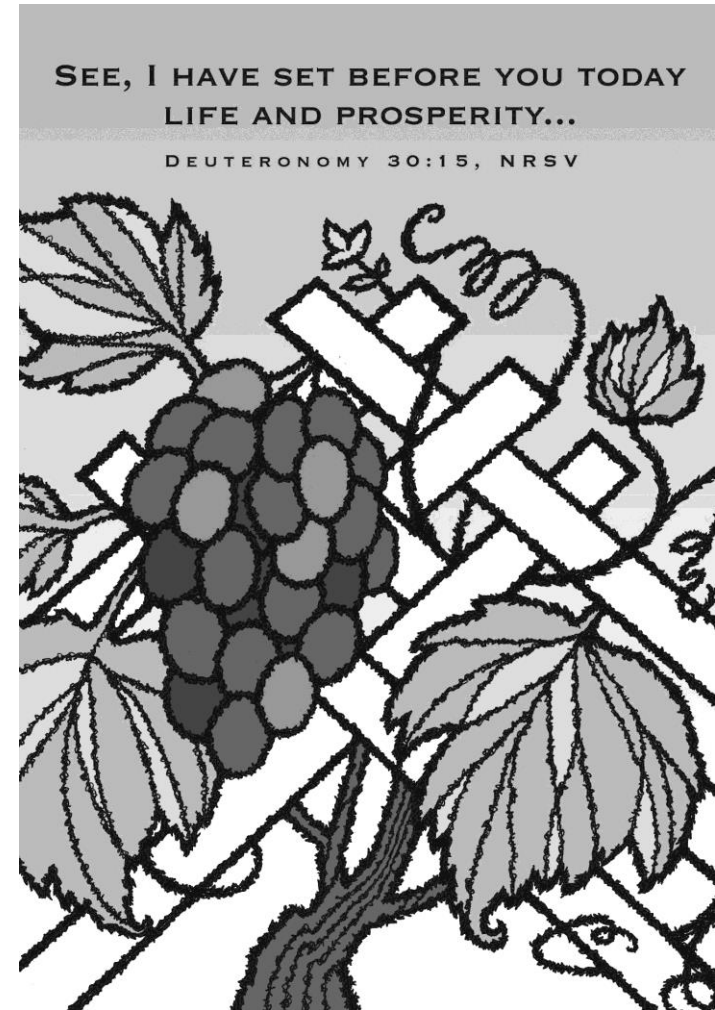
*Choral Response

*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
12:00 p.m. Scout Soup & Chili Cook Off in Fellowship Hall
- Monday** 6:00 p.m. Monday Music Club Meets
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting
- Tuesday** 6:00 p.m. Financial Audit
- 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 p.m. Christian Ed Committee 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, Jean Heberling; Ushers, Bob & Vicky Doty and Elizabeth & John Clark Bruner; 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 Nancy Boone.

COPIES OF THE ANNUAL REPORT are available on the back table for those who were unable to attend the Congregational Meeting in January. Please help yourself to a copy.

BLAIRSVILLE BOY SCOUT TROOP 4 will hold their 3rd Annual Soup & Chili Cook-Off today from 12:00-3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Admission is \$10.00, children 6 years and younger is \$5.00. Admission includes samples, bread, drinks and dessert. All proceeds will support Troop 4.

THE AUDIT COMMITTEE will review financial records of 2019 on Tuesday, February 18th at 6:00 p.m. Treasurers are asked to have your records to the church by Tuesday.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesday, February 19th 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 19th 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 19th 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 20th 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 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. Many dates are still available. 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 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.

THIS YEAR'S LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET will again be written by folks from the community. As a community project, the ministerium took the lectionary readings for each day of Lent and asked folks from the various churches to prepare a devotional message that relates to that portion of scripture. Each devotion is composed of an assigned scripture lesson, a devotional message of about 400 words, and a one or two sentence prayer. All submissions will be compiled into booklet form, duplicated, and distributed to area churches for use during the Lenten Season (which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26). What a wonderful way for the Christians of Blairsville to share Christ as one.

WE WILL GATHER FOR WORSHIP at 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 26th. There will be the imposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them and the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. This service of worship will be your first step into the Lenten season.

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 – 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

THERE ARE MANY unclaimed dishes in the church kitchen. If you are missing a pan or brought a dish to share at an earlier event, please check to see if your dish is in the kitchen and take it with you. Thank you from the kitchen ladies.

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