

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

February 23, 2020 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting Gene Artman, 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 John Kerin, Acolyte

Introit # 342 *"Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"*

Call to Worship (*Psalms 99*)

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.

**People: Let them praise your great and awesome name.  
Holy is he!**

Leader: Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool.  
Holy is he!

**People: Extol the Lord our God,  
and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the Lord our God is holy.**

\*Hymn # 136 *"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face.  
Your light shines all around us and yet we fail to see it. Your  
voice calls to us from heaven and yet we fail to listen. Forgive  
us; give us grace. Let us be witnesses to your glory; make it  
our mission, each day, 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 Exodus 24:12-18 (pg. 70 of OT)

Anthem *"Upon A Holy Mount"*

Chancel Choir, Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Matthew 17:1-9 (pg. 18 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation of Faith (*Heidelberg Catechism Q. 31*)

Why is he called CHRIST, that is, the ANOINTED ONE?

**Because he is ordained by God the Father and anointed  
with the Holy Spirit to be our chief Prophet and Teacher,  
fully revealing to us the secret purpose and will of God  
concerning our redemption; to be our only High Priest,  
having redeemed us by the one sacrifice of his body and  
ever interceding for us with the Father; and to be our  
eternal King, governing us by his Word and Spirit, and  
defending and sustaining us in the redemption he has won  
for us.**

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

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 # 106 *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

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

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**REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Monday Music Club Meet
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Lunch
	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Worship & Communion
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 a.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
	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



He was transfigured before  
them, and his face shone like  
the sun, and his clothes  
became white as light.

Matthew 17:2, ESV

**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, Gene Artman; Acolyte, John Kerin; Ushers, Rick & Willa Shoemaker, Elaine Jellison and Alan Lowman; Projector, John Clark Bruner; Audio, Elizabeth Bruner; 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 Russ Harvey by Sue Harvey and family.

THE DEACONS will check blood pressures following worship today. If you would like to have your numbers checked, please see Susie Cotti.

GRANNIES will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday, February 24<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 SESSION will meet Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to pick up in the parlor.

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

THE COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEONS begin Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. We will gather at the Black Lick United Methodist Church at 12:00 p.m. and Rev. Monroe will share the message. Following the service, a soup and sandwich lunch will be served.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, February 27<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.

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.

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.

THIS YEAR'S LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET was 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 a 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 were compiled into booklet form, duplicated, and distributed to area churches for use during the Lenten Season (which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>). What a wonderful way for the Christians of Blairsville to share Christ as one. Devotionals are available for you to pick up at the back of the sanctuary today.

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

## **MISSION MOMENT** - *If we build it, they will sleep*

No one knows exactly how many children in the tri-county area around Detroit are lacking a bed of their own, but it is likely that the number is in the thousands, according to the nonprofit Building Beds 4 Kids. “One of the most basic needs of children in the child welfare system — ages 2 to 18 — is for a warm, comfortable bed and a good night’s sleep,” said the Rev. Dr. Kathryn “Kate” Thoresen, coordinator of the statewide Faith Communities Coalition on Foster Care and parish associate for foster and/or adoptive families’ partnerships at First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, MI. “We see that providing beds for every child who needs one is an effective way to prevent kids from going into foster care in the first place,” Thoresen said. “We are also discovering that there are many grandparents who are raising grandkids who suddenly need beds as well.” Thoresen and her husband, Tom, who have three adult children and two grandchildren, have also served as respite foster parents. Through this experience, they have both developed a personal understanding of the needs of children in the child welfare system, especially those in foster care. Thoresen works to connect congregations and social service agencies statewide to meet the needs of foster children, families and youth aging out of the foster care system in Michigan. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) reports that not getting enough sleep each night is associated with an increase in injuries, hypertension, obesity and depression, especially for teens who may experience increased risk of self-harm or suicidal thoughts. The AAP also found that getting adequate sleep on a regular basis can lead to improved attention, behavior, learning, memory, and mental and physical health. A bed-building event held in November brought together 23 volunteers representing nine congregations in the Presbytery of Detroit, which has accepted the Matthew 25 invitation extended by the Presbyterian Mission Agency. This all-volunteer workforce assembled 68 beds, which were distributed by churches and social service agencies at no cost to families with children who need a bed. The wooden bed frames are made and assembled by volunteers. Local universities donate used twin-size mattresses when refurbishing dorm rooms, and congregations hold periodic drives for zippered mattress protectors and colorful sheet sets and comforters that appeal to children and youth. Nearly one-fourth of the churches in the Presbytery of Detroit have some kind of outreach effort to support children in the foster care system.

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