

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE
Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Bobbi Monroe, 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 # 492 vs. 2 *“Spirit of the Living God”*

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;

Make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:

Humble, caring, selfless, sharing.

Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.

Call to Worship (*Joel 2*)

Leader: Blow the trumpet of Zion; sound the alarm
on my holy mountain!

People: **Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near.**

Leader: Yet even now, says the Lord,
return to me with all your heart,

People: **With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
rend your hearts and not your clothing.**

Leader: Return to the Lord, your God,
for he is gracious and merciful,

People: **Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,
and relents from punishing.**

Leader: Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests,
the ministers of the Lord, weep.

People: **Let them say, “Spare your people, O Lord,
and do not make your heritage a mockery,
a byword among the nations.**

*Hymn # 354 *“Just As I Am”*

*Prayer of Confession

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. We proudly practice our piety yet conceal our secret shame. We trumpet our high ideals yet hide from neighbors in need. Forgive us, by your steadfast love. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Imposition of Ashes

(As worshippers come forward to receive the imposition of ashes – those in the pew will read Psalm 51 aloud.)

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Gospel Lesson Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (pg. 5 of NT)

Anthem *“Remember Him”*

Betsy Holby, flute

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 58:1-12 (pg. 688 of OT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(The Apostles' Creed)

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 408 *"I Am Thine, O Lord"*
Sacrament of Holy Communion
Invitation to the Lord's Table
Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*"...debtors...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 # 486 *"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"*

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

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

This Evening 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.

Our Worship Assistants for the evening service are Liturgist, Bobbi Monroe; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; and Organist, Marilyn Neal.

Lenten Devotional Booklets are available at the back of the sanctuary for anyone wishing to take one. The booklets include a Daily Lenten Reflection for each day beginning today and concluding on Easter Day.

Our Offering received this evening will be used in replenishing our Deacon Food Pantry Outreach.



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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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- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.
- 5 Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 6 You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.
- 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
- 14 Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
- 15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
- 16 For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
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