

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

February 9, 2020 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Deb Lint, 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 David Kerin, Acolyte

Introit # 443 *"Trust and Obey"*

Call to Worship (*Psalms 112*)

Leader: Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

**People: Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Leader: Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

**People: They rise in the darkness
as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Leader: For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.

**People: Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph
on their foes.**

*Hymn # 71 *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

*Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face.
We ignore the needs of the poor and turn away from our own
kin. We allow the gospel to go stale, and hide the light you
have given. Forgive us; give us grace. By the renewing gifts of
your Spirit inspire and empower us again 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 58:1-9a (pg. 688 of OT)

Anthem *"Freely Given"*

Chancel Choir, Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:13-20 (pg. 4 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith (*Romans 8:4-6*)

**So that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled
in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to
the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set
their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live
according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the
Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the
mind on the Spirit is life and peace.**

*Hymn # 670 *"O Word of God Incarnate"*

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 # 541 *"Church of God, Elect and Glorious"*

*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 <i>Scout Sunday</i>
	12:00-3:00 p.m.	Fire Company Fundraiser Dinner in Fellowship Hall
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Food Bank distributes groceries from Fellowship Hall
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
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Leadership Meeting
Friday	11:00 a.m.	Ministerium Meeting
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

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are the
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of the
WORLD.
-MATTHEW 5:14

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, Deb Lint; Acolyte, David Kerin; Ushers, Boy Scout Troop 4; Projector, Kayla Moran; Audio, Olivia Eckenroad; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

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.

TODAY following worship, the Blairsville firemen will host a fundraiser dinner in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesday, February 12th 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 12th 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.

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, February 12th 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 13th 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 BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM will meet Friday, February 14th at 11:00 a.m. at SS Simon & Jude's Marion Hall.

BLAIRSVILLE BOY SCOUT TROOP 4 will hold their 3rd Annual Soup & Chili Cook-Off Sunday, February 16th 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 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.

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 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

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 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