

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

March 15, 2020 ~ 11:00 AM

Third Sunday of Lent

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Barb Brown, 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 Brennen Borbonus, Acolyte

Introit # 14 vs. 3 *"Now Thank We All Our God"*

Call to Worship (*Psalms 95*)

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock
of our salvation!

**People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him
with songs of praise!**

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**People: For he is our God, and we are the people
of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

*Hymn # 59 *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

*Prayer of Confession

**God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against
you. We are quick to quarrel and condemn and slow to
receive your gift of grace. We boast about our own success
and deny our suffering Savior. 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

*Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 17:1-7 (pg. 64 of OT)

Anthem *"He was Bought with a Price"*

Chancel Choir, Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson John 4:5-42 (pg. 94 of NT)

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)*

*Hymn # 471 *"As the Deer"*

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 Insert *"Fill My Cup, Lord"*

*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
2:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved

Monday 6:00 p.m. Monday Music Club
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting

Wednesday 12:00 p.m. Community Lenten Worship & Lunch
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 9:00 a.m. WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
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, Barb Brown; Acolyte, Brennen Borbonus; Ushers, Bonni Dunlap, Irving Lindsey, Terry & Barb Brown; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Audio, Jaison McKinney; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

BIBLE STUDY will not be held this Wednesday. We will be host to the Community Lenten Luncheon. All are welcome.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, March 18th 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, March 18th 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, March 19th 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 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE will meet Thursday, March 19th at 6:00 p.m. If you would like more information, please contact Mary Anzelone, CE chairperson.

THIS YEAR'S LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are available for you to pick up at the back of the sanctuary today.

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.

SEVERAL DATES are still available on the 2020 flower chart. 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. Special dedications can be noted on the chart or sent to the church office. Please be sure to pick up your flowers after worship or by the following Tuesday.

CHURCH PARKING is available in front of the building on Walnut Street, in the ally along the side of the building and in the parking lot across the street. Those able to walk are asked to please park across the street in the lot so those with difficulty walking can park closer to the building. Please refrain from parking in the Episcopal Church spaces. Thank you.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE SEASON OF LENT AND EASTER:
 March 18 We host the Lenten Lunch
 April 5 Palm Sunday & OGHS Offering
 April 9 Maundy Thursday Worship & Communion 7:00 p.m.
 April 10 Good Friday Community Worship 7:00 p.m.
Crossroads Church
 April 12 Easter Day Early Worship 8:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast 9:30 a.m.
 Easter Day Worship 11:00 a.m.

THE COMMUNITY LENTEN worship services are held at 12:00 noon each Wednesday through the Season of Lent which began Ash Wednesday. Following the service a soup and sandwich lunch is served by the host church. Following is the 2020 schedule:

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 – *Self-Development of People Sunday*

In scholar Matthew Desmond’s powerful book “Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City,” the quote “the rent eats first!” speaks volumes about the crisis of affordable housing in America. The work of the City Roots Community Land Trust seeks to change this. City Roots is a community-led organization whose work and advocacy brings hope in addressing the lack of housing availability and affordability for low-income families. Based in Rochester, New York, City Roots is a collaborative of diverse homeowners, renters, youth, community allies and partners that work to establish, preserve and promote permanently affordable, quality housing for the benefit of low- and middle-income families through community-owned and managed land. The Presbyterian Committee on the Self Development of people provided City Roots with a grant of \$15,000 to further its mission in bridging socio-economic divides through its Land Trust Home Rehabilitation project. The project involves neighborhood rehabilitation of houses and the reselling of those homes at affordable rates, which ensures the permanent affordability of the property. City Roots also provides training and technical assistance to homeowners. City Roots’ work is indicative of what it means to have hope in abundance in the face of crisis, which is also an attestation to the power of Christ’s resurrection and the Easter message — hope and new life amid crisis! Today is Self-Development of People Sunday, and through our SDOP Sunday resource, we interpret and promote our work and help you to do the same in preparation for the collection of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Palm Sunday. SDOP is one of the recipients of this offering. Offered yearly and used throughout the year, the SDOP Sunday resource lifts up stories of community building, self-reliance and hope — stories of God in action. It also provides hymns, sermons, liturgical suggestions. This year, SDOP will also be celebrating 50 years of engaging in anti-poverty ministry and promoting justice through community partnerships. Our celebration is themed “Journey to Justice: Where Do We Go From Here?” and will be held Sept. 18–19 in Rochester. We invite you to download our resource to learn more about this event and how SDOP lives the vision of Matthew 25 in its work of building stronger communities.

Alonzo Johnson, Coordinator for the Presbyterian Committee on the Self Development of People