



DO JUSTICE ...

*love kindness ...*

WALK HUMBLLY

*with our God.*

MICAH 6:8



**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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October 25, 2020 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting

Rev. Timothy Monroe

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Prelude

“Immortal, Invisible”

Old Welsh Hymn – Arr. By Don Wyrzten

Call to Worship (*Psalm 30*)

Lon Ferguson, Liturgist

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling-place  
in all generations.

**People: Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

Leader: You turn us back to dust, and say,  
“Turn back, you mortals.”

**People: For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past,  
or like a watch in the night.**

Leader: Have compassion on your servants!  
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**People: Make us glad for as many days  
as you have afflicted us, and for as many years  
as we have seen evil.**

Leader: Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.

**People: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands –  
O prosper the work of our hands!**

\*Hymn # 84                    “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

## **DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

Old Testament Lesson

Micah 6:6-8

Anthem

“Think About His Love”

Arr. By Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir, Director – Cindy Borbonus

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:34-40

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(A Brief Statement of Faith)*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

\*Hymn # 589           “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”  
Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)  
\*Hymn # 590           “Rise Up, O Saints of God”  
\*Benediction  
\*Postlude

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

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THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning’s service are Liturgist, Lon Ferguson; Ushers, Pat and Janeen Swope; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Equipment Techs, Jonathan, Doug and Dennis Gould, Brylea and Eli Borbonus.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of our son, Todd Warnick by Joe and Elaine Jellison.

GRANNIES will meet Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There are tasks for all skill levels. All are welcome.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting can be picked up in the parlor.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet October 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are attempting to follow the governmental guidelines in place for indoor gatherings. Please respect the space of others when choosing your seat. Pastor Monroe will be using the sound system so as to be heard clearly. For those who would like to participate from home, we are set up to offer Bible Study via Zoom. If you are interested, please call the church office for more details.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR will gather Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Safety guidelines will be followed throughout the rehearsal.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> in the parlor from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. This group gathers to work on knitting, crocheting or other needlework. Bring your personal projects and come for a time of fellowship.

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 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL COATS-FOR-KIDS DRIVE is being held again this year. We are receiving monetary donations for the purchase of specific size coats. Please mark your donation clearly for "Coat Drive" and place it in the offering plate. If you know of a family with children who may need a winter coat, please contact Janet Smith.

A BIT OF OUR HISTORY, the anniversary of the merger between Calvin Church and First Church in Blairsville is tomorrow, October 26<sup>th</sup>. The United Presbyterian Church of Blairsville was born out of the merger in 1969. Rev. Walter Weinhold at the First Church and Rev. Edward J. Thompson at the Calvin Church served for a period of time until resignation. Pulpit supplies were provided by the Presbytery until installation of Rev. Roger Petersen in 1974.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS next weekend November 1<sup>st</sup>. Remember to turn your clocks back.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS for families in the community will be assembled by the deacons. We ask that you consider donating food items or giving a monetary contribution. Articles of food can include: canned fruit or vegetables, boxed baked goods, pie fillings, Jello, boxes of stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, just to name a few. A container will be available at the back of the church for the collection of food donations. (Please check expiration dates on items before donating them.) If you are aware of a family who may need a Thanksgiving Basket, please contact Marilyn Neal or Pastor Monroe by Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

THE MINISTERIUM has decided to compile and publish another Community Lenten Devotional in 2021. You can sign your name, or remain anonymous. All submissions will be gathered by Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and will be compiled into booklet form, duplicated, then distributed to area churches for use during the Lenten Season. Our congregation has been assigned 6 days. They are listed below:

**MARCH 1** - Taken

**MARCH 2**

Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Genesis 22:1-19; Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19

**MARCH 3**

Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45; Jeremiah 30:12-22; John 12:36-43

**MARCH 4**

Psalm 19; Exodus 19:1-9a; I Peter 2:4-10

**MARCH 5**

Psalm 19; Exodus 19:9b-15; Acts 7:30-40

**MARCH 6**

Psalm 19; Exodus 19:16-25; Mark 9:2-8

We are looking for volunteers to write devotional thoughts for the days not taken above. If you feel led to share with your faith community in Blairsville, please let Pastor Monroe.

### **REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Today</b>	9:45 a.m.	Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	In-House and Online Worship
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting in Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Meets
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	In-House and Online Worship
		<i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>

## **Mission Moment - Reformation Sunday**

Two hundred years ago, William Dunlop, a professor of church history at the University of Edinburgh, published two volumes of confessions that had enjoyed “public authority” in Scotland since the Reformation. While the Westminster Standards (1647–48) filled the first volume, more than 10 earlier confessional documents — including the Geneva Catechism (1542), the Scots Confession (1560) and the Heidelberg Catechism (1563) — filled the second. By placing Westminster in the broader tradition of Reformed (“Calvinist”) theology, Dunlop honored a distinctly Reformed custom: He compiled a book of confessions. The Reformation produced many catechisms and confessions. Reformed churches did not try to formulate one universal creed. They held to an earlier tradition that each faith community — be it in Zurich, Geneva or Edinburgh — should draft a statement unique to its time and place. Communities declared their solidarity with each other, not by adopting the same words, but by affirming that they heard in different words the same witness to Christ. Reformed theologians believed that a kind reader could hear the voice of Christ speaking in each confession, and that this would provide the unity that any one confession lacked. And they allowed that the need for new confessions would not end, as the Theological Declaration of Barmen (1934), the Confession of 1967 and the Confession of Belhar (1986) — adopted by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assembly in 2016 — richly demonstrate.

*Today in the Mission Yearbook; By Rev. Kenneth J. Ross, Philadelphia*

# O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne  
your saints have dwelt secure;  
sufficient is your arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting you are God,  
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight  
are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all of us away;  
we fly, forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be now our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts | William Croft

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# O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

O Master, let me walk with thee  
in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret: help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience--still with thee  
in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong;

In hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.

Henry Percy Smith | Washington Gladden

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# **Rise Up, O Saints of God!**

Rise up, O saints of God!  
From vain ambitions turn;  
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts  
With nobler zeal might burn.

Speak out, O saints of God!  
Despair engulfs earth's frame;  
As heirs of God's baptismal grace,  
His word of hope proclaim.

Rise up, O saints of God!  
His kingdom's task embrace;  
Redress sin's cruel consequence;  
Give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God!  
Creation cries in pain;  
Stretch forth your hand of healing now,  
With love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek  
The paths which Christ has trod;  
And quickened by the Spirit's power,  
Rise up, O saints of God!

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