

*And a voice came
“from heaven,
You are my Son,
the Beloved;
with you I am
well pleased.”*

Mark 1:11, NRSV



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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January 10, 2021 ~ 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

“Panis Angelicus”

By C. Franck

Call to Worship (*Psalms 29*)

Mary Anzelone, Liturgist

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.**

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.

**People: The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

Leader: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

**People: May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

*Hymn # 50

“Great Is the Lord”

*Prayer of Confession

**God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures.
You made us in your own image, but we tarnish your good name.
You call us your beloved children, but we take your favor for
granted. Forgive us, God of grace. Pour out your mercy upon us so
that we may live in a way that is pleasing to you; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 1:1-5

Anthem

“They had Joy”

By Machen - Arr. by Fettke

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:4-11

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Confession of 1967)

By humble submission to John’s baptism, Christ joined himself to men in their need and entered upon his ministry of reconciliation in the power of the Spirit. Christian baptism marks the receiving of the same Spirit by all his people. Baptism with water represents not only cleansing from sin, but a dying with Christ and a joyful rising with him to new life. It commits all Christians to die each day to sin and to live for righteousness. In baptism, the church celebrates the renewal of the covenant with which God has bound his people to himself. By baptism, individuals are publicly received into the church to share in its life and ministry, and the church becomes responsible for their training and support in Christian discipleship. When those baptized are infants, the congregation, as well as the parents, has a special obligation to nurture them in the Christian life, leading them to make, by a public profession, a personal response to the love of God shown forth in their baptism.

*Hymn # 231

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer ("*...debts...and debtors...*")

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

(Please come forward to receive the sacrament)

(Those who remain at their seat, will be served)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn # 408

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

This morning 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.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Mary Anzelone; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Ushers, Pat and Janeen Swope; Audio/Visual, Kristi Eckenroad & Dennis Gould; Streaming, Olivia Eckenroad.

GRANNIES will meet Monday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There are tasks for all skill levels. All are welcome.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM will meet Monday at 11:00 a.m. at SS Simon & Jude Church.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Those attending are asked to follow the governmental guidelines in place for indoor gatherings. 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 for rehearsal Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Safety measures are followed while we meet. If you are interested in joining the choir or if you have questions, please contact Cindy Borbonus.

THE STITCHING GROUP will gather in the parlor Thursday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. to work on personal projects and fellowship. All are invited.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to be trained to run the new streaming equipment. If you are interested or available to help out, please see Dennis Gould or contact the church office at 724-459-7991.

THE SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2021

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

Mission – Benevolences, special offerings, global & local missions and missionaries

Christian Education – Sunday school programs, curriculum, adult education, youth work, leadership education

Finance – Finances, special funds, and annual budget

Stewardship – Stewardship education and programs, challenges the congregation in its faithful use of the many different resources entrusted to our care

Property & Maintenance – Construction, maintenance, repairs, housekeeping, safety, security, yard work, inventory

Congregational Fellowship – Suppers, Dinner Theater, picnics, outings, trips, camping

Evangelism – New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity

THE 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 31st. The meeting will be held following worship and will be live streamed for those at home. Two numbers will be available to call in if you have a question or comment. Committee chairs and treasurers are reminded that year-end reports are requested to be turned in by Sunday, January 24th. Committee reports consist of a summary of the year's activities, committee members and comments you would like to share. If you need any information or have questions, please contact the church office.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for the New Year are available for you to pick up at the back of the sanctuary. If you do not have church offering envelopes and would like a box set, or if you would like to have your box mailed to you, please contact the church office at 724-459-7991.

THE 2021 FLOWER CHART has been posted in the hallway outside the church office. If you would like to order flowers for Sunday worship, please use the chart to sign-up for your choice of date or call the office. Flowers are \$20/Sunday and checks can be made payable to the Board of Deacons. We hope that those ordering flowers through the deacons would take the arrangement following worship or pick them up at the church by the following Tuesday.

YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS will be mailed mid to late January. If you would like your statement sooner, please contact the church office.

PER CAPITA, literally "per head", is the amount requested from each member to cover the administrative expenses of the General Assembly, Synod, and Presbytery. For 2021, that amount is \$33.65 per member on the active roll. That breaks down to \$8.98 to G.A., \$2.40 to Synod and \$22.27 to Presbytery. A letter was enclosed in your offering envelopes 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.

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.

EACH YEAR the community gathers each Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. during Lent for a worship service followed by a luncheon. Last year in March, the remaining lunches were cancelled due to the pandemic. The ministerium is watching the news and will make a decision concerning the 2021 schedule. Information will be available soon.

THE WORK OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE is some of the most important in the life of the church. Those serving have the responsibility to bring before the congregation the names of members who will potentially serve as elders and deacons.

Members of this committee should have:

- * An understanding of the nature, ministry and mission of the church
- * An awareness of the spiritual nature of the offices of elder and deacon
- * A knowledge of the impending challenges before the church
- * A familiarity with the members of the congregation and the potential gifts and abilities they bring to service
- * A spirit of prayer as they approach this work

If you, or someone you know would do well at the discernment of nominations, and would like to be considered for service on this committee, please write the name and place it in the offering plate or drop it off to the church office by January 17th.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM has decided to once again put together a community Lenten devotional. Scripture texts have been distributed to the participating churches and individuals are writing their devotions to share. By the end of January, the devotions should all be submitted and assembly of the booklets will begin. Many copies will be published and they should be made available to you by Sunday, February 14th.

Great Is the Lord

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just;
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true;
By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; Now lift up your voice,
Now lift up your voice: Great is the Lord!

Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are You, Lord; I lift up my voice,
I lift up my voice: Great are You, Lord!

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Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God
Which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty,
Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come!
All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the brokenhearted ones
And comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's power will make us strong.

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I Am Thine, O Lord

I am Thine, O Lord-I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith
And be closer drawn to Thee.

Chorus Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer,
Nearer, blessed Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope
And my will be lost in Thine.

Oh the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer
And with Thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend.

There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy
That I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with Thee.

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