



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 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

Organ and Piano Duet

Call to Worship (*Psalms 139*)

Lon Ferguson, Liturgist

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

**People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

Leader: For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**People: I praise you, for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made.**

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Leader: My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**People: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written all the days
that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

Leader: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

**People: I try to count them - they are more than the sand;
I come to the end - I am still with you.**

*Hymn # 71

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Prayer of Confession

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You speak to us with tender mercy, yet we fail to recognize your voice. You know everything about us, yet we pretend we do not know you. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to heed your voice of truth, to follow your way of faithfulness, and to glorify you with our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

I Samuel 3:1-20

Anthem

“Are Ye Able,’ said the Master”

By Roger C. Wilson

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

John 1:43-51

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with

others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

*Hymn # 502 “Be Thou My Vision”

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)

*Hymn # 458 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning’s service are Liturgist, Lon Ferguson; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Ushers, Pat and Janeen Swope; Audio/Visual, Andrew Baker and Cole Stuchal; Streaming, Chase Stuchal.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Maurice Borbonus by Cindy and family.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Safety guidelines will be followed during the meeting. Session packets are available to pick up in the parlor.

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 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.

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 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 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 31st following worship and will be live streamed for those at home. Two numbers will be available to call 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. If you need any information or have questions, please contact the church office.

We extend our sympathy to Marilyn Kukula and family on the recent death of her mother, Ruth Berry.

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.

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

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.

PER CAPITA 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.

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.

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 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 today.

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.

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.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	9:45 a.m. Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m. In-House and Online Worship
Monday	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Session Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Bible Study
	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m. Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m. Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m. In-House and Online Worship

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty 71

F Dm $\frac{C}{E}$ F C Dm Am B \flat F B \flat $\frac{C7}{G}$ Dm B \flat 6 C7

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a
 2 Praise to the Lord, a-bove all things so won-drous-ly reign -
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a-dore

F Dm $\frac{C}{E}$ F C Dm Am B \flat F B \flat $\frac{C7}{G}$ Dm

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal-
 ing; shel-tering you un-der his wings, and so gent-ly sus-
 you: sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall dai-ly at-
 him! All that has life and breath, come now with prais-es be-

B \flat 6 C7 F $\frac{C}{E}$ F B \flat F B \flat $\frac{C}{E}$

va-tion! Come, all who hear; now to his
 tain-ing! Have you not seen all that is
 tend-you. Pon-der a-new what the Al-
 fore him. Let the A-men sound from his

F $\frac{C7}{G}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ C Am B \flat $\frac{C7}{G}$ Dm $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ A $\frac{Gm7}{B\flat}$ C7 F

tem-ple draw near, join me in glad ad-o-ra-tion!
 need-ful has been sent by his gra-cious or-dain-ing?
 might-y can do, if with his love he be-friends you.
 peo-ple a-gain; glad-ly for-ev-er a-dore him.

WORDS: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
 MUSIC: Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

LOBE DEN HERREN
 14.14.4.7.8.

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art--
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Irish hymn; tr. Mary E. Byrne; versed Eleanor H. Hull
Music: Irish Melody; arr. Jack Schrader
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O Jesus, I Have Promised

458

F F \sharp F $\frac{E}{C}$ C C7 Dm7 $\frac{C}{E}$ F Am7(b5)
Eb

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end; re -
2 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still, a -
3 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you that

D7 Em7(b5) $\frac{D}{F\sharp}$ $\frac{D7}{F\sharp}$ Gm G \sharp G $\frac{F}{G}$ $\frac{Em}{G}$ G7 C7sus C7 C+

main for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my Friend: I
bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will. O
where you are in glo - ry, your ser - vant shall be too; and,

F F \sharp F $\frac{E}{C}$ C C7 Dm7 $\frac{C}{E}$ F Am7(b5)
Eb

shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side, nor
speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol; now
Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end; O

D D7 Em7(b5) $\frac{D}{F\sharp}$ G \sharp Gm $\frac{F}{C}$ C $\frac{Bb}{C}$ C F

wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
speak, and make me lis - ten, O guard - ian of my soul.
give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.

WORDS: John E. Bode (1816-1874), alt.
MUSIC: Arthur H. Mann (1850-1929)

ANGEL'S STORY
7.6.7.6.D.

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