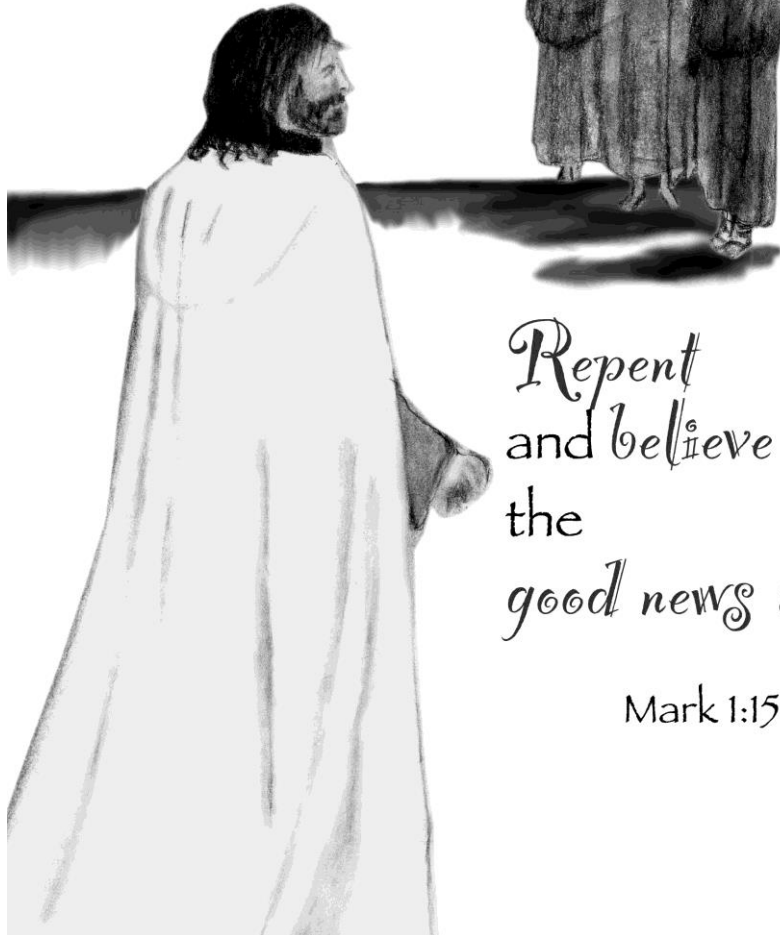


“The Kingdom
of God
is near.



Repent
and believe
the
good news !”

Mark 1:15

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 UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

January 24, 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

“Trust and Obey”
Organ and Piano Duet

By Daniel Towner

Call to Worship (*Psalm 62*)

Barb Brown, Liturgist

Leader: For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.

**People: He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

Leader: On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**People: Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.**

Leader: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:

**People: That power belongs to God, and steadfast love
belongs to you, O Lord.**

*Hymn # 471

“As the Deer”

*Prayer of Confession

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You call on us to change our lives, yet we do not heed your warning. You give us good news to share, yet we remain stubborn and silent. Forgive us, God of grace. Help us to repent and follow you, bearing witness to the good news that your holy realm is near; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Anthem

“People Need the Lord”

By McHugh and Nelson

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:14-20

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Declaration of Barmen)

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.

*Hymn # 350

“The Summons”

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

*Hymn # 344

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning’s service are Liturgist, Barb Brown; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Ushers, Pat and Janeen Swope; Audio/Visual, Eli and Brylea Borbonus; Streaming, Mark Borbonus.

GRANNIES will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday from 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon. There are tasks for all skill levels. All are welcome.

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 CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Thursday, January 28th due to a planned power outage. If you have a need, please call the manse. Leave a message if there is no answer.

THE STITCHING GROUP will not gather this Thursday due to a planned power outage. They will meet again Thursday, February 4th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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.

We extend our sympathy to Kathy Bella on the recent death of her mother, Bonnie Cooper.

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.

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 has made the decision to cancel the luncheons for 2021.

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 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.

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 – Co-chairs, Doug Clayton and Gene Artman

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

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

Finance – Finances, special funds, and annual budget – Chair, Rick Shoemaker

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

Property & Maintenance – Construction, maintenance, repairs, housekeeping, safety, security, yard work, inventory – Co-chairs, Pat Swope and Bob Cosharek

Congregational Fellowship – Suppers, Dinner Theater, picnics, outings, trips, camping – Chair, Joan Moran

Evangelism – New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity – Co-chairs, Lisa Hainaut and Lon Ferguson

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	9:45 a.m.	Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	In-House and Online Worship
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troops meet in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday		Office Closed-power outage
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	In-House and Online Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting

“As the Deer”

As the deer panteth for the water,
So my soul longs after You;
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

Chorus

You alone are my strength my shield;
To You alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship You.

I want You more than gold or silver,
Only You can satisfy;
You alone are the real joygiver
And the apple of my eye.

You're my friend and You are my brother,
Even though You are a King;
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything!

Martin Nystrom

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“The Summons”

Will you come and follow Me If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know And never be the same?
Will you let My love be shown, Will you let My name be known,
Will you let My life be grown In you and you in Me?

Will you leave yourself behind If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let Me answer prayer In you and you in Me?

Will you let the blinded see If I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean In you and you in Me?

Lord, Your summons echoes true When You but call my name.
Let me turn and follow You And never be the same.
In Your company I'll go Where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow In You and You in me.

Graham Maule | John L. Bell

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“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus-
No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me,
The cross before me,
The world behind me,
The cross before me,
The world behind me,
The cross before me-
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me,
I still will follow,
Though none go with me,
I still will follow,
Though none go with me,
I still will follow-
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now
To follow Jesus?
Will you decide now
To follow Jesus?
Will you decide now
To follow Jesus?-
No turning back, no turning back.

Unknown

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