

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" Rev. Timothy R. Monroe 137 N. Walnut Street ~ Blairsville, PA 15717-1349 Church office 724-459-7991 e-mail: upchurch@r-church.com; website: www.r-church.com Pastor Emeritus - Rev. Dr. Roger D. Petersen

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE January 31, 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	"Abide with Me" Organ and Piano D	J -		
Call to Wo	orship (Psalm 111)	Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist		
Leader:	Praise the Lord!			
	will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,			
	in the company of the upright,	in the congregation.		
People:	Great are the works of the Lord,			
	studied by all who delight in	them.		
Leader:	Leader: Full of honor and majesty is his work,			
	and his righteousness endures	forever.		
People:	The works of his hands are faithful and just;			
	all his precepts are trustwor	thy.		
Leader:	He sent redemption to his peopl	e;		
	he has commanded his covenar	nt forever.		
	Holy and awesome is his name.			
People:	The fear of the Lord is the beg	inning of wisdom;		
	all those who practice it			
have a good understanding.				
His praise endures forever.				
*Hymn # 7	2 "Great Is Thy Faithfu	lness"		

*Prayer of Confession

God our Creator, we confess that we are broken, sinful creatures. You spoke to us through the prophets, yet we have not kept your commands. You give a new teaching through Jesus, yet we fail to obey your living Word. Forgive us, God of grace. Set us free from the grip of sin, cast out all that is evil within us, and bring us ever closer 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

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Anthem

"We Need the Lord"

By Worley & George

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Sermon

Mark 1:21-28 **Rev.** Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation 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 # 106 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (debt...and debtors...) *Hymn "Take the Name of Jesus with You" *Benediction *Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand)

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Ushers, Pat and Janeen Swope; Audio/Visual, Elizabeth & Abigail Bruner; Streaming, John Bruner.

THE 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW Congregational Meeting will be held today following worship and will be live streamed for those at home.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Safety guidelines will be followed as we gather.

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, please contact Cindy Borbonus.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM will once again put together a community Lenten devotional. Many copies will be published and they should be made available to you by Sunday, February 14th.

THE ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL OF CARING OFFERING will be received during worship next Sunday, February 7th. All of the gifts received will be sent to the ICCAP Food Bank. They are able to purchase food for just 10 cents a pound and nutritious produce for just 3 cents a pound which is then distributed throughout the county by a network of volunteers at local Food Bank distribution sites. A designated container will be located at the back of the sanctuary for your Souper Bowl offering. Prayerfully consider your gifts.

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 were assigned at the January Session meeting.

<u>Worship</u> – Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings – Co-chairs, Doug Clayton and Gene Artman

<u>Mission</u> – Benevolences, special offerings, global & local missions and missionaries – Chair, Gene Artman

<u>Christian Education</u> – Sunday school programs, curriculum, adult education, youth work, leadership education – Chair, Mary Anzelone <u>Finance</u> – Finances, special funds, and annual budget – Chair, Rick Shoemaker

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

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

<u>Congregational Fellowship</u> – Suppers, Dinner Theater, picnics, outings, trips, camping – Chair, Joan Moran

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

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 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
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons 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
		Souper Bowl of Caring Offering

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed thy hand hath provided Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed thy hand hath provided Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all; Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall, Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all; Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe On this terrestrial ball, To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all; To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all; We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!

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"Take the Name of Jesus with You"

Take the name of Jesus with you, Child of sorrow and of woe; It will joy and comfort give you Take it, then where'er you go. Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven; Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

Take the name of Jesus ever, As a shield from every snare; If temptations round you gather, Breathe that holy name in prayer. Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven; Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

O the precious name of Jesus! How it thrills our souls with joy, When His loving arms receive us And His songs our tongues employ! Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven; Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

At the name of Jesus bowing, Falling prostrate at His feet, King of kings in heaven we'll crown Him When our journey is complete. Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven; Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

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