

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

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THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE February 28, 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 "More" Arr. Elmo Mercer

Organ and Piano Duet

Call to Worship (*Psalm 22*) Dennis Gould, Liturgist Leader: You who revere the Lord, praise him!

All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;

stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

People: For he did not despise or abhor

the affliction of the afflicted;

he did not hide his face from me,

but heard when I cried to him.

Leader: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

May your hearts live forever!

People: All the ends of the earth shall remember

and turn to the Lord;

and all the families of the nations

shall worship before him.

All: For dominion belongs to the Lord,

and he rules over the nations.

*Hymn # 50

"Great Is the Lord"

*Prayer of Confession

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. You call us to be a blessing in the world, but we only seek our own benefit. You call us to give our lives for others, but we only seek to save ourselves. Forgive us, God of grace. Set our minds on divine things – the good news of the gospel and the promise of new life in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- *Assurance of Forgiveness
- *Gloria Patri
- *Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson

Romans 4:13-25

Anthem

"Bought with a Price"

Natalie Sleeth

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Mark 8:31-38

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Scots' Confession)

That our Lord Jesus offered himself a voluntary sacrifice unto his Father for us, that he suffered contradiction of sinners, that he was wounded and plagued for our transgressions, that he, the clean innocent Lamb of God, was condemned in the presence of an earthly judge, that we should be absolved before the judgment seat of our God; that he suffered not only the cruel death of the cross, which was accursed by the sentence of God; but also that he suffered for a season the wrath of his Father which sinners had deserved. But yet we avow that he remained the only, well beloved, and blessed Son of his Father even in the midst of his anguish and torment which he suffered in body and soul to make full atonement for the sins of his people. From this we confess and avow that there remains no other sacrifice for sin; if any affirm so, we do not hesitate to say that they are blasphemers against Christ's death and the everlasting atonement thereby purchased for us.

*Hymn # 474

"I Surrender All"

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

- *Hymn # 255
- "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"
- *Benediction
- *Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand)

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

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

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 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.

THIS YEAR'S LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET is available at the back of the sanctuary. There are daily reflections which will conclude Easter Day. Please help yourself to a copy. 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.

COATS FOR KIDS continue to be available to children in need. Please contact Janet Smith or the church office should you become aware of a need. Last year, 36 coats were distributed to children in the community. Thank you to all those who have contributed to the coat program.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	9:45 a.m.	Jr./Sr. High Sunday School Class
•	11:00 a.m.	In-House and Online Worship
		Second Sunday in Lent
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
		Third Sunday in Lent

"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.

Chorus 1
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 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.

Chorus 2
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! Great are You, Lord!

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"I Surrender All"

All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live. I surrender all, I surrender all, All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow, Worldly pleasures all forsaken:
Take me, Jesus, take me now.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savior, wholly Thine; May thy Holy Spirit fill me, May I know thy power divine. I surrender all, I surrender all, All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee; Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me. I surrender all, I surrender all, All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

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"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I gladly take my standThe shadow of a mighty Rock
Within a weary land,
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus
My eye at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me;
And from my smitten heart with tears
Two wonders I confessThe wonders of redeeming love
And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, your shadow
For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of His face,
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all the cross.

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