



**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 30, 2022 ~ 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

“Softly and Tenderly”

By Will L. Thompson

Introit #469

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,**

**Whose trust, ever child-like no cares could destroy,**

**Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,**

**Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

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Call to Worship (*Psalms 71*)

Lon Ferguson, Liturgist

Leader: In you, O Lord, I take refuge;

let me never be put to shame.

**People: In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;**

**incline your ear to me and save me.**

Leader: Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress,

to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

**People: Rescue me, O my God,**

**from the hand of the wicked,**

**from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

Leader: For you, O Lord, are my hope,

my trust, O Lord, from my youth.

**People: Upon you I have leaned from my birth;**

**it was you who took me from my mother's womb.**

**My praise is continually of you.**

\*Hymn # 426

“Blessed Assurance”

\*Prayer of Confession

**Generous God, when we set our tables, we imagine who belongs. We are satisfied to welcome those who we call our own. Our boundaries are drawn for our own family, our own congregation, our own neighborhood. We limit the seating to those who make us comfortable, and lay out the welcome mat for those who we choose to welcome. But your kingdom has no boundary. Before our birth you have known, loved, and claimed each and every one. Soften our hearts to those we rage against. Restore us to your vision of who belongs at the table. Renew us with your abundant mercy and love, which know no end.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

Ordination and Installation of Elder and Deacons

\*Sharing of the Peace

## **DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Anthem

“Footsteps of Jesus”

By Everett

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Luke 4:21-30

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(Book of Order)*

**The great ends of the Church are: the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

\*Hymn # 569

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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

Choral Amen

\*Hymn # 562

“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

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

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THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Lon Ferguson; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Audio/Visual/Streaming, Eli and Brylea Borbonus; Ushers, Mel Woodring and Alan Lowman.

WE REJOICE as Chris Antis is ordained and installed with Linda Neal to the Diaconal Class of 2024 and as Jim Antis is ordained and installed to the Sessional Class of 2024.

THE 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW Congregational Meeting will be held today immediately following worship. We hope you will plan to stay.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

WE WILL GATHER for Bible Study in Fellowship Hall and on ZOOM Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Our focus is on the gospel of John. As we gather, we will follow CDC guidelines. Please call the church office with any questions or concerns.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Room. The choir is currently in need of 3 or 4 new ringers so it can ring the 3-octave music. We welcome any seasoned ringers and any new to handbell ringing. Contact Vicky Westley, director for more information.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearsal Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. New voices are always welcome! If you are interested in singing in the choir or need more information, please see Cindy Borbonus.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet in the parlor Thursday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. This group works on personal projects and enjoys fellowship. All are welcome.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available to pick up at the back of the sanctuary. Please pick yours up today.

YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED the congregational questionnaire in the mail. The elders would like your input and have asked that you take the time to honestly answer the questions. The deadline was set for January 25 however, we will continue to accept your surveys through the end of January. If you have any questions, please see Lon Ferguson.

THE 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE met and has started planning the celebration. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the planning process is welcome.

SINCE 1990, young people have been leading the charge and inspiring others to collect dollars and food around the time of the Super Bowl Game. The money and food collected then is given, 100%, to a local charity. We will receive our Souper Bowl of Caring Offering Sunday, February 13th during morning worship. One hundred percent of these gifts will be sent to ICCAP in support of the Food Bank.

### **REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

|                  |            |                                    |
|------------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>Today</b>     | 9:45 a.m.  | Sunday School Class                |
|                  | 11:00 a.m. | Worship                            |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 6:30 p.m.  | Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 6:00 p.m.  | Board of Deacons Meeting           |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study                        |
|                  | 6:00 p.m.  | Bell Choir Rehearsal               |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.  | Chancel Choir Rehearsal            |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 2:00 p.m.  | Stitching Group                    |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:45 a.m.  | Sunday School Class                |
|                  | 11:00 a.m. | Worship                            |

## THE SESSION COMMITTEES FOR 2022

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 – Jean Heberling, chair

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

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

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

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

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

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

Evangelism – New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity – Gene Artman, chair

### **Mission Moment** - Church Creates a 'Mini-Me' Outdoor Food Pantry

First Presbyterian Church in Springfield, IL, has a history of providing social services for the community. So having to shut down its traditional food pantry in 2020 as a COVID-19 precaution was tough for members. “That was really hard because it’s such a significant ministry in our congregation,” said the Rev. Susan Phillips. Unwilling to abandon its neighbors, First Presbyterian found other ways to help people in need, such as redirecting funds to a homeless shelter and other service providers in the community. But it is one of the church’s tiniest gestures that’s

attracting the most attention: a micropantry. While micropantries — which are outdoor storage cabinets that people can access at any time of day to obtain food and personal items — have been growing in popularity in recent years, the pandemic turned the trend into a necessity, allowing people to get food without having to enter into an enclosed space. “There’s an honor system,” Phillips said about micropantries. “Whatever it is you have, you can leave. Whatever it is you need, you can take. It feels very much like the early church: They give according to what they have, and they receive according to their needs.” First Presbyterian’s micropantry is unique, going beyond a simple boxlike structure. It was designed to resemble the church that Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln once attended. Like the building itself, the micropantry, for example, has distinctive front doors and a Tiffany-style window depicting a dove in flight. Don Ecklund, the church’s Habitat for Humanity representative was asked to build it. Ecklund, a retired sociology teacher, had been involved in a similar project, the building of the first Little Free Library in Springfield, so the church tapped him to erect the micropantry. Since its completion, the micropantry has attracted the attention of local media and USA Today as well as a nearby Lutheran church that’s helping to keep the micropantry stocked. “Sharing what we have and caring for those in need are longstanding traditions,” Phillips said. “Part of the conversation that we have here is that if someone has an immediate need, there should be a charitable response. If someone is hungry, they need food today. If they have no place to go, they need shelter tonight. If they’re ill or injured, they need medical care right now.” First Presbyterian, the home of Samaritan Ministries, also is concerned about the root causes of hunger and homelessness and how to address them, Phillips said. “So, for me, this pantry is one small piece in a larger fabric of how our spiritual gifts and our sense of call are woven together with the circumstances and situations in our community, and how, as people of faith, we can participate in those conversations about what it means to live into God’s love and justice.”

*Darla Carter, Communications Associate, Presbyterian Mission Agency*

# “Blessed Assurance”

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Chorus

This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.



## “God of Grace and God of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory,  
On your people pour your power;  
Crown your ancient Church's story,  
Bring it's bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn your Christ, assail His ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us  
Free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Heal your children's warring madness,  
Bend our pride to your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of your salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

# “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”

We've a story to tell to the nations,  
That shall turn their hearts to the right,  
A story of truth and mercy,  
A story of peace and light,  
A story of peace and light.

Chorus

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
And the dawning to noonday bright;  
And Christ's great kingdom shall come to earth,  
The kingdom of love and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations,  
That shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
A song that shall conquer evil  
And shatter the spear and sword,  
And shatter the spear and sword.

We've a message to give to the nations,  
That the Lord who reigns high above  
Has sent us His Son to save us,  
And show us that God is love,  
And show us that God is love.

We've a Savior to show to the nations,  
Who the path of sorrow has trod,  
That all of the world's great peoples  
Might come to the truth of God,  
Might come to the truth of God.

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