

#### 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

#### THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE February 13, 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

"O that Will Be Glory" Comp. – Charles Gabriel

Introit

#### "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

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Call to Wo	rship (Psalm 1)	Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist
Leader:	Happy are those who do	not follow the advice
	of the wicked, or take th	e path that sinners tread,
<b>People:</b>	But their delight is in th	e law of the Lord,
	and on his law they me	ditate day and night.
Leader:	They are like trees plante	d by streams of water,
	which yield their fruit in	its season,
People:	And their leaves do not	wither.
	In all that they do, they	v prosper.
Leader:	The wicked are not so, bu	t are like chaff
	that the wind drives awa	ay.
<b>People:</b>	For the Lord watches ov	ver
	the way of the righteou	15,
	but the way of the wid	ked will perish.
Hymn # 82	2 "Praise, My Soul th	e King of Heaven"

#### \*Prayer of Confession

Sustaining God, you would have us be deeply rooted in you, finding strength in your word and nourishment in your grace. More often, though, we live as chaff, blown here and there by the winds of circumstance. Forgive our lack of permanency and our failures to hold fast to our commitments. Grow in us faith that we might be firmly planted in your promises, released from sin, and open to the life you have shown us in Jesus Christ.

\*Assurance of Forgiveness \*Gloria Patri Scout Recognition \*Sharing of the Peace

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

Old Testament Lesson	Jeremiah 17:5-10				
Anthem	"Blest are They"	By Haas			
Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director					
Gospel Lesson		Luke 6:17-26			
Sermon		Rev. Timothy Monroe			

# **RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation of Faith *(Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 28)* What advantage comes from acknowledging God's creation and providence?

We learn that we are to be patient in adversity, grateful in the midst of blessing, and to trust our faithful God and Father for the future, assured that no creature shall separate us from his love, since all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot even move.

\*Hymn # 440 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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

Choral Amen

\*Hymn # 426

"Blessed Assurance"

\*Benediction \*Choral Response \*Postlude

(\*All who are able, please stand)

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THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Audio/Visual/Streaming, Olivia and Kristi Eckenroad.

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

THE AUDIT COMMITTEE will meet Monday at 10:00 a.m. to review the financial records of the church.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM will meet Monday at 11:00 a.m. at SS Simon and Jude Church.

THE SESSION will meet in Fellowship Hall Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Packets for the meeting are available to pick up in the parlor.

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.

THE 2022 FLOWER CHART is hanging 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. Please note any special dedication for the bulletin. Flowers are \$20/Sunday and checks can be made payable to the: Board of Deacons.

THE ANNUAL SOUPER BOWL OF CARING OFFERING will be received during worship today. 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 is located at the back of the sanctuary for your Souper Bowl offering.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to usher. An usher's responsibility is to greet parishioners as they arrive and hand them a bulletin. Answer any questions from visitors. Count the number of people in attendance and light the candles. An usher chart is located at the back of the sanctuary. Please consider signing up for your choice of dates.

COPIES OF THE ANNUAL REPORT are available on the back table for those who were unable to attend the Congregational Meeting last Sunday. Please help yourself to a copy.

WE WILL GATHER FOR WORSHIP at 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be the imposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them and the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. The service will be live streamed for those at home. This service of worship will be your first step into the Lenten season.

## **REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
		Souper Bowl of Caring Offering
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Annual Financial Review
	11:00 a.m.	Ministerium Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship

#### LITANY FOR RECOGNITION OF SCOUTS

- Scouts: A Scout is TRUSTWORTHY.
- Leader: Scouts' honor is to be trusted: keeping promises made, telling the truth, honest in conduct, and dependable to all people.
- People: "Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life and honor." Proverbs 21:21
- Scouts: A Scout is LOYAL.
- Leader: A Scout is loyal to all to who loyalty is due: Scout leader, other Scouts, home, parents, and country.
- People:"Live as servants of God...Honor everyone. Love the family of<br/>believers. Fear God. Honor the emperor."I Peter 2:17Securts:A Securt is HELDELU
- Scouts: A Scout is HELPFUL.
- Leader: Scouts must be prepared at any time to save lives, help injured people, and share in home duties. They must do at least one good turn for someone every day.
- People:"Let us not be weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at<br/>the harvest time, if we don't give up."Galatians 6:9
- Scouts: A Scout is FRIENDLY.
- Leader: Scouts are friendly to all and a brother or sister to every other Scout.
- People: "A friend loves at all times and kinsfolk are born for to share adversity." Proverbs 17:17
- Scouts: A Scout is COURTEOUS.
- *Leader:* Scouts are polite to all, not taking any pay for being helpful or courteous.
- People:"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that<br/>you may know how to answer everyone."Colossians 4:6
- Scouts: A Scout is KIND.
- Leader: Scouts are kind, and especially to those who are weak or needy.
- People: "Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous or boastful; it is not arrogant or rude. Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful." I Corinthians 13:4
- Scouts: A Scout is OBEDIENT.
- Leader: Scouts obey their parents, Scoutmaster, teachers, and leaders.
- People: "Obey your leaders and submit to them; for they are keeping watch over your souls. Honor your father and mother."

Scouts: A Scout is CHEERFUL.

Hebrews 13:17 & Exodus 20:12

Leader: Scouts smile whenever they can. Their obedience to orders is prompt and cheery. They never shirk or grumble at hardships.

**People: "Those with cheerful hearts have a continual feast."** 

Proverbs 15:15

- Scouts: Scouts are THRIFTY.
- Leader: Scouts won't carelessly destroy property, but work faithfully wasting nothing, and making the best use of their opportunities. They save their money to pay their own way, are gracious to those in need, and helpful to worthy projects.
- People: "Whoever is faithful in very little is faithful also in much."

Luke 16:10

- Scouts: A Scout is BRAVE.
- Leader: Scouts have the courage to face danger in spite of fear, and to stand up for the right against the coaxing of friends or the jeers or threats of enemies.
- People: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, nor dismayed: for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9
- Scouts: A Scout is CLEAN.
- Leader: He keeps clean in body and thought, stands for clean speech, clean support, clean habits, and travels with a clean crowd.
- People:"Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? Those who have clean<br/>hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is<br/>false, and do not promise deceitfully."Psalm 24:3-4
- Scouts: A Scout is REVERENT.
- Leader: Scouts are respectful toward God, faithful in their religious duties, and respectful of the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.
- People: "You shall love the Lord with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39
- All: Lord, write all these words upon our hearts and help us to do your will.

This liturgy is based on the twelve points of the Boy Scout Law. The Girl Scout Law also has much in common with this litany. "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, To His feet your tribute bring; Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore his praises sing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for His grace and favor To all people in distress. Praise Him, still the same forever, Slow to chide and swift to bless. Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness!

Father-like, He tends and spares us; All our hopes and fears He knows. In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes. Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as His mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore Him, You behold Him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down before Him; All who dwell in time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

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# "Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

Savior, like a Shepherd lead us, Much we need thy tender care; In thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use thy folds prepare;

(Chorus)

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, thine we are; Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, do thou befriend us, Be the guardian of our way; Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray:

Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be; Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:

Early let us seek thy favor, Early let us do thy will; Blessed Lord and only Savior, With thy love our bosoms fill:

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# "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.

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