



“But I say to you that listen,

Love

your enemies,

do good

to those who hate you,

bless

those who curse you,

pray

for those who abuse you.”

Luke 6:27-28, NRSV

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

February 20, 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

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

Arr. by Bennett Berry

Introit #71

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!

Come, all who hear; now to His temple draw near,

Join me in glad adoration!

Catherine Winkworth | Joachim Neander

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 37*)

Jean Heberling, Liturgist

Leader: Do not fret because of the wicked;

do not be envious of wrongdoers,

People: For they will soon fade like the grass,

and wither like the green herb.

Leader: Trust in the Lord, and do good;

so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

People: Take delight in the Lord,

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Leader: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.

Do not fret – it leads only to evil.

People: For the wicked shall be cut off,

but those who wait for the Lord

shall inherit the land.

Leader: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;
he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

**People: The Lord helps them and rescues them;
he rescues them from the wicked,
and saves them,
because they take refuge in him.**

*Hymn # 435 "Like a River Glorious"

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Anthem "Written in Red" By Gordon Jenson

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Luke 6:27-38

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(Confession of 1967)*

Wise and virtuous men through the ages have sought the highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and beauty. Yet all human virtue, when seen in the light of God's love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self-interest and hostility. All

men, good and bad alike, are in the wrong before God and helpless without his forgiveness. Thus all men fall under God's judgement. No one is more subject to that judgment than the man who assumes that he is guiltless before God or morally superior to others.

*Hymn # 382 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"
Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)
Choral Amen

*Hymn # 372 "I Then Shall Live"

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

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

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Jean Heberling; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Audio/Visual/Streaming, Eli and Brylea Borbonus.

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.

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 January 30th. Please help yourself to a copy.

WE WILL GATHER FOR WORSHIP at 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd. 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.

THIS YEAR'S LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET was written by folks from the community. As a community project, the ministerium took the lectionary readings for each day of Lent and asked folks from the various churches to prepare a devotional message that relates to that portion of scripture. Each devotion is composed of an assigned scripture lesson, a devotional message of about 400 words, and a one or two sentence prayer. All submissions are being compiled into booklet form, duplicated, and distributed to area churches for use during the Lenten Season. Devotionals will be available for you to pick up at the back of the sanctuary next Sunday, February 27th.

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.

UPDATE on Community Lenten Lunches - Each year the community gathers each Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. during Lent for a worship service followed by a luncheon. In recent years, the lunches were cancelled due to the pandemic. The ministerium has decided to cancel the Lenten Lunches for the 2022 season due to the ongoing safety concerns. However, Lenten reflections will be presented by local ministers and available online each Wednesday during Lent. Please use this link to access the youtube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3nq0fsIDKtl4d1bpHN1pHg>

WE RECEIVED the Souper Bowl of Caring Offering last Sunday during worship. A total of \$1,310 was received. Gifts will continue to be received through the end of the month for those who were unable to attend last Sunday. Thank you to all those who gave. All gifts will be sent to ICCAP to support the county Food Bank.

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 were 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

Summary of Church Survey (2022)

Overall, the findings from the 2022 Church Survey were very positive with 99% of the respondents satisfied with the church. The majority of the respondents(80%) believed the church was successful in its obligation to meet the needs of the church family as well as the needs of the community. On another positive note, the majority of the respondents (80%) enjoyed the music ministry at the church.

With regard to interest in new program and activities, the respondents were very interested in the activities related to the 200th Anniversary Celebration, Church Socials/Dinners, Youth Group and Vacation Bible Study.

Based on the age distribution of the congregation it was not surprising that 83% did not have youth attending the church and therefore offered few suggestions for how to get the youth more involved. With regard to worship time preference, 53% prefer 11:00 and 33% prefer 10:00. There were several comments encouraging the continued practice of 11:00 during most of the year and changing to 10:00 for the summer months.

Additional information will be shared in the March Newsletter.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	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

Like A River Glorious

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious in its bright increase:
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day,
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.
Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.
Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

Every joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love;
We may trust Him fully all for us to do;
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.
Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest,
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

Frances Ridley Havergal | James Mountain

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Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,”
You taught us, Lord, to pray,
But You alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.

How can Your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?

In blazing light Your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us,
How great our debt to You.

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease.
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
Our lives will spread Your peace.

I Then Shall Live

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven;
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father;
I am His child, and I am not afraid.
So greatly pardoned, I'll forgive another;
The law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion;
I've been so loved that I'll risk loving, too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges;
I dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment,
Then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your Kingdom come around and through and in me,
Your power and glory, let them shine through me;
Your hallowed name, oh, may I bear with honor,
And may Your living Kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, oh, may I share with honor,
And may You feed a hungry world through me.

Gloria Gaither | Jean Sibelius

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