



**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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March 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

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks” By Bennett/Berry

Introit #423

“Surely It Is God Who Saves Me”

**Surely it is God who saves me; I shall trust and have no fear.**

**For the Lord defends and shields me and his saving help is near.**

**So rejoice as you draw water from salvation’s living spring;**

**In the day of your deliverance thank the Lord, his mercies sing.**

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr – Music: Dutch melody  
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Call to Worship (*Psalm 27*)

Lon Ferguson, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me  
on a level path because of my enemies.

**People: Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they are breathing out violence.**

Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

**People: Wait for the Lord; be strong,  
and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!**

\*Hymn # 569

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

\*Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, you have formed a covenant with us, committing yourself to us and inviting us to walk with you. Yet we have resisted, seeking other companions, going in different ways, thinking that we know best. Now we find ourselves far from life, further still from you. Have mercy on our waywardness. Help us find our way back. Give us faith so that we can hold the hand you have extended to us in Jesus Christ.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

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

Old Testament Lesson	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
Anthem	"People Need the Lord" By Phil McHugh
Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director	
New Testament Lesson	Philippians 3:17-4:1
Sermon	Rev. Timothy Monroe

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

\*Affirmation of Faith *(Confession of 1967)*

**Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in men and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.**

\*Hymn # 408

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

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

Choral Amen

\*Hymn # 458

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

\*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; Ushers, Barri Stuchal and Alan Lowman; Audio/Visual/Streaming, Eli and Brylea Borbonus.

THE FLOWERS in worship this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory of Edgar and Juanita Rupert by Eileen Brown.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are available at the back of the sanctuary for anyone wishing to take one. The booklets include a Daily Lenten Reflection for each day through Lent and concludes on Easter Day.

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 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.

BIBLE STUDY will be held 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 5:45 p.m. in the Bell Room. The choir is still 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 200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE has begun planning our celebration. The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in joining the planning process is welcome.

THE MISSION COMMITTEE will meet Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested is invited to attend. If you have any questions or would like more information about the committee, please see Lon Ferguson, chair or Pastor Monroe.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES will be presented by local ministers and available online each Wednesday at noon during Lent. Please use this link to access the youtube channel.

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

THE PRAYER CHAIN - If you know of someone's need for prayer, please contact Nancy Campbell or the church office.

**STAND WITH UKRAINE** - The Synod of the Trinity is joining forces with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help support the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s humanitarian response to the war in Ukraine. The Synod is pledging \$1,000 to the cause, but want to send more! The Synod will **match up to \$24,000 more** from any congregation or presbytery in our region that donates through the Presbyterian Mission Exchange giving platform.

We are extending you the opportunity to support the Ukraine through a special offering. If you would like to support this offering, please make your check payable to our church and ***mark your gifts clearly for Ukraine***. All gifts will be sent through the Presbyterian Mission Exchange giving platform to be matched. All administration fees will be covered by the Synod so your entire donation will be sent on to the PDA.

### **REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Today</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
		<i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Ministerium Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Online Lenten Service
	5:45 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