



**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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February 12, 2023 ~ 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

“The Old Rugged Cross Medley”

By Mercer

Introit

“God’s Holy Ways Are Just and True”

# 663

**God's holy ways are just and true,**

**His promises are ever new:**

**O praise Him, alleluia!**

**Let every heart with praises sing**

**And make this house with voices ring:**

**O praise Him, O praise Him!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 119*)

Terry Brown, Liturgist

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the Lord.

**People: Happy are those who keep his decrees,  
who seek him with their whole heart,  
who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.**

Leader: You have commanded your precepts  
to be kept diligently.

**People: O that my ways may be steadfast  
in keeping your statutes!**

Leader: Then I shall not be put to shame,  
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

**People: I will praise you with an upright heart,  
when I learn your righteous ordinances.  
I will observe your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.**

\*Hymn # 471

“As the Deer”

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We look to false gods for help and turn away from you. We say yes to what is evil and no to what is good. Forgive us; give us grace. Help us to resist temptation and choose a better way: to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

Scout Recognition

\*Sharing of the Peace

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

New Testament Lesson

I Corinthians 3:1-9

Anthem

“Think About His Love”

Arr. McDonald

The Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

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 # 443

“Trust and Obey”

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (“...debts...and debtors...”)

Choral Amen

\*Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 358

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

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

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PLEASE JOIN us in the ritual of friendship by signing the attendance pads that are at one end of each of the pews. If you are here for the first time, we would appreciate it if you would give us your local telephone number. Please help yourself to a copy of our newsletter, *Uplift* available at the back of the church. We thank you for joining your voice to ours in sacred worship.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning’s service are Liturgist, Terry Brown; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, the scouts and Gene and Chery Artman.

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.

GRANNIES will meet Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. There are tasks for everyone. All are invited.

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

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday from 10:30 – 12:00 noon. Proof of residency in the borough is needed when signing up for the first time.

BIBLE STUDY will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday in Fellowship Hall. Our study is in the book of Revelation. We hope you will join us.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. The choir is currently in need of additional ringers. 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.

*A sincere thank you to my church family for all the phone calls, emails and beautiful cards on the passing of my husband. My family and I are so grateful for the dinner provided before the service. Your kindness meant a lot and was very much appreciated.*

*Nancy Campbell and family*

COPIES OF THE ANNUAL REPORT are available on the back table for those who were unable to attend the Congregational Meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>.

WE WILL GATHER for worship at 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 22<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. This service of worship will be your first step into the Lenten season.

LINDSAY SHARP will be running a marathon to raise money for Magee-Womens Research Institute & Foundation. It is the largest research institute in the US dedicated solely to women's health and reproductive biology. Lindsay has a personal reason for taking part in this marathon and you can read more about it and have the opportunity to support her through the link below.

<https://raceroster.com/events/2023/62760/2023-dicks-sporting-goods-pittsburgh-marathon-weekend/pledge/participant/17681890>

THE 2023 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.

**OUR PRAYER CONCERNS FOR THE WEEK INCLUDE:**

Friends of our church who are unable to be with us this morning

Our pastor and church leaders

Our Rwanda Partner – the Gitarama Presbyterian Church

Compassion child: Samuel Mutabazi

Our country and government leaders

***Students of the Week:***

Abigail Bruner and Sean Gilligan

***February Leaders:***

Elders: Kim McKinney and Doug Clayton

Deacons: Brylea Borbonus and Susie Cotti

***Presbytery Prayers***

Slate Lick Church – Moderator, Marty Neal

Rwanda Partner - Kavumu

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM has made the decision to resume the community Lenten services and lunches this year. Each Wednesday through the season of Lent, beginning at 12:00 noon, a Lenten service is held followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon. A schedule of dates, places, and pastors are listed below.

Ash Wednesday

Feb. 22..... Crossroads Church..... Pastor John Buchmann

Mar. 1..... Hopewell Methodist Church ..... Pastor Fred Craig

Mar. 8..... C&MA Church..... Pastor Harold Hicks

Mar.15 ..... Hebron Lutheran Church ..... Pastor Timothy Monroe

Mar. 22 ..... First United Methodist Church ..... Pastor Linda Corle

Mar. 29 ..... United Presbyterian Church ..... Pastor Joe Baird

Apr. 5 ..... SS Simon & Jude Church ..... Pastor John Smaligo

Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Apr. 7 ..... St. Peter's Episcopal Ch ..... Pastor Brianna Lehman

### WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

<b>Today</b>	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Scout Sunday <i>Souper Bowl of Caring Offering</i>
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Blairsville Ministerium Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Food Bank Distribution
<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
	6:30 p.m.	Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Worship