



**And he was transfigured before  
them, and his face shone like  
the sun, and his clothes  
became dazzling white.**

*Matthew 17:2, 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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February 19, 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

“Like a River Glorious” Arr. Bennett/Berry

Introit

“Awesome God”

# 658

**Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom power and love, Our God is an awesome God!**

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 99*)

Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord is king; let the people tremble!

**People: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;  
let the earth quake!**

Leader: The Lord is great in Zion;  
he is exalted over all the peoples.

**People: Let them praise your great and awesome name.  
Holy is he!**

Leader: Mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness  
in Jacob.

**People: Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool.  
Holy is he!**

\*Hymn # 136

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. Your light shines all around us and yet we fail to see it. Your voice calls to us from heaven and yet we fail to listen. Forgive us; give us grace. Let us be witnesses to your glory; make it our mission, each day, to show the wonder of your love in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

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

New Testament Lesson

II Peter 1:16-21

Anthem

“Upon a Holy Mount” By Allen/Schwoebel

The Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

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

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(Heidelberg Catechism Q. 31)*

Why is Jesus called Christ, that is, the Anointed One?

**Because he is ordained by God the Father and anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, fully revealing to us the secret purpose and will of God concerning our redemption; to be our only High Priest, having redeemed us by the one sacrifice of his body and ever interceding for us with the Father; and to be our eternal King, governing us by his Word and Spirit, and defending and sustaining us in the redemption he has won for us.**

\*Hymn # 123

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

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 # 106 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

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

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, Rick Shoemaker; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Elaine Jellison and Alan Lowman.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Nancy Boone.

THE AUDIT TEAM will review financial records of the church Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to pick up in the parlor.

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

WE WILL GATHER for worship at 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd. There will be the imposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them and the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

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 2023 FLOWER CHART is hanging in the hallway outside the church office. Please use the chart to sign-up for your choice of Sunday date. Flowers are \$20/Sunday and checks can be made payable to the: Board of Deacons.

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>.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM has scheduled community Lenten services and lunches. 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 Jim Kendall

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

Mar. 8.....C&MA Church ..... Pastor John Smaligo

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

THE TOTAL for the coupons received in the five years we have participated is \$501,634.97! A big thank you to everyone that has helped in accomplishing this amount.

IF YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE, articles to be published in the March edition of the UPLIFT newsletter are due to the church office this week. Please call the church office if you need more information.

LINDSAY SHARP will be running a marathon to raise money for Magee-Womens Research Institute & Foundation May 7, 2023. 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>

#### HELP WANTED:

- \* Volunteers are needed to run the audio/visual equipment in the balcony each Sunday morning. Those interested will be trained. Please see Jean Heberling or Doug Clayton if interested.
- \* Volunteers are needed to usher. An usher signup sheet is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to participate in worship as an usher/greeter, please sign-up. There are dates available. Our deacons thank you.

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

Friends of our church who are unable to be with us

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:***

Cason Long and Shakira McKinney

#### ***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

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. We would like to thank those from our church who participated by writing a devotion. We thank Mercy Hill Church for providing the labor to organize the booklet and publish it. It truly is a labor of love.

THE SESSION COMMITTEES for 2023 are looking for interested members to be active participants. Chairs for the committees are listed. Please review the committees and responsibilities of the committees and contact the chair if you are interested in serving.

Worship – *co-chairs, Jean Heberling and Doug Clayton*—Worship services, sacraments, music, funerals, weddings

Mission – *chair, Gene Artman*—Benevolences, special offerings, global & local mission and missionaries

Christian Education – *co-chairs, Jim Antis and Gene Artman*—Sunday school programs, curriculum, adult education, youth work, leadership education

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

Stewardship – *chair, Terry Brown*—Stewardship education and programs, challenges the congregation in its faithful use of the many different resources entrusted to our care

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

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

Evangelism – *chair, Kim McKinney*—New member recruitment and assimilation, outreach, publicity

WE WILL RECEIVE the One Great Hour of Sharing offering Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> during the worship hour. These gifts will aid with food for the hungry, aid and shelter for those overcoming catastrophe and conflict, and to resource communities working to end poverty and oppression. To help with remembering this offering during Lent, giving calendars were included in last month's newsletter. The calendar can be used as a tool to help provide information as well as opportunities to add to your OGHS offering. Fish banks and calendars are available to you at the back of the sanctuary.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS are reminded to check their mailbox in the hallway outside the church office for correspondences.

### **WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

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| <b>Today</b>     | 11:00 a.m. | Worship  |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 6:30 p.m.  | Boy Scouts Meet in Fellowship Hall                         |
|                  | 6:30 p.m.  | Monday Music Club meets in the Fellowship Hall             |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 10:00 a.m. | Audit Team will review the financial records of the church |
|                  | 6:30 p.m.  | Session Meeting in Fellowship Hall                         |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study  |
|                  | 12:00 p.m. | Community Lenten Lunch                                     |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.  | Ash Wednesday Worship & Communion                          |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 2:00 p.m.  | Stitching Group  |
|                  | 6:30 p.m.  | Blairsville Brass Rehearsal                                |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 11:00 a.m. | First Sunday in Lent Worship                               |