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WEDNESDAY

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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Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you.**

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Prelude “Lead Me to Calvary” Arr. Hustad

Introit “Spirit of the Living God”

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 51*) Bobbi Monroe, Liturgist

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

**People: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

Leader: You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**People: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Leader: Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

**People: Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

\*Hymn # 371 “Our Father, We Have Wandered”

\*Prayer of Confession

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. We proudly practice our piety yet conceal our secret shame. We trumpet our high ideals yet hide from neighbors in need. Forgive us, by your steadfast love. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

Imposition of Ashes

*(As worshippers come forward to receive the imposition of ashes – those in the pew will read Psalm 51 aloud.)*

## DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Anthem

“Remember Him”

Arr. Price/Besig

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director - Betsy Holby, flute

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-12

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(The Apostles' Creed)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 386 "Lord Jesus Think on Me"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer ("...*debts...and debtors...*")

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*(Please hold the bread until all have received, we will partake together)*

*(Please hold the cup until all have received, we will partake together)*

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn # 461 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

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

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This Evening we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

Our Worship Assistants for the evening service are Liturgist, Bobbi Monroe; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin.

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 beginning today and concluding on Easter Day.

Our Offering received this evening will be used in replenishing our Deacon Food Pantry.

## Psalm 51

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.
- 5 Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 6 You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.
- 9 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
- 11 Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.
- 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
- 14 Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.
- 15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
- 16 For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.
- 17 The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.