



*First Sunday in Lent*

**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 26, 2023 ~ 11:00 AM

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**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

“God Is So Good”

Arr. Mercer

Introit

“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

# 505

**All the way my Savior leads me;**

**What have I to ask beside?**

**Can I doubt His tender mercy,**

**Who through life has been my Guide?**

**Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,**

**Here by faith in Him to dwell,**

**For I know, whate'er befall me,**

**Jesus doeth all things well;**

**For I know, whate'er befall me,**

**Jesus doeth all things well.**

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 32*)

Jean Heberling, Liturgist

Leader: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

**People: Happy are those to whom the Lord  
imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit  
there is no deceit.**

Leader: While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

**People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up  
as by the heat of summer.**

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity.

**People: I said, "I will confess my transgressions  
to the Lord", and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Leader: You are a hiding-place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

**People: I will instruct you and teach you  
the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

\*Hymn # 440 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you.  
You provide the food we need; still we hunger for other things.  
You give your word to guide us; still we surrender to  
temptation. 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

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

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Anthem

"On Eagles' Wings"

Arr. Hayes

The Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Affirmation of Faith *(Heidelberg Catechism Q. 127)*

What is the sixth petition?

**“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” This is: since we are so weak that we cannot stand by ourselves for one moment, and besides, since our sworn enemies, the devil, the world, and our own sin, ceaselessly assail us, be pleased to preserve and strengthen us through the power of thy Holy Spirit so that we may stand firm against them, and not be defeated in this spiritual warfare, until at last we obtain complete victory.**

\*Hymn # 476 “I Need Thee Every Hour”

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 # 504 “Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

\*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, Jean Heberling; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin.

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

BLAIRSVILLE MONDAY MUSIC CLUB is presenting a Disney Dazzle program and is welcoming any women who would like to sing along with our members. The music consists of familiar Disney songs. We will be practicing on Monday's starting March 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church sanctuary. Come join our Music Club Mouseketeers for this program. Any questions can be directed to Cindy Borbonus.

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:***

Andrew Baker and Maya Johnson

***February Leaders:***

Elders: Kim McKinney and Doug Clayton

Deacons: Brylea Borbonus and Susie Cotti

***Presbytery Prayers***

Black Lick & Homer City United Church

Moderator, Tim Monroe

## **WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Today</b>	11:00 a.m.	First Sunday in Lent Worship
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	6:00 p.m.	Historical Society meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Second Sunday in Lent Worship