
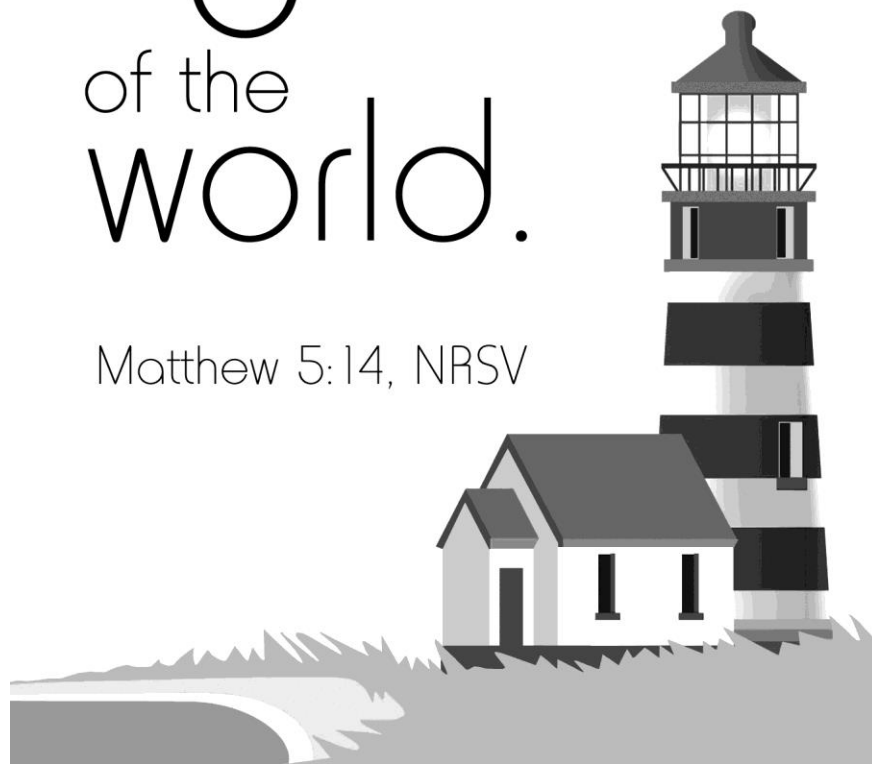


You are the
light
of the
world.



Matthew 5:14, 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 5, 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 "This Is My Father's World" By Bennett/Berry

Introit "We Are Called to Be God's People" # 580

**We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives His grace,
One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how He has changed us, and remade us as His own,
Let us share our life together as we shall around His throne.**

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Call to Worship (*Psalms 112*)

Mary Gorslone, Liturgist

Leader: Happy are those who fear the Lord,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

**People: Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Leader: Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

**People: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

Leader: For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.

**People: Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

*Hymn # 71

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Prayer of Confession

God of glory, we confess that we have not sought your face. We ignore the needs of the poor and turn away from our own kin. We allow the gospel to go stale, and hide the light you have given. Forgive us; give us grace. By the renewing gifts of your Spirit inspire and empower us again 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

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Anthem

“People Need the Lord”

By McHugh/Nelson

The Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Romans 8:3b-6)

...He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

*Hymn # 670

“O Word of God Incarnate”

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 # 541 "Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

*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, Mary Gorslone; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Gene and Chery Artman.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 4 will hold their Annual Soup and Chili Cook Off today following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$10.00 per person. They will have 12 different soups and chili's to enjoy, plus bread and delicious desserts. This is a Boy Scout fundraiser to help cover expenses incurred in camping and other activities throughout the year. Thanks for your support.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will gather Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for their monthly meeting.

BIBLE STUDY will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday in Fellowship Hall and on ZOOM. 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 BIG THANK YOU to all those who helped with setup, making soup, salads and desserts, and cleaned up at the Congregational Luncheon/Meeting held last Sunday. The Congregational Fellowship Committee appreciates everyone's efforts.

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>

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 service will be live streamed for those at home. This service of worship will be your first step into the Lenten season.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for the New Year are available for you to pick up at the back of the sanctuary. If you would like offering envelopes, please contact the church office at 724-459-7991.

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 ChurchPastor Fred Craig

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

Mar.15 Hebron Lutheran ChurchPastor Timothy Monroe

Mar. 22 First United Methodist ChurchPastor Linda Corle

Mar. 29 United Presbyterian ChurchPastor Joe Baird

Apr. 5 SS Simon & Jude Church Pastor John Smaligo

Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.

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

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.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:

- * Volunteers are needed to run the audio/visual equipment in the balcony each Sunday morning. Those interested will be trained. Please see Doug Clayton or Jean Heberling 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.

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

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS FOR THE WEEK INCLUDE:

Friends of our church who are unable to be with us this morning
Our country and government leaders, Our pastor and church leaders

Our Rwanda Partner – the Gitarama Presbyterian Church

Compassion child: Samuel Mutabazi

Students of the Week: Taylor Duffey and Daniel Kukula

February Leaders: Elder, Kim McKinney & Elder, Doug Clayton
Deacon, Brylea Borbonus & Deacon, Susie Cotti

Presbytery Prayers

West Glade Run Church - Moderator, Marty Neal

MISSION NEWS: The Gitarama Presbyterian Church has been our Rwanda Partner since 2007. The purpose and goals of our partnership are these:

- *To listen and learn from our sisters and brothers in Christ in Rwanda on how to worship, how to cope with oppression and how to care for one another more effectively.
- *To have exchange of representatives so as to establish a personal connection and sense of mutual support.
- *To provide support and assistance to one another's needs as quickly as possible.
- *To be the Body of Christ together, to demonstrate our unity (John 17), our inclusivity and our fulfillment of Christ's great commission (Matthew 28).

To this end we mutually pledge ourselves to this partnership.

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	11:00 a.m. Worship
	12:00 p.m. Boy Scout Soup & Chili Cookoff in Fellowship Hall
Monday	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Meet in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m. Monday Music Club
Tuesday	6:00 p.m. Board of Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Bible Study
	5:00 p.m. Daisy Troop Meets in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m. Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Leader Meeting
	6:30 p.m. Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
Saturday	12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	11:00 a.m. Worship & Scout Sunday
	Souper Bowl of Caring Offering