



**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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March 5, 2023 ~ 11:00 AM

*Second Sunday in Lent*

**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

“Jesus”

Arr. Mercer

Introit

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

# 56

**Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
The God of all creation, the God of power,  
The God of love, the God of our salvation.**

**My soul with comfort rich he fills,**

**And every grief he gently stills:**

**To God all praise and glory!**

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 121*)

Mary Anzelone, Liturgist

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills –

from where will my help come?

**People: My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**People: He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

**People: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and for evermore.**

\*Hymn # 84                      “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. We bless what we should curse and curse what we should bless. We trust our own righteousness and forget your gift of grace. 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 12:1-4a

Anthem

“Promised Land”

Arr. Sleeth

The Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

John 3:1-17

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

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

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(The Scots' Confession)*

**By Adam and Eve's transgression, generally known as original sin, the image of God was utterly defaced in man, and he and his children became by nature hostile to God, slaves to Satan, and servants to sin. And thus everlasting death has had, and shall have, power and dominion over all who have not been, are not, or shall not be reborn from above. This rebirth is wrought by the power of the Holy Ghost creating in the hearts of God's chosen ones an assured faith in the promise of God revealed to us in his Word; by this faith we grasp Christ Jesus with the graces and blessings promised in him.**

\*Hymn # 502

“Be Thou My Vision”

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 # 426 "Blessed Assurance"

\*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, Mary Anzelone; 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 Russell Harvey by Sue Harvey and family.

WE WILL CELEBRATE the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday, March 12 during worship. Please take time to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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.

**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:***

Corbin Baltazar and Katie Eckenroad

***March Leaders:***

Elders: Jean Heberling and Terry Brown

Deacons: Chris Antis and Vicky Westley

***Presbytery Prayers***

Marienville Church and Mt. Tabor Church

Rwanda Partner: Mututu/Birembo

Pastor Boyd Edmondson

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.

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.

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

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.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins next Sunday, March 12. Be sure to change your clocks. We spring forward!

THE ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST hosted by the YMCA of Indiana County will be held Friday, April 7th beginning at 7:00 a.m. Guest speaker this year is Travis Freeman who will share an amazing story of perseverance through adversity. Tickets are on sale now \$20 a person thru March 23 (includes breakfast) and \$25 a person March 24-April 7 (includes breakfast). For information on the speakers and tickets visit [icymca.org/GFB](http://icymca.org/GFB) or stop by the YMCA.

## VOLUNTEERS:

- \* 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.

## WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

<b>Today</b>	11:00 a.m.	Second Sunday in Lent Worship
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Monday Music Club Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting in Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Lunch
	5:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop meets in Fellowship Hall
	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>Saturday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Presbytery Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Third Sunday in Lent Worship & Communion
	1:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
		<i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>