



**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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**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

“My Tribute”

Arr. Crouch

Piano, Cindy Borbonus – Organ, Pam Irwin

Introit

“Refiner’s Fire”

# 374

**Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.**

**Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.**

**Refiner's fire; my heart's one desire is to be holy,**

**Set apart for You, Lord.**

**I choose to be holy, set apart for You, my Master,**

**Ready to do Your will.**

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 66*)

Mary Anzelone, Liturgist

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples,

let the sound of his praise be heard.

**People: For you, O God, have tested us;**

**You have tried us as silver is tried.**

**You laid burdens on our backs;**

**yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.**

Leader: Come and hear, all you who revere God,

and I will tell what he has done for me.

**People: Blessed be God, because he has not rejected**

**my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.**

\*Hymn # 9 "Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

\*Prayer of Confession

**Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You made the heavens and earth, but we worship our own devices. You send your Spirit to guide us, but we try to find our own way. Forgive us; give us new life! Renew the promise of our baptism and make us ready to receive the life that death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

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

New Testament Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

Anthem

"Jesus Paid It All"

Arr. Grape

The Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

New Testament Lesson

I Peter 3:13-22

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

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

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(Confession of 1967)*

**The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as man involves the church in the common life of men. His service to men commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of mankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of men in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on man's inhumanity to man. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of man's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.**

\*Hymn # 560

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 562 "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

\*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; Usher, Alan Lowman.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all the women of the church who nurture us in our faith!

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

TODAY we will receive a Blanket Offering for Church World Service. They are able to provide blankets for \$10 each, and distribute them to those hurting and in need due to hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and other crises. Thank you for your gifts.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the second floor Conference Room. Packets for the meeting can be picked up in the parlor.

ELECTION DAY is Tuesday. Voting will be held in Fellowship Hall all day.

BIBLE STUDY will not meet this Wednesday. The study will resume next Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday in the parlor. This group works on personal projects and fellowships.

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. If you are interested in singing in the choir or need more information, please see Cindy Borbonus.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE is looking for the names of upcoming graduates from high school or schools of higher learning. It has been our tradition to recognize the accomplishments of our young people during a worship service. Please submit names of graduates to the church office.

THE BACCALAUREATE SERVICE for the 2023 Senior Class of River Valley High School will be held Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Saltsburg Alliance Church will host the service.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will take a break for the summer months. Beginning in June, we will host guest musicians and have Special Music during worship. If you or someone you know would like to share a musical talent for our worship service, please see Cindy Borbonus or contact the church office.

THE SESSION has approved the establishment of an Organ Fund to receive donations for future repairs or replacement of our pipe organ. Gifts should be made payable to the church and clearly marked in the memo line for Organ Fund.

SEATS ARE FILLED for the bus trip to Sight & Sound Theater in December. A waiting list will be established in case of cancellations. Please contact Charlotte or Linda between 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. if you are interested in being placed on this list.

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE begins Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. The worship hour begins at 10:00 a.m. throughout the summer months. Our choirs will be in recess. Following Labor Day, our Regular Schedule will resume. Mark your calendars.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to run the audio/visual equipment in the balcony each Sunday morning. Those interested will be trained. Please see Doug Clayton if interested. Also, 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.	Worship & <i>Mother's Day</i>
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	All Day	Election Day-Voting in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Worship