

**"And if I go
and prepare a place for you,
I will come again
and will take you to myself,**



**so that where I am,
there you may be also."**

John 14:3, 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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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

“Where We’ll Never Grow Old”

Arr. Mercer

Piano, Cindy Borbonus – Organ, Pam Irwin

Introit

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

440

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
thou hast bought us, thine we are.**

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 31*)

Mel Woodring, Liturgist

Leader: In you, O Lord, I seek refuge;

do not let me ever be put to shame;

in your righteousness deliver me.

People: Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily.

Be a rock of refuge for me,

a strong fortress to save me.

Leader: You are indeed my rock and my fortress;

for your name’s sake lead me and guide me.

People: Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

Leader: My times are in your hand; deliver me.

**People: Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.**

*Hymn # 507 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson

I Peter 2:2-10

Anthem

"Cornerstone"

Arr. Goss-Livingston Jr.

The Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

John 14:1-14

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1)

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of

his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*Hymn # 110 “We Come, O Christ to You”

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 # 453 “Christ Be My Leader”

*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, Mel Woodring; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Usher, Alan Lowman.

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

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM will meet Monday at 11:00 a.m. at SS Simon & Jude Church.

THE COUNTY FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Those signing up for the first time should bring proof of residence within the Blairsville Borough.

BIBLE STUDY will meet in Fellowship Hall Wednesday beginning at 10:00 a.m. The study is on the book of Revelation. All are welcome.

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

NEXT SUNDAY 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. Prayerfully consider your gift.

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.

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.

SUMMER CAMP is described by one as, “A place to explore, grow, belong, learn God’s word and have fun.” There are three local camps supported by local presbyteries: Camp Lambec, Pine Springs Camp, and Crestfield Camp & Conference Center. Brochures are available at the back of the sanctuary. Online information is available at their websites. Also, funding is available to offset some of the cost for campers. Please call the office for details.

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE begins Sunday, June 4th. 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.

THE BALL BROTHERS have been bearing witness to their faith in Jesus Christ around America. Now that their ministries are taking some new directions, they are engaged in their Farewell Tour. We are encouraging you to attend one of two concerts of praise being offered in our area in the coming months.

Roseville Chapel, Friday, 3598 Route 322, Brookville, PA (814) 849-0817 May 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Memorial Baptist Church, 7154 Route 403 South, Dilltown, PA (814) 446-5019 Friday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m.

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies sew in Fellowship Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Ministerium Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Food Bank Distribution
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Leader Meeting
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Worship & <i>Mother's Day</i>