

Go to the village
ahead of you,
and as you enter it,
you will find a
colt tied there,
which no one has
ever ridden.



Luke 19:30

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 20, 2016 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Dennis Gould, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

Marilyn Neal, Organist

Lighting of the Candles

Cole Stuchal, Acolyte

"Festival Procession"

Bell Choir

Call to Worship (*Psalm 118*)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

His steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

**People: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.

**People: I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

*Hymn # 267

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. The
lips that sing "Hosanna!" are the same that shout "Crucify!"
The hands that wave palm branches are the same that prepare
your cross. Forgive us, God of grace. Look upon us with mercy
– our lives are in your hands. Save us, by your steadfast love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

- *Sharing of the Peace
- *Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson	Isaiah 50:4-9a (pg. 680 of OT)
Anthem	<i>"Blessed Is the King Who Comes"</i>
	Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
	Tambourines – Sunday School children
Gospel Lesson	Luke 19:28-40 (pg. 83 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- *Affirmation of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. (A Brief Statement of Faith)

- *Hymn # 265 *"All Glory, Laud and Honor"*
- Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*"...debts...and debtors"*)
- Choral Amen
- Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
- Offertory
- *Doxology
- *Prayer of Dedication

- *Hymn # 268 *"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!"*
- *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 church brochure, a *Welcome Packet* or a copy of our newsletter, *Uplift*. These are 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, Dennis Gould; Acolyte, Cole Stuchal; Ushers, Holby's and Boone's; Projector, Blake Tonkin; Sound, Mitchell Tonkin; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Rick and Willa Shoemaker.

CONGRATULATIONS to Josh and Morgan Uncapher on the birth of their son, Ryland Joshua, Wednesday, March 16th. Ryland is 7 pounds 5 ounces and 19 inches long. He will be welcomed home by big brother, Keller and big sister, Maelin.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be received today. OGHs funds enable the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and help to empower the poor and oppressed through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self Development of People.

OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS will gather for a light lunch followed by class today after worship. The scheduled dates are: today, April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1. Students will unite with the church during worship on Pentecost, May 8. Please contact Pastor Tim or Deb Lint for more information on the classes.

ON THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH at 7:00 p.m. we will gather for a Maundy Thursday Worship Service and the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is coordinated by the Adult Sunday School Class. If you have a prayer request or know of someone's need for prayer, please contact Shirley McLaughlin.

THE DEACONS will collect items on a monthly basis to be taken to the Pathway Homeless Shelter in Black Lick. During the month of March we will be receiving cleaning products. A container is located at the back of the sanctuary to place items in. If you would rather make a monetary donation, make checks payable to the Board of Deacons and mark in the memo for Pathway.

THE YMCA OF INDIANA COUNTY will host the 60th Annual Good Friday Breakfast at the YMCA Gymnasium March 25th at 6:30 a.m. Guest speaker is Brett Parks. Brett will share his story of surviving a devastating gunshot wound after trying to help the victim of a mugger. Cost for the breakfast is \$15 each. Please see Marilyn Neal for tickets.

OUR BELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, March 23rd. We would love to have new members join us. No experience necessary, we'll train you. If you have questions or are interested in ringing, please see Vicky Westley, director or a bell choir member.

THE CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, March 23rd. New voices are always appreciated. For more information about the choir, please see Cindy Borbonus or come to rehearsals on Wednesdays. You're always welcome.

A COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Connect Church, on route 22 across from Dean's Diner. The Rev. Jim Kendall will deliver the message. The ministerium invites the community to come and worship together.

NEXT SUNDAY, we will celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Early Easter Worship will be held at 8:30 a.m. Several of our Sunday School children will take part in the service. An Easter breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m., compliments of the Men's Sunday School class. The Easter Worship service will be at 11:00 a.m. including special music from our bell and chancel choirs. All are welcome to celebrate with us!

DINING WITH DIABETES classes will be offered by Penn State Extension beginning Monday, April 18th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The classes continue April 25th, May 2nd and July 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Dining with Diabetes is a program for adults with diabetes and their families. Preregistration is required due to space limitations. Please call the extension office to register at 724-837-1402, Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. The 3rd Annual Blairsville Mission Partnership will be held Saturday, May 14th from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Lunch and child care will be provided. Consider volunteering your time working for neighbors in the area. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of the sanctuary. Applications are also available for those who would like to have work done at their homes. For more information, contact the church office or Pastor Monroe. The Mission Partnership is sponsored by the Blairsville Area Ministerium.

MISSION MOMENT- *The Outreach Foundation*

There is much talk about mission these days, about how mission is more than just a program of the church. In fact, many now speak of God as missionary and affirm that mission involves our very identity and purpose as followers of Jesus. Mission means not living for the sake of ourselves. When I think of congregations that understand this, I most often think of Presbyterian global partners.

Haidian Church is a large congregation with a creative ministry in an area of Beijing that features leading universities and many high-tech companies. It is the only church in a 430-square-kilometer area. Members of the pastoral staff, including Senior Pastor Wu and his wife, Pastor Ruth, lead the congregation with some 10,000 members and another 5,000 participants. They have six services each Sunday (one in English) and 58 meeting places. While there are 17 pastors serving the church and its preaching places, much of the work of the church is carried out by 700 lay leaders who receive training each Wednesday at the church. Pastor Wu, who is completing doctoral studies, has a special burden for strengthening the discipleship ministries of the congregation. "We have focused on building the church and baptizing new believers. Now, we need to disciple them." The majority of the church members are under 40 years old. Haidian Church averages 400–500 baptisms each year.

The growth of the church, according to Rev. Wu, is driven by parents bringing their children to church, the life challenges that people are facing that set them upon a spiritual search, and the work of personal evangelism. It was interesting during a recent visit to see a group of members copying the Bible in beautiful Chinese script. Members are united around God’s Word as they come together to copy the Bible by hand every six months! What a joy it is to be able to share with brothers and sisters in other cultures and contexts who have much to teach us about following Jesus and living for him in the world.

Rob Weingartner, executive director, the Outreach Foundation

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship
		<i>One Great Hour of Sharing Offering</i>
	12:00-2:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class in Fellowship Hall
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Church Financial Audit
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Lunch at SS Simon & Jude
		Church-Rev. Rusty McClurg
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop meets in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Worship & Communion
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Worship at Connect Church
Easter Day	8:30 a.m.	Early Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	11:00 a.m.	Easter Worship

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES will be held each Wednesday afternoon through Lent. Worship will be held at 12:00 noon followed by a light lunch. The worship schedule is as follows:
 Mar 23..... Rev. Rusty McClurg.....SS Simon & Jude Church
 Mar 25..... Rev. Jim Kendall Connect Church
 Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.