

Many people spread
their cloaks on the road,
and others spread leafy
branches that they had
cut in the fields.

MARK 11:8, 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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March 25, 2018 ~ 11:00 AM

Palm Sunday

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Connie Bruner, 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 John Clark Bruner, Acolyte

Introit # 652 *"This Is the Day"*

**This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.**

Call to Worship (*Psalms 118*)

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

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Bind the festal procession with branches.

**People: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

*Hymn # 267 *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

*Prayer of Confession

God our Redeemer, we confess that we are people of ashes and dust. We join the parade and shout hosanna, then deny our Lord in his hour of need. We wave the palms and sing praise, then hand our Savior over to die. Forgive us, God of grace. Our lives are in your hand – deliver us from evil. 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

New Testament Lesson Philippians 2:5-11 (pg. 197 of NT)

Anthem *“The Palms”*

Gospel Lesson Mark 11:1-11 (pg. 47 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(A Brief Statement 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.

*Hymn # 265 *“All Glory, Laud and Honor”*

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

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 268 *“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!”*

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

*(*All who are able, please stand.)*

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning’s service are Liturgist, Connie Bruner; Acolyte, John Clark Bruner; Ushers, Rick & Willa Shoemaker, Tom Holby and Irving Lindsey; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Audio, Jaison McKinney; 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 & Willa Shoemaker.

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THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be received today during worship. These gifts will be used 36% for Presbyterian Hunger Programs, 32% for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and 32% for the Self-Development of People. An envelope has been included in your bulletin today.

THE DEACONS will check blood pressures following worship today. If you would like to have your numbers checked, please see Susie Cotti.

GRANNIES will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday, March 26th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

THE COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEON is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28th. We will gather at SS Simon & Jude Catholic Church at 12:00 p.m. and Pastor Monroe will share the message. Following the service a soup and sandwich lunch will be served.

BELL CHOIR rehearsal will be held Wednesday, March 28th at 6:00 p.m. If you would like more information on the bell choir, please see Vicky Westley.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, March 28th beginning at 7:00 p.m. If you enjoy singing and are interested in sharing your gift, there is always room in the choir. For more information, please see Cindy Borbonus.

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 Nancy Campbell or the church office. Requests are kept in confidence.

ON THURSDAY, MARCH 29th 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.

A COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE will be held Friday, March 30th at Abundant Grace Church. The Rev. Cory Braatz will share the message. All are welcome.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, March 22nd at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome to join them.

EASTER DAY early worship will be held in the sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. Following worship we will gather in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 a.m. to share breakfast. At 11:00 a.m., we will gather again in the sanctuary for Easter Day worship. We hope you will join us in celebrating the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ!

SEVERAL DATES are still available on the 2018 flower chart. If you would like to order flowers for Sunday worship, please use the chart to sign-up for your choice of date. Flowers are \$20/Sunday and checks can be made payable to the Board of Deacons.

THE DEACONS are collecting cleaning supplies and trash bags for the Pathway Shelter through the month of March. They can be placed in the container at the back of the sanctuary. Monetary donations are also being accepted. Please give your financial gifts through your church offering.

DURING the month of March the Deacons will collect the following items for Torrance State Hospital patients: gently used or new suitcases, body wash and men's & women's deodorant. You may leave the items in the box in the back of the sanctuary marked for Torrance State Hospital.

USHERS ARE NEEDED each Sunday during worship. A sign-up sheet is located at the back of the sanctuary. Please consider signing up for your choice of dates. For more information contact Steve Moran or Ken Doak.

LOOKING AHEAD...Vacation Bible School plans are starting and the Christian Ed Committee is looking for workers in all areas. The program will run from Monday, June 11 through Friday, June 15th. If you are interested in volunteering to help this year, please see Kim McKinney.

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
	12:00 p.m.	Blood Pressure Checks
Monday	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Lenten Lunch
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop meets in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship & Communion
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Community Good Friday Worship at Abundant Grace Church
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Early Easter Day Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Easter Day Worship