



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 27, 2016 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

"Christ the Lord Arose!"

Arr. Linda R. Lamb – Robert Lowry/Lyra Davidica

Bell Choir – Director, Vicky Westley

Words of Greeting

Rick Shoemaker, 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

Chase Stuchal, Acolyte

Choral Introit

"Christ Is Risen"

Call to Worship (*Psalms 118*)

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

His steadfast love endures forever!

**People: The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.**

Leader: There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

**People: The right hand of the Lord is exalted;
the right hand of the Lord does valiantly."**

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live,

and recount the deeds of the Lord.

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

All: For Christ the Lord is risen.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Hymn # 288

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

*Prayer of Confession

**God of everlasting life, we confess that we continue in the ways
of death. You have announced your new creation, but we put
our hope in former things. You have opened the door of the
tomb, but we close our hearts to our neighbors. Forgive us,
God of grace. Make us people of the resurrection, proclaiming
the destruction of death and the gift of glorious new life in you;
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 65:17-25 (pg. 696 of OT)
Anthem	<i>"This Is the Time to Sing"</i>
	Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director
Gospel Lesson	Luke 24:1-12 (pg. 90 of NT)
Sermon	Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

- *Affirmation of Faith (*Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 45*)
 What benefit do we receive from "the resurrection" of Christ?
First, by his resurrection he has overcome death that he might make us share in the righteousness which he has obtained for us through his death. Second, we too are now raised by his power to a new life. Third, the resurrection of Christ is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.
- *Hymn # 294 *"Christ Arose!"*
 Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*"...debts...and debtors"*)
 Choral Amen
- Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
 Offertory *"It's About the Cross"* Abigail Bruner
The Ball Brothers
- *Doxology
- *Prayer of Dedication
- *Hymn # 298 *"The Day of Resurrection!"*
- *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, Rick Shoemaker; Acolyte, Chase Stuchal; Special Music, Abigail Bruner; Ushers, Jeff & Rose Lewis and Tony & Collin Yackuboskey; Projector, Jonathan Clayton; Organist, Marilyn Neal; Bell Choir Director, Vicky Westley; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

THE EASTER FLOWERS in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory and honor of loved ones by many in the congregation. A dedication list is included in the bulletin. We thank the Board of Deacons for providing the opportunity to have the beauty of the flowers in worship. A special thank you goes to Naomi Sigafos and friends, for their extra efforts.

OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS will gather for a light lunch followed by class next Sunday after worship. The scheduled dates are: 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.

GRANNIES will meet in Fellowship Hall Monday, March 28th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

OUR BELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday, March 30th. 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 30th. 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.

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. Requests are kept in confidence.

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 DEACONS will check blood pressures following worship on these scheduled dates: April 10, 24, May 8 and 22nd. Please see Susie Cotti to have your numbers checked.

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.

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

Today	8:30 a.m.	Early Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	11:00 a.m.	Easter Worship
Monday	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Saturday	1:00-4:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:15 p.m.	Confirmation Class