



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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April 16, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM

Easter Day

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

"Christ the Lord Arose!"

Arr. Linda R. Lamb

Bell Choir – Director, Vicky Westley

Words of Greeting

Bonni Dunlap, 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

Piano and Organ Duet

Lighting of the Candles

Introit

"Christ Is Risen"

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

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

Leader: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

Leader: For Christ the Lord is risen.

**People: Christ the Lord is risen indeed.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Hymn

288, *"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"*

*Prayer of Confession

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You send Jesus on ahead of us, but we stay behind, studying the tomb. You reveal to us your heavenly glory, but we set our minds on earthly things. Forgive us; give us new life! Send us forth to share the gospel, with our words and deeds proclaiming the life that death cannot destroy; 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 Colossians 3:1-4 (pg. 201 of NT)

Anthem *"I Stand Amazed"*

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Oh, how marvelous! Oh, how wonderful!

And my song shall ever be;

Oh, how marvelous! Oh, how wonderful!

Is my Savior's love for me.

Gospel Lesson Matthew 28:1-10 (pg. 33 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy R. Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.
(Apostles' Creed)

*Hymn # 294, "*Christ Arose*"

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

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
Offertory "*Not Any More*"
Abigail Bruner

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 298, "*The Day of Resurrection*"

"Canticle of Praise"
Kevin McChesney
Bell Choir

*Benediction

*Choral Response "*Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful*"

*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, Bonni Dunlap; Special Music, Abigail, Elizabeth & John Clark Bruner; Ushers, DeWayne & Nikki Reeves and Jim & Mary Piper; Projector, Blake Tonkin; Audio, Mitchell Tonkin; 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.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to be picked up in the parlor.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, April 19th at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in more information, please see Vicky Westley, director.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, April 19th at 7:00 p.m. There is always room in the choir for one more voice. For more information, contact Cindy Borbonus, director.

WIC will meet with clients in Fellowship Hall Thursday, April 20th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, April 20th 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 the group.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is a few short months away. If you enjoy working with kids and learning new things, you don't want to miss this opportunity. We need...want volunteers to help with this year's VBS program scheduled for June 19-23. No experience necessary. A planning meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20th at 6:30 p.m. If you're interested, please come and find out what it's all about. Contact the church office for more information.

YOUTH GROUP will be held Saturday, April 22nd at 5:30 p.m. Please see Jen Borbonus for more information.

WE WILL HOST families in the Family Promise Program beginning next Sunday, April 23rd through Sunday, April 30th. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Pastor Monroe or Gene Artman.

VACCINATIONS are being offered by the Dept. of Health to those who are underinsured or uninsured. Shots are given by appointment only at the Blairsville Community Center. Dates and times are April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19 and August 16 from 9:45 – 11:15 a.m. Please call the PA Dept. of Health at 724-357-2995 if you have questions or to schedule an appointment.

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.

THE DEACONS are collecting new or gently used men's shoes size 10 or larger for patients at Torrance State Hospital. You can leave the shoes in the office or in the back of the church in or near the Torrance Hospital bin.

DURING the month of April the Deacons are collecting the following items for Pathway Shelter: Lysol, Lysol wipes, paper towels, dishwasher tabs, 409 cleaner and Mr. Clean (floors). You may leave the items in the box in the back of the sanctuary marked for Pathway.

PARENTS OF GRADUATES, our church tradition has been to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of our children and young adults, especially at graduation time. Please notify the office or see Kim McKinney about your child's pending graduation from high school or college so that we may show your son or daughter how much we care. Graduate recognition will be Sunday, June 4th during the morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. If your graduate has a talent they would like to share during the recognition service such as singing, playing an instrument, speaking, etc., please let Kim or the office know.

COUPONS FOR VETERANS are being collected. Please save manufacturer's coupons only. The program allows up to one month expired. If possible, please cut coupons and separate into food and non-food bundles. There is a box at the back of the sanctuary to place the coupons in marked Coupons for Veterans. If you have any questions, please see Erica Ash or Ellen Williams.

HELPING, HOPING, HEALING: A Faithful Response to Persons and Families Dealing with Drug Addiction is a workshop being offered through the Kiskiminetas Presbytery. There is no cost for this event. Workshops run from 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Snacks will be provided. The schedule of workshops is: April 22, Grace Church in Kittanning; April 29, Marion Center Church; or May 6, Clarion Church. If you are interested in attending a workshop, please see Pastor Monroe or contact the church office.

CAMP LAMBEC is open and has a new website, www.camplambec.org. Camp Lambec is a place for fun adventures in faith, family and friends. You can check out the website for more information and to register for the camp that's right for you. Registration forms and camping brochures are available at the website also.

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

Easter Day	8:30 a.m.	Early Easter Day Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Easter Day Worship
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Thursday	9:00-3:00 p.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
	3:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	VBS Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Friday	5:30 p.m.	Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall reserved
Saturday	2:30 p.m.	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary reserved
	5:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Family Promise begins