



“I am the
resurrection and the
Life.”
John 11:25



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 2, 2017 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Mary Anzelone, 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

Eli Borbonus, Acolyte

Introit # 381

“Restore in Us, O God”

Restore in us, O God,

The splendor of your love;

Renew your image in our hearts,

And all our sins remove.

Call to Worship (*Psalms 130*)

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive.

**People: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?**

Leader: But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.

**People: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;**

Leader: my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.

**People: O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.**

*Hymn # 95

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

*Prayer of Confession

**God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you.
We speak as though hope is lost, even while you are still
speaking. We act as though death is the end, even while you are
still acting. Forgive us, by your steadfast love. Create a clean
heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of
salvation; 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

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| Old Testament Lesson | Ezekiel 37:1-14 (pg. 806 of OT) |
| Anthem | <i>"Dry Bones"</i> |
| | Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director |
| | Percussion – children of the church |
| Gospel Lesson | John 11:1-45 (pg. 104 of NT) |
| Sermon | Rev. Timothy R. Monroe |

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith (*A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

- *Hymn # 461 *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*
- Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)
- Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word
- Offertory
- *Doxology
- *Prayer of Dedication
- *Hymn # 358 *"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*
- *Benediction
- *Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand.)

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Mary Anzelone; Acolyte, Eli Borbonus; Ushers, Rose Lewis, Nancy Hartmann, Gene Artman and Dennis Gould; 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 loving memory of William Doak by Alice Santoro.

FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday, April 4th from 12:00-1:00 p.m. Those signing up for the first time must bring proof of residence.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, April 4th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

WE WILL HOST the Community Lenten Service and Lunch this Wednesday, April 5th. Worship begins at 12 noon followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon served in Fellowship Hall.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, April 5th at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in more information, please see Vicky Westley, director.

THE CHOIR has been busy preparing special music for the season of Lent and Easter Day. It's not too late if you are interested in singing for this special time. Rehearsals are each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Cindy Borbonus.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, April 6th 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.

THE EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA will be held Saturday, April 8th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please use the bulletin insert to sign-up and for more information.

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.

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.

THE SEASON OF LENT AND EASTER DAY SCHEDULE

April 5 We host the Community Lenten Lunch, 12:00 p.m.
 April 8 Children's Easter Eggstravaganza, 10:00-12:00 p.m.
 April 9 Palm Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m.
 April 12 Seder set-up, 6:00 p.m.
 April 13 Maundy Thursday Seder, 6:30 p.m.
 April 14 Community Good Friday Worship, 7:00 p.m.
 Abundant Grace Church, Rev. Rusty McClurg
 April 16 Easter Day Early Worship, 8:30 a.m.
 Easter Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.
 Easter Day Worship, 11:00 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help prepare, serve and clean-up at the Easter Breakfast. If you are interested in helping, please see Tom Holby or contact 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.

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.

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 61ST GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST sponsored by the Indiana YMCA will be held at 6:30 a.m. at the YMCA gymnasium. Guest speakers are Julie Kemp and Landon Whitley. He lived to share with us. Please see Marilyn Neal for tickets. Cost is \$15 per person.

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES AND LUNCHEs sponsored by the Blairsville Area Ministerium are held each Wednesday during Lent. A worship service will be held at 12:00 noon followed by a soup and sandwich lunch.

April 5Rev. Dawn Krishart, United Presbyterian Church
 April 12 Rev. George Prior, SS Simon & Jude Church
 April 14, Rev. Rusty McClurg, Abundant Grace Church
 Good Friday, 7:00 p.m.

REGULAR WORSHIP CALENDAR

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| Today | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School Classes |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall reserved |
| Monday | 6:30 p.m. | Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | 12:00-1:00 p.m. | Food Bank distributes groceries |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Deacon Meeting |
| Wednesday | 12:00 p.m. | Community Lenten Worship & Lunch |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Bell Choir |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Historical Society Meeting in Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday | 3:00 p.m. | Stitching Group meets in the parlor |
| Saturday | 10:00-12:00 p.m. | Easter Eggstravaganza |
| Sunday | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School Classes |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Palm Sunday Worship & OGHS |