

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

April 14, 2019 ~ 11:00 AM

Palm Sunday

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Jean Heberling, 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 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Bell Choir

arr. Robert Groth and Kevin McChesney

Lighting of the Candles

Introit # 176 "Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates"

**Lift up your heads, O mighty gates: Behold the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near, The Savior of the world is here.**

Call to Worship (*Psalms 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

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

Anthem "No Other Name"

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

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 ("...debtors...and debtors")

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

Organ & Piano Duet

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 268 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!"

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand.)

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	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
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall carpet cleaned
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Seder
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Community Good Friday Worship
Easter Day	8:30 a.m.	Early Easter Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	10:30 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Easter Day Worship

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

MARK 11:8, NRSV



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*“a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit
to know Christ and to make Christ known”*

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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, Jean Heberling; Projector, Blake Tonkin; Audio, Elizabeth Bruner; Bell Choir Director, Vicky Westley; 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 Ron Conrad by Ron and Kim McKinney.

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 helping to empower the poor and oppressed. We thank you for your gifts.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet today following worship from 12:00 until about 2:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesday, April 17th at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Monroe is leading our study of Ephesians. All are welcome.

THE COMMUNITY LENTEN Service and Lunch will be held Wednesday, April 17th at Sts. Simon & Jude Church. Worship begins at 12 noon followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon.

WE WILL GATHER to share a Seder Meal Maundy Thursday, April 18th beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A Seder is a traditional Jewish Passover meal that celebrates God's deliverance from bondage. Each food served helps to tell the story. Please let us know if you plan to attend by completing the bulletin insert.

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 STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, April 18th at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome to join the group.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, April 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Room. We are looking for two ringers. No experience is necessary just a willingness to learn. If you are interested in more information about the bell choir, please see Vicky Westley.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you are interested in singing in the chancel choir, please see Cindy Borbonus.

A COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE will be held at 7:00 p.m. April 19th at Second Baptist Church. The Rev. John Buchmann will deliver the message. The ministerium invites the community to come and worship together.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help prepare, serve and clean-up our Easter Breakfast. Breakfast is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Easter morning. Tom Holby is coordinating the meal. If you are interested in helping, please contact the church office, 724-459-7991.

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. Volunteers are needed to help with this year's VBS program scheduled for June 17-21. Our curriculum will be from Group Publishing entitled, "Athens – Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth." Please contact the church office for more information or to volunteer.