

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

April 21, 2019 ~ 11:00 AM

Easter Day

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

“Christ the Lord Arose!”

Arr. Linda R. Lamb – Composer, Robert Lowry

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 *“Majesty”* Organ & Piano Duet

Lighting of the Candles

Choral 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: I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

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

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

**People: Christ the Lord is risen today.
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 *“Christ Is Risen, Alleluia”*

Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Robert Cosharek - Trumpet

Gospel Lesson Luke 24:1-12 (pg. 90 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 *“I've Just Seen Jesus”*

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 298 *“The Day of Resurrection”*

*Benediction

*Postlude *“Because He Lives”*

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

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

Easter Day	8:30 a.m.	Early Easter Worship
	9:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	10:15 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Easter Day Worship
Monday	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop Meeting
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 a.m.	Worship



Alleluia!

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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, Rick Shoemaker; Ushers, Steve, Joan & Kayla Moran, Tom Smith; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Audio, Jaison McKinney; Bell Choir Director, Vicky Westley; Organist, Marilyn Neal; 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 Jen Borbonus and Mary Hileman for their extra efforts.

A BIG THANK YOU to those who helped prepare, serve and clean-up our breakfast this morning and to all those participating in our Easter Celebration today! We rejoice in the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

A SESSION MEETING will be held Tuesday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting can be picked up in the parlor.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesday, April 24th at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Monroe is leading our study of Ephesians.

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 is from Group Publishing entitled, "Athens – Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth." Please contact the church office for more information or to volunteer.

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 25th 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.