

*“You will always have the  
poor among you, but you  
will not always  
have me.”*



*John 12:8, NIV*

**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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THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

April 3, 2022 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting

Rev. Timothy Monroe

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Prelude

“He Died for Us”

By Innes

Introit # 67

“Come, We That Love the Lord”

**Come, we that love the Lord,  
And let our joys be known,  
Join in a song with sweet accord,  
And thus surround the throne.**

Aaron Williams | Isaac Watts

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 126*)

Mary Gorslone, Liturgist

L: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

**P: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

L: Then it was said among the nations,  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

**P: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.**

L: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.  
May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

**P: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.**

\*Hymn # 113

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

\*Prayer of Confession

**Why are you so extravagant, O God? We work hard, use our intelligence, keep our ledgers balanced, accomplish feats daily, care for our families, and honor our inherited legacies. Is this not enough to earn our place among the favored? Yet you throw open windows and doors, revealing a vision we do not possess, where accomplishments don't count, where tears reap joy, where peace is found in suffering, where confidence is gained by giving away what is ours to treasure. Show us again what matters. Forgive our misplaced values, and draw us into your extravagance, that we, too, might be generous with our love.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

## **DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

New Testament Lesson

Philippians 3:4-14

Anthem

“Broken and Spilled Out”

By George

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

John 12:1-8

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(Westminster Confession of Faith)*

**Although hypocrites, and other unregenerate men, may vainly deceive themselves with false hopes and carnal presumptions: of being in the favor of God and estate of salvation; which hope of theirs shall perish: yet such as truly believe in the Lord Jesus, and love him in sincerity, endeavoring to walk in all good conscience before him, may in this life be certainly assured that they are in a state of grace, and may rejoice in the hope of the glory of God: which hope shall never make them ashamed.**

\*Hymn # 420

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

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

Choral Amen

\*Hymn # 468

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

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

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THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Mary Gorslone; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Audio/Visual/Streaming, Eli and Brylea Borbonus.

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

BIBLE STUDY will be held in Fellowship Hall and on ZOOM Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Our focus is on the gospel of John. Please call the church office with any questions or concerns.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. in the Bell Room. The choir is still in need of 3 or 4 new ringers so it can ring the 3-octave music. We welcome any seasoned ringers and any new to handbell ringing. Contact Vicky Westley, director for more information.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearsal Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. New voices are always welcome! If you are interested in singing in the choir or need more information, please see Cindy Borbonus.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet in the parlor Thursday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. This group works on personal projects and enjoys fellowship. All are welcome.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are available at the back of the sanctuary for anyone wishing to take one.

WILL YOU HELP? We are in need of a team of 2 – 3 people to be trained to run the sound/projector/streaming from the balcony during worship. We currently have three teams and would like a fourth so that a monthly rotating schedule can be created. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Jean Heberling, Doug Clayton or contact the church office. Thank you.

IN A LITTLE MORE than three weeks contributions within the boundaries of the synod have been given in excess of \$50,000 to help support the PDA's humanitarian response to the war in Ukraine. The Synod will end up matching more than the \$50,000 figure, but will no longer be matching future contributions. Any additional gifts will be forwarded to PDA. If you would like to support this offering, please make your check payable to our church and ***mark your gifts clearly for Ukraine***. All gifts will be sent through the Presbyterian Mission Exchange giving platform.

WE WILL RECEIVE the One Great Hour of Sharing offering next Sunday. Gifts will be sent to support three organizations within the PC(USA): Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. For over 70 years, OGHS has provided a way to share God's love with neighbors in need around the world.

COMMUNITY LENTEN REFLECTIONS will be presented by local ministers and available online each Wednesday during Lent. The 2022 Lenten services will focus on the theme: *True Religion—The Spiritual and Social Responsibilities of the Church*. Please use this link to access the youtube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3nq0fsIDKtl4d1bpHN1pHg>

The schedule of speakers is listed below:

- Apr 6..... The Prejudiced & Oppressed..... Rev. Joe Baird
  - Apr 13 .... The Sick & Dying..... Rev. Timothy Monroe
  - Apr 15 .... Good Friday ..... Rev. Rusty McClurg
- 7:00 p.m. in person at the C&MA Church

SPECIAL STONES are available to you in the back of the sanctuary as part of our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. You are encouraged to take one and to carry it with you as a reminder of your calling, the blessings of your heritage and your responsibility to live out with boldness the work entrusted to your care.

THE CHRISTIAN ED COMMITTEE is looking for the names of upcoming graduates from high school or schools of higher learning. It has been our tradition to recognize the accomplishments of our young people during a worship service. Please submit names of graduates to the church office.

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.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER FOR LENT AND EASTER**

### **Wednesdays**

Online Community Lenten Services, 12:00 p.m.

### **Sunday, April 10**

Palm Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m.

### **Maundy Thursday, April 14**

Worship & Communion, 7:00 p.m.

### **Community Good Friday Worship, April 15**

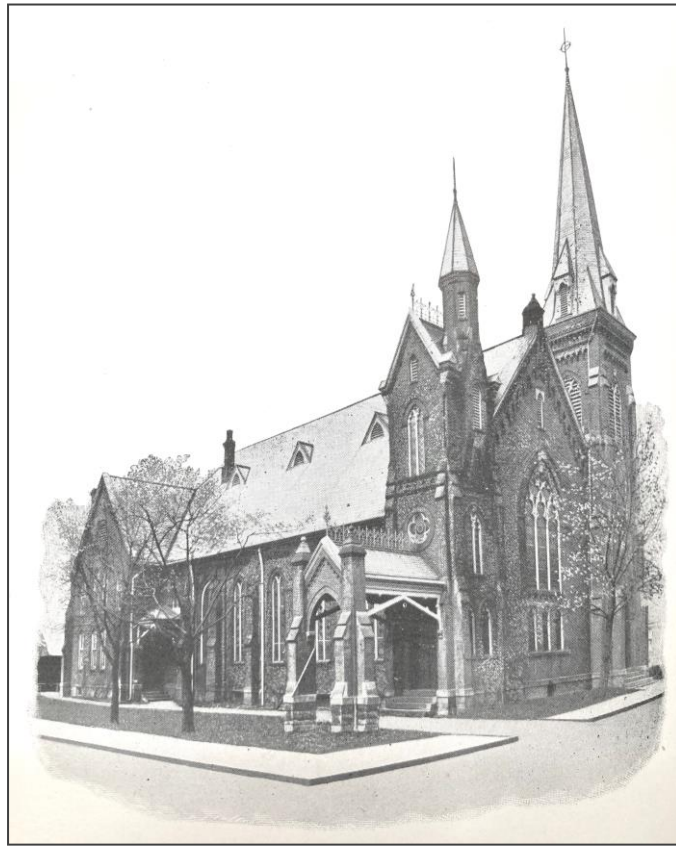
C&MA Church, 7:00 p.m.

### **Easter Day, April 17**

Early Easter Worship, 8:00 a.m.

Light Easter Breakfast, 9:00 a.m.

Easter Day Worship, 11:00 a.m.



200<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION  
SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

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**Saturday, August 13**

Open House at our Church  
during the Community Knotweed Festival

**Sunday, August 14**

Church Picnic & Men with Mixers

**Saturday, September 17**

200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner & Presentation

**Sunday, September 18**

Bicentennial Worship and Soup & Salad Lunch

**Wednesday, September 21**

200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert & Reception

## **REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Today</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 a.m.	WIC meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting in Fellowship Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Online Lenten Service
	5:45 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Class
	11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship