

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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May 1, 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

“Because He Lives”

By Gaither

Introit #43

“Majesty”

**Majesty, worship His majesty;
unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne
Unto His own, His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus;
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty;
Jesus, who died, now glorified, King of all kings.**

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 30*)

Mary Gorslone, Liturgist

Leader: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

**People: O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those
gone down to the Pit.**

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

**People: For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.**

Leader: You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy.

**People: So that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

*Hymn # 293 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna"

*Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, we are a people in need of your grace, for in zeal we have condemned others, and in cowardice we have denied you. Forgive us, Lord, for our sins, for our failure to love you fully, and to care for your people as we should. Heal us, we pray, and restore us to life, that we may again know joy and favor in your presence.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson

Revelation 5:11-14

Anthem

"Lamb of God"

By Twila Paris

The Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, director

New Testament Lesson

Acts 9:1-19A

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 88-91)

L: How many parts are there to the true repentance
or conversion of man?

P: Two: the dying of the old self and the birth of the new.

L: What is the dying of the old self?

**P: Sincere sorrow over our sins and more and more
to hate them and to flee from them.**

L: What is the birth of the new self?

P: Complete joy in God through Christ and a strong desire to live according to the will of God in all good works.

L: But what are good works?

P: Only those which are done out of true faith, in accordance with the Law of God, and for his glory, and not those based on our own opinion or on the traditions of men.

*Hymn # 422

“Amazing Grace”

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (*“...debts...and debtors...”*)

Choral Amen

*Hymn # 428

“When Peace Like a River”

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

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

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning’s service are Liturgist, Mary Gorslone; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Ushers, Barri Stuchal and Alan Lowman; Audio/Visual and Streaming, Kristi and Olivia Eckenroad.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Bill and Deb Lint.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This will be their final meeting until Fall.

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. We welcome any seasoned ringers and any new to handbell ringing. Contact Vicky Westley, director for more information.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR will gather for rehearsal Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you are interested in joining the choir, please contact 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.

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.

SPECIAL STONES are available to you in the back of the sanctuary as part of our 200th 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 200TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE continues to plan for the celebration this year. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Additional ideas for recognizing our anniversary are welcomed. All those interested in participating with the planning are invited to attend the meeting.

AT THE APRIL MEETING of the Session, it was moved to establish a 200th Anniversary Fund to receive donations which will be used to offset the expense of the anniversary dinner. If you would like to contribute to the cost of the dinner, please mark your gifts clearly “Anniversary Dinner” and drop them in the offering plate or mail it to the church.

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. This year we plan to have Graduate Recognition during the 10:00 a.m. worship service Sunday, June 5th.

THE RIVER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL Baccalaureate Service will be held Wednesday, May 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Hebron Lutheran Church. Family and friends are invited to attend this cap and gown event led by the Class of 2022.

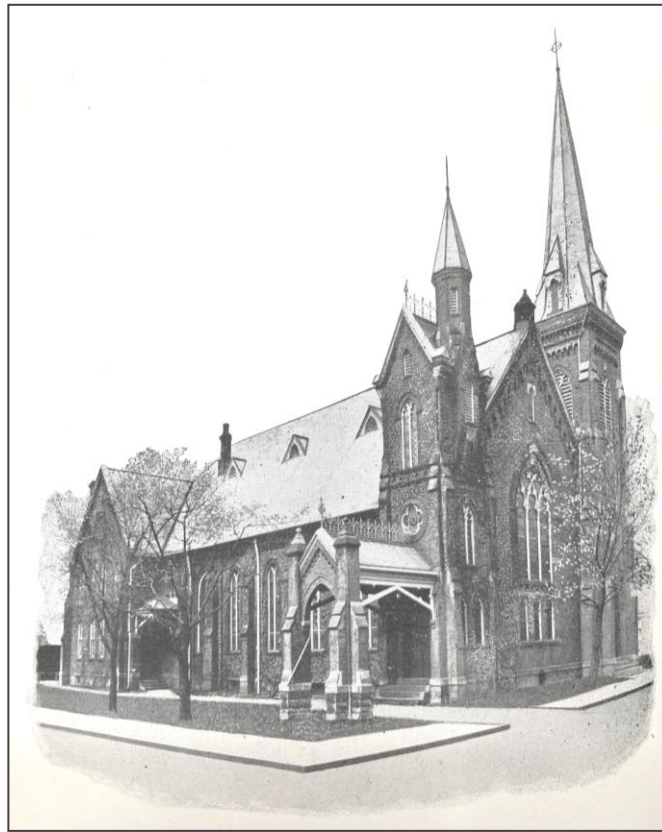
NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 8TH we will receive a Blanket Offering for Church World Service. They are able to provide blankets for \$10 a piece, and distribute them to those hurting and in need due to hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and other crises.

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE begins Sunday, June 5th. **The worship hour is at 10:00 a.m. throughout the summer months.** Our choirs and Sunday School will be in recess. Following Labor Day, our Regular Schedule will resume. Please mark your calendars.

WE WOULD like to schedule special music for summer worship services. If you or someone you know would be interested in sharing musical gifts with us on Sunday morning, please contact Cindy Borbonus.

REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Deacon Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:45 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
	11:00 a.m.	Worship - Mother's Day - <i>Blanket Offering</i>



200TH 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**

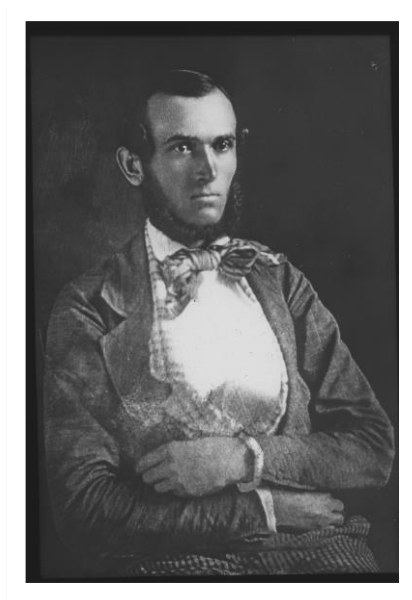
200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner & Presentation

**Sunday, September 18**

Bicentennial Worship and Soup & Salad Lunch

**Wednesday, September 21**

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



### **Jacob Zimmers and his wife, Mrs. Jacob Zimmers**

According to the book entitled, *A History of the Churches in Blairsville Presbytery* (prepared by and read before it in Blairsville, January 28, 1874), Jacob was one of the original deacons of the church. He was also an early ruling elder.

When the church originated in 1822, there were 33 members. Of those thirty-three, three were elected as ruling elders: Michael Campbell, Daniel Smith and John Cunningham. The first additions to the elders included: John McCrea, William T. Smith, Samuel Matthews and Matthias Lichtenthaler. The second group added as elders were: James Speer, H.A. Thompson, and Matthew George. The third group of elders included: James H. Fair, Joseph Moorhead, Jacob Zimmers and J.M. Turner. The final group (as of the writing of this document) were: Joseph Henderson and Jesse Cunningham.

The deaconate of the church began in 1855. The original board of deacons included: James Baird, David Lintner, J.H. Fair, Samuel Kennedy, W.A. Loughry, Thomas Campbell and Jacob Zimmers. The second group of deacons were: James Alexander, E.G. Stitt, Thomas Hotham, S.M. Bell, Samuel Barr, M.H. Hosack and William Lintner.