



**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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March 12, 2023 ~ 11:00 AM

*Third Sunday in Lent*

**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

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Arr. Bennett/Berry

Introit

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

# 93

**Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
with a liberating light.**

**Praise the One who frees the prisoners,  
Turning blindness into sight.**

**Praise the One who preached the gospel,  
Healing every dread disease,**

**Calming storms and feeding thousands  
With the very bread of peace.**

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 95*)

Pam Irwin, Liturgist

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

**People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**

**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Leader: O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.**

\*Hymn # 440           “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. We are quick to quarrel and condemn and slow to receive your gift of grace. We boast about our own success and deny our suffering Savior. 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

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

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

Anthem

“Come Share the Lord”

Arr. Leech

The Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

John 4:5-42

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

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

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(Apostles' Creed)*

**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.**

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn Insert "Fill My Cup Lord"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

*(Please hold the bread until all have received, we will partake together)*

*(Please hold the cup until all have received, we will partake together)*

Prayer after Communion

\*Hymn # 420 "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

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

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This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

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 copy of our newsletter, *Uplift* 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, Pam Irwin; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; and Ushers, Gene and Chery Artman.

GRANNIES will meet Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. There are tasks for everyone. All are invited.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Those signing up for the first time should bring proof of residence in the Blairsville borough.

THE HANDBELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. The choir is currently in need of additional ringers. 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.

THE 2023 FLOWER CHART is hanging in the hallway outside the church office. Please use the chart to sign-up for your choice of Sunday date. Flowers are \$20/Sunday and checks can be made payable to the: Board of Deacons.

THE ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST hosted by the YMCA of Indiana County will be held Friday, April 7th beginning at 7:00 a.m. Guest speaker this year is Travis Freeman who will share an amazing story of perseverance through adversity. Tickets are on sale now \$20 a person thru March 23 and \$25 a person March 24-April 7. For information on the speakers and tickets visit [icymca.org/GFB](http://icymca.org/GFB).

A BLOOD DRIVE will be held at Connect Church in the Worship Center, 50 S. Walnut Street Tuesday, March 14th from 1:00—6:00 p.m. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: CONNECT to schedule an appointment.

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS FOR THE WEEK INCLUDE:

Friends of our church who are unable to be with us

Our pastor and church leaders

Our Rwanda Partner – the Gitarama Presbyterian Church

Compassion child: Samuel Mutabazi

Our country and government leaders

***Students of the Week:***

Chase Stuchal and Madison Mudge

***March Leaders:***

Elders: Jean Heberling and Terry Brown

Deacons: Chris Antis and Vicky Westley

***Presbytery Prayers***

Srader Grove and Freeport Church

Rwanda Partner – Rambli

Pastor Adam Clever

THE SESSION has approved the establishment of an Organ Fund to receive donations for future repairs or replacement of our pipe organ. Gifts should be made payable to the church and clearly marked in the memo line for Organ Fund.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are available at the back of the sanctuary for anyone wishing to take one. The booklets include a Daily Lenten Reflection for each day through Lent and concludes on Easter Day. We would like to thank those from our church who participated by writing a devotion. We thank Mercy Hill Church for providing the labor to organize the booklet and publish it. It truly is a labor of love.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM has scheduled community Lenten services and lunches. Each Wednesday through the season of Lent, beginning at 12:00 noon, a Lenten service is held followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon.

Mar. 15 ..... Hebron Lutheran Church ..... Pastor Tim Monroe

BLAIRSVILLE MONDAY MUSIC CLUB is presenting a Disney Dazzle program and is welcoming any women who would like to sing along with our members. The music consists of familiar Disney songs. We will be practicing on Monday's starting March 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church sanctuary. Come join our Music Club Mouseketeers for this program. Any questions can be directed to Cindy Borbonus.

ACTIVITY/SERVICE AIDE position is open at Seton Center Adult Day Care. The position is part-time, Monday – Friday and includes paid time off and paid holidays. Please call Kim McKinney if interested, 724-832-2810.

### **WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Today</b>	11:00 a.m.	Third Sunday in Lent Worship & Communion <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>
	1:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Area Ministerium Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Monday Music Club Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Food Bank Distribution
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Leader Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday in Lent Worship