



**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 19, 2023 ~ 11:00 AM

*Fourth 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

“He Looked Beyond My Fault”

Arr. Mercer

Introit

“And He Never Said a Word”

Arr. Michael Ryan

The Handbell Choir – Vicky Westley, Director

Call to Worship (*Psalms 23*)

Bobbi Monroe, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**People: He makes me lie down in green pastures;**

**He leads me beside still waters;**

**He restores my soul.**

Leader: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

**People: I fear no evil; for you are with me;**

**your rod and your staff – they comfort me.**

Leader: You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me**

**all the days of my life,**

**and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord**

**my whole life long.**

\*Hymn # 86

“The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want”

\*Prayer of Confession

**God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. We look at outward appearances and fail to see what pleases you. We look with judgment on others and fail to see our own sin. 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**

Gospel Lesson

Anthem

**“Show Me the Way, O Lord”**

Arr. Parks

The Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 5:8-14

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

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

\*Affirmation of Faith

*(Theological Declaration of Barmen)*

**The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance.**

\*Hymn # 480

**“Open My Eyes, That I May See”**

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

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 422 "Amazing Grace"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude

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

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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 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, Bobbi Monroe; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Handbell Choir Director, Vicky Westley; and Ushers, Gene and Chery Artman.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting can be picked up in the parlor.

BIBLE STUDY will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday in Fellowship Hall. Our study is in the book of Revelation.

THE BLAIRSVILLE AREA MINISTERIUM has scheduled community Lenten services and lunches each Wednesday through the season of Lent, beginning at 12:00 noon.

Mar. 22 ..... First United Methodist Church      Pastor Linda Corle

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 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.

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 (includes breakfast) and \$25 a person March 24-April 7 (includes breakfast). For information on the speakers and tickets visit [icymca.org/GFB](http://icymca.org/GFB) or stop by the YMCA.

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.

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.

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.

WE WILL GATHER to share a Seder Meal Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 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.

## **Dates to Remember for the Season of Lent and Easter**

### **Wednesdays**

Community Lenten Lunches, 12:00 pm

### **Sunday, April 2**

Palm Sunday Worship, 11:00 am

### **Maundy Thursday, April 6**

Seder & Communion, 6:30 pm

### **Good Friday, April 7**

Community Worship

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 7:00 pm

### **Easter Day, April 9**

Early Easter Worship & Communion, 8:00 am

Easter Breakfast, 9:00 am

Easter Day Worship & Communion, 11:00 am

## **WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

<b>Today</b>	11:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday in Lent Worship
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Lunch
	5:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop in Fellowship Hall
	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>Saturday</b>	12:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
<b>Sunday</b>	11:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday in Lent Worship & Baptism