



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 26, 2023 ~ 11:00 AM

Fifth 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

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

Arr. Berry/Bennett

Introit

“Restore in Us, O God”

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Restore in us, O God,

The splendor of Your love;

Renew Your image in our hearts,

And all our sins remove.

Carl P. Daw Jr. | Johann Martin Spiess

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Call to Worship (*Psalm 130*)

Dennis Gould, Liturgist

Leader: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

People: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,

Lord, who could stand?

Leader: But there is forgiveness with you,

so that you may be revered.

People: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

Leader: My soul waits for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

People: O Israel, hope in the LORD!

**For with the LORD there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.**

*Hymn # 95 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

*Prayer of Confession

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. We speak as though hope is lost, even while you are still speaking. We act as though death is the end, even while you are still acting. 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

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Anthem

"Come Alive"

By Daigle/Farren

The Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

John 11:1-45

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

*Hymn # 461 "Breathe on Me Breath of God"

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 # 358 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

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

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, Dennis Gould; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin.

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

THE COMMUNITY LENTEN service and luncheon will be at our church this Wednesday, beginning at 12:00 noon. A message will be shared in the sanctuary by Pastor Joe Baird followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

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.

A SECOND CPR TRAINING has been scheduled for Thursday, March 30th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Susie Cotti or the church office if you would like to attend.

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.

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 WILL GATHER to share a Seder Meal Maundy Thursday, April 6th 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.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS are due today. If you would like to order a lily or tulip, please use the bulletin insert and clearly write your dedication for the bulletin.

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.

VOLUNTEERS:

- * Volunteers are needed to run the audio/visual equipment in the balcony each Sunday morning. Those interested will be trained. Please see Jean Heberling or Doug Clayton if interested.
- * Volunteers are needed to usher. An usher signup sheet is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to participate in worship as an usher/greeter, please sign-up. There are dates available. Our deacons thank you.

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	11:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday in Lent Worship & Baptism
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Monday Music Club Meeting in the sanctuary
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	We will host the Community Lenten Service and Luncheon
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	CPR Training in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

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