

## 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" Rev. Timothy R. Monroe 137 N. Walnut Street ~ Blairsville, PA 15717-1349 Church office 724-459-7991

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# April 2, 2023 ~ 11:00 AM *Palm Sunday*

#### 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 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Arr. Boone

Call to Worship (*Psalm 118*)

Mary Anzelone, Liturgist

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: This is the gate of the Lord;

the righteous shall enter through it.

People: I thank you that you have answered me

and have become my salvation.

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

People: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

you are my God, I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

\*Hymn # 267

\*Prayer of Confession

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. First, we greet you with praise, then we abandon you in peril. First, we welcome you with songs, then we forsake you in suffering. 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.

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

New Testament Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

Anthem

"No Other Name"

Arr. Mayfield

The Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

# RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

\*Affirmation of Faith

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

<sup>\*</sup>Assurance of Forgiveness

<sup>\*</sup>Gloria Patri

<sup>\*</sup>Sharing of the Peace

\*Hymn # 265 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

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 # 268 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response

\*Postlude "Crown Him with Many Crowns" Arr.

Arr. Anderson

(\*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, Mary Anzelone; Special Music, The Blairsville Brass; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin and Usher, Alan Lowman.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering will be received today. OGHS funds enable the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will gather Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for their monthly meeting.

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.

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.

THE COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCH will be held at SS Simon & Jude Church Wednesday at 12:00 noon. Rev. John Smaligo will share the message followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon.

A COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE will be held at 7:00 p.m. on April 7<sup>th</sup>. St. Peter's Episcopal Church will host the community and Collin McKnight will share the message. All are welcome.

# THE SEASON OF LENT & EASTER:

Wednesdays	Lenten Lunches, 12:00 pm
Thursday, April 6	Maundy Thursday
Seder Meal and Communion in Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm	
Friday, April 7	Community Good Friday Worship
	St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 7:00 pm
Sunday, April 9	Early Worship & Communion, 8:00 am
	Easter Breakfast, 9:00 am
	Easter Worship & Communion, 11:00 am

# **WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

Today	11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Monday Music Club Meeting (sanctuary)
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Service
	6:00 p.m.	Seder Set-Up
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Seder & Communion
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Community Service
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Early Worship & Communion
	9:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	11:00 a.m.	Easter Worship & Communion