

Then beginning with Moses
and all the prophets, he interpreted
to them the things about himself in
all the scriptures.

Luke 24:27, NRSV



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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April 23, 2023 ~ 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

“Each Step I Take”

Arr. Mercer

Piano, Cindy Borbonus – Organ, Pam Irwin

Introit

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth

Over and around us lies, Lord of all, to Thee we raise

This our hymn of grateful praise.

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Call to Worship (*Psalms 116*)

Jean Heberling, Liturgist

Leader: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice
and my supplications.

**People: Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

Leader: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

**People: I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

Leader: O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant,
the child of your serving-maid.
You have loosed my bonds.

**People: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.**

*Hymn # 71

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

*Prayer of Confession

Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You speak to us through your living Word, but we refuse to listen. You feed us with the bread of life, but we hunger for other things. Forgive us; give us new life! Lead us to repent and remember the promise of our baptism: the life that death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson

I Peter 1:17-23

Anthem

“Jesus Loves Me”

Arr. Hassell

Dave Hiltabidle – Alto Saxophone

The Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:13-35

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation 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.

*Hymn # 300 "In the Garden"
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 # 480 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"
*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, Jean Heberling; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Musician, Dave Hiltabidle; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin.

THE WHOLE CHURCH of Jesus Christ rejoices as Brooks Ryder Brackney, son of Benjamin Hissem and Madison Brackney, is baptized into Christ and the family of faith.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in the sanctuary this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of Ron Conrad by Ron and Kim McKinney.

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

BIBLE STUDY will meet in Fellowship Hall Wednesday beginning at 10:00 a.m. The study is on the book of Revelation. All are welcome.

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. If you are interested in singing in the choir or need more information, please see Cindy Borbonus, director.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday in the parlor. This group works on personal projects and fellowships.

SEATS ARE FILLED for the bus trip to Sight & Sound Theater in December. A waiting list will be established in case of cancellations. Please contact Charlotte or Linda between 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. if you are interested in being placed on this list.

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 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 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. Please submit names of graduates to the church office.

THE BALL BROTHERS have been bearing witness to their faith in Jesus Christ around America. Now that their ministries are taking some new directions, they are engaged in their Farewell Tour. We are encouraging you to attend one of two concerts of praise being offered in our area in the coming months. You can call each church for information about tickets.

Friday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Roseville Chapel, 3598 Rt. 322, Brookville, PA - (814) 849-0817

Friday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Memorial Baptist Church, 7154 Rt. 403 South, Dilltown, PA - (814) 446-5019

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Baptism
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club meet in the sanctuary
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop in Fellowship Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Worship