



CHRIST
IS RISEN
INDEED *Alleluia*

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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THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

April 9, 2023 ~ 11:00 AM

EASTER DAY

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

“Risen This Day!”

Arr. Michael Ryan

The Handbell Choir – Vicky Westley, Director

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’ve Just Seen Jesus”

Arr. Bock

Piano, Cindy Borbonus – Organ, Pam Irwin

Call to Worship (*Psalm 118*)

Pam Irwin, Liturgist

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

**People: The Lord is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.**

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the Lord.

**People: Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**People: This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: For Christ the Lord is risen today.

People: Christ the Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Hymn # 288

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson

Colossians 3:1-4

Anthem

“Easter Chorale and Alleluia”

Comp. Purifoy

The Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10

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.

Special Music

“It’s About the Cross”
Abigail Bruner - signing

The Ball Brothers

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 294 “Christ Arose!”

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 come forward to receive the sacrament)

(Those who remain at their seat, will be served)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn # 298 “The Day of Resurrection!”

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

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.

THE EASTER FLOWERS in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God and in memory and honor of loved ones by many in the congregation. A dedication list is included in your bulletin. We thank the Board of Deacons for providing the opportunity to have the beauty of the flowers in worship.

A BIG THANK YOU to those who helped prepare, serve and clean-up our breakfast this morning and to all those participating in our Easter Celebration today! We rejoice in the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Pam Irwin; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Guest Organist, Pam Irwin; Handbell Choir Director, Vicky Westley; Special Music, Abigail Bruner; Usher, Alan Lowman.

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.

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

THE MINISTERIUM will meet Monday at 11:00 a.m. at SS Simon & Jude Church.

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. 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 Thursday in the parlor. This group works on personal projects and fellowships.

SEATS ARE STILL AVAILABLE for the bus trip to Sight & Sound Theater in December. Please contact Charlotte or Linda between 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. to make your reservation.

WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Today	8:00 a.m. Early Worship & Communion
	9:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
	11:00 a.m. Easter Worship & Communion
Monday	9:00 a.m. Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	11:00 a.m. Ministerium Meeting
	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m. Monday Music Club Meeting (sanctuary)
Tuesday	10:30 a.m. Food Bank distributes groceries
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. Bible Study
	5:00 p.m. Daisy Troop Meeting
	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. Girl Scout Leader Meeting
Friday	6:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	11:00 a.m. Worship