



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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February 11, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Mary Anzelone, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

“Morning has Broken”

Arr. Mickelson

Introit (*all sing*)

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

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When morning gilds the skies,

My heart awaking cries,

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair,

May Jesus Christ be praised!

Call to Worship

Leader: We are called to love the Lord our God.

People: We are called to love with all our heart and soul.

Leader: We are called to love the Lord our God.

People: We are called to love

with all our mind and strength.

Leader: We are called to love the Lord our God.

People: And we are called to love

our neighbor as ourselves.

Leader: Come, let us love our God and share God’s love
in this time of worship!

*Hymn # 113

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

*Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ, you called us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak, and at times useless when we should be useful. We, at times, can be lazy servants, timid and heartless, who turn neighbors away from Your love. Have mercy on us, O God, and though we do not deserve Your care, forgive us and free us from sin, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

Scout Recognition

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson

I Corinthians 13:1-13

Anthem

“Written In Red”

By Gordon Jensen

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

John 13:31-35

Sermon

“What’s Love Got to Do with It?”

Mrs. Donna Yarnal

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day; and that He appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

*Hymn # 420

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

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

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Presentation of the Offering

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 405 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

*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 Guest Speaker, Mrs. Donna Yarnal; Liturgist, Mary Anzelone; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Todd and Stacy Faulk; Audio/Visual Techs, Kristi and Olivia Eckenroad; and Property Manager, Bob Cosharek.

WE WELCOME Mrs. Donna Yarnal to worship this morning. She is a lifelong member of the Shelocta Community Presbyterian Church. Five years ago, she was commissioned to Pulpit Supply in our Presbytery and is blessed by this call of God. Donna lives in Indiana with her husband, Dave, and is the mother of two children and five grandchildren. She is a retired medical secretary. You may remember that Donna led worship for us a Sunday in January. Please be sure to greet her before you leave.

THE SOUPER BOWL OFFERING will be received this morning during worship. All gifts received will be sent in support of the Food Bank for local grocery distributions.

TODAY, we will celebrate Scout Sunday with the scouts and leaders from Boy Scout Troop 4 who meet regularly here.

COMMUNITY LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are available to you at the back of the sanctuary. 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 and providing artwork. We hope you pick one up and use it through the season.

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

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

THE FOOD BANK DISTRIBUTION will be held Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. till noon from Fellowship Hall. Those signing up for the first time should bring proof of residence within the Blairsville Borough.

WE WILL GATHER for worship at 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. There will be the imposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Randy Stear. This service of worship will be your first step into the Lenten season. The service will be live streamed for those who wish to join us from home.

THE 77TH ANNUAL TROOP 4 Soup & Chili Cookoff will be held next Sunday, February 18th in Fellowship Hall. The event is scheduled from noon until 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person and children ages 6 years and under are free. Price includes samples, bread, drink and dessert. All proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 4.

THE COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEONS begin Wednesday. Please see the schedule below. Each Wednesday through the season of Lent, beginning at 12:00 noon, a Lenten service is held followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon.

2/14 Crossroads Church.....Pastor Harold Hicks
2/21 Hopewell ChurchPastor Susan O’Shaughnessy
2/28 C&MA Church..... Pastor Bill Hebenthal
3/6 Hebron Lutheran ChurchPastor Fred Craig
3/13 United Presbyterian ChurchFather Dino Laude
3/ 20 Black Lick Methodist.....Pastor Jim Kendall
3/ 27 SS Simon & Jude Church Pastor Jenn Krishart

COOKIES AND BEVERAGES are offered at 10:15 a.m. each Sunday before worship. We are looking for cookie bakers to provide cookies for future Sundays. If you could help, please let us know by signing up at the back of the sanctuary.

WE ARE PLANNING AHEAD for Easter. Please see the Easter Breakfast insert in your bulletin today and consider helping out. Any questions can be directed to Doug or Andrea Clayton.

THE 2023 ECCLESIASTICAL/CORPORATE MEETING was held January 28th following worship. If you would like a copy of the annual report, extra copies are available at the back of the sanctuary.

THE 2024 FLOWER CHART is hanging in the hallway outside the church office. If you would like to order flowers for Sunday worship, please use the chart to sign-up for your choice of date. Please note any special dedication for the bulletin. Flowers are \$20/Sunday and checks can be made payable to the: Board of Deacons.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

- Sunday** 10:15 a.m. Cookies and Coffee in Fellowship Hall
 11:00 a.m. Worship with Mrs. Donna Yarnal
 Scout Sunday
 Souper Bowl of Caring Offering
- Monday** 9:00 a.m. Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
 11:00 a.m. Blairsville Area Ministerium Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
 6:30 p.m. Monday Music Club rehearse in the
 sanctuary
- Tuesday** 10:30 a.m. Food Bank Distribution
- Wednesday** 12:00 p.m. Community Lenten Luncheon
 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship with
 Mr. Randy Stear
- Thursday** 2:00 p.m. Stitching Group
 6:30 p.m. Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
- Sunday** 10:15 a.m. Cookies and Coffee in Fellowship Hall
 11:00 a.m. Worship with Mrs. Donna Kanyan
 12:00 p.m. Boy Scout Soup & Chili Cookoff in
 Fellowship Hall