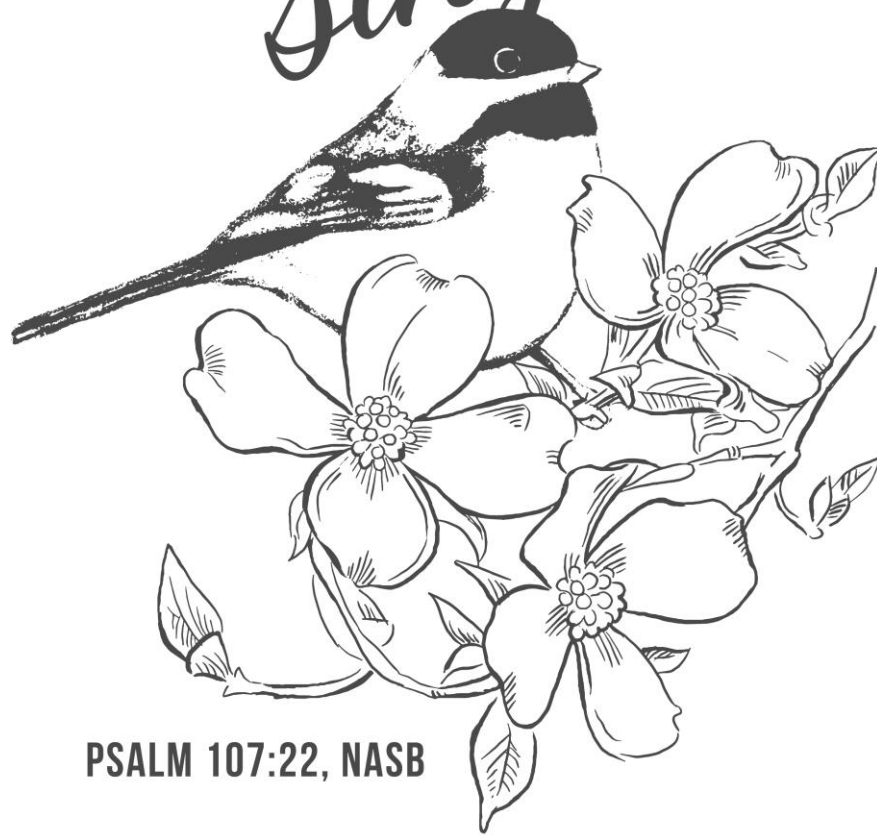


TELL OF HIS
WORKS WITH
*joyful
singing.*



PSALM 107:22, NASB

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

March 10, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Pam Irwin, 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

“He Died for Us”

Arr. Innes & Fasig

Introit (*all sing*)

“I Surrender All”

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Call to Worship (*Psalms 107*)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;
for God’s steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those God redeemed from trouble and
gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

Leader: Let them thank the Lord for God’s steadfast love,
for God’s wonderful works to humankind.

**People: And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,
and tell of the Lord’s deeds with songs of joy.**

*Hymn # 253

“Lead Me to Calvary”

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, giver of all that is good, we rejoice that you are the source of all that is. The breath of life is a gift from your generous hand. The food we eat is grown in the world you sustain. The community that supports us is called into being by your saving activity. Everything we have is a gift from you. Why, then, do we complain as though the manna, raining down from heaven for us even now, is not enough? Why do we worry that your well of living water will someday run dry? It is surely our sin that causes us to

live as though we do not trust your goodness. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us again to put all our trust in your promises that never fail. Remind us that we are always in your loving care. Fill us with grace, so that our lives might show forth the fullness of your love for all people.

*Assurance of Forgiveness (*Hebrews 10*)

L: “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:

P: ‘I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.’

L: and he adds,

P: ‘I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’

L: Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.”

**All: Believe the promise of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 4:1-17

Anthem

“Look at Him”

My McGee

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 8:1-4

Sermon

“Willing and Able”

Mr. Graham Smith

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(The Confession of 1967)

L: Having sung God’s praise, having confessed our sin and been assured of God’s pardon, having heard God’s word, let us respond by affirming the faith of the church.

What do you believe?

P: God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

*Hymn # 261 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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 # 263 "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

*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, Graham Smith; Liturgist, Pam Irwin; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Gene and Chery Artman; Audio/Visual Techs, Kristi and Olivia Eckenroad; and Property Manager, Bob Cosharek.

WE WELCOME Mr. Graham Smith back to our pulpit this morning. He is a recent graduate from the reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh. Graham is a member of the PCA and is pursuing ordination. Please be sure to greet him before you leave.

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 AUDIT COMMITTEE will review financial records of the church Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries Tuesday from 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.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor. Anyone interested in serving on the Worship Committee is welcome to attend.

OUR HANDBELL CHOIR will rehearse this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Room. We are looking for new ringers. If you would like to try ringing a bell, contact Vicky Westley for more information.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We are looking for new voices to join our choir. The only requirement is to enjoy singing. Please see Cindy for more information.

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 would like to help, please see Joan Moran.

THE COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEONS

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.

3/13 United Presbyterian ChurchFather Dino Laude
3/20 Black Lick Methodist.....Pastor Jim Kendall
3/27 SS Simon & Jude Church Pastor Jenn Krishart
3/29 Blairsville Methodist Church..... Pastor Mark Ferlin
Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.

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.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be received Palm Sunday during worship. These gifts will share God's love with neighbors around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. If you choose, giving calendars and banks are available at the back of the sanctuary to collect your gifts.

VOLUNTEERS are needed for ushering. Please use the signup sheet at the back of the sanctuary to sign up for your choice of dates. For more information, ask an elder. We also need help with the sound, projector and streaming. Please see Doug Clayton for more information on helping with the audio/video. Those who are willing to serve as liturgist, please see Elaine Jellison or call the church office.

WE ARE PLANNING an Easter Breakfast. Please use the bulletin insert to let us know if you plan to attend and consider lending a hand. Any questions can be directed to Doug or Andrea Clayton.

THE DEACONS are offering the congregation the opportunity to order Easter flowers. Please use the bulletin insert to place your order and note your dedication for the bulletin.

WEEKLY UPDATE:

- * Lenten Luncheon on March 13th at our church
- * Annual Easter Breakfast sign up due March 17th
- * Easter Flower orders due March 17th
- * Volunteer orientation on March 19th at 9:30 a.m. (sign up in office)
- * Meeting with persons interested in joining on March 19th at 6:30 p.m.
- * One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on Palm Sunday, March 24th
- * Community Brass Band, Rev. Dr. Wilson, communion and new members on Easter, March 31st
- * Watch for a special announcement from the Pastor Nominating Committee in the near future; the nine-member group has been working very diligently to review resumes, screen candidates and interview possible pastors for our church.

DATES TO REMEMBER for The Season of Lent and Easter

Wednesdays

Community Lenten Lunches, 12:00 pm

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday Worship, 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday, March 28

Good Friday, March 29

Community Worship

Blairsville Methodist Church, 7:00 pm

Easter Day, March 31

Easter Breakfast, 9:30 am

Easter Day Worship & Communion with Rev. Dr. Don Wilson, 11:00 am

Special Music by the Blairsville Brass

