



Palm Sunday

Blessed be the King
that cometh in the name
of the Lord:
peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest.

Luke 19:38, KJV

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”*

137 N. Walnut Street ~ Blairsville, PA 15717-1349

Church office 724-459-7991

e-mail: upchurch@r-church.com; website: www.r-church.com

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

March 24, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Todd Faulk, 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

“The Palms”

Arr. Smith

Introit (*all sing*)

“He Is Exalted”

122

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise his name!

He is the Lord; forever his truth shall reign.

Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Call to Worship

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord!

People: Hosanna! Rejoice for the Lord is in our midst.

Leader: He comes with joy and hope.

People: He comes to set us free from fear.

Leader: Hosanna!

People: Hosanna! Glory to God in the Highest Heaven. Amen.

*Hymn # 267

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

*Prayer of Confession

Lord, we confess that when we started this journey, it seemed like a fun idea. “Walk the road with Jesus”, we thought. But the journey has had many difficult times when our spirits have been challenged and tried. We have come to the time of entrance into the Holy City. We want everything to be wonderful – for you to

conquer all those things that threaten us and our peace. We want you to do what we direct. Forgive us Lord, when we place our fears and ignorance before your love. Help us to look again at the many ways in which we can be a blessing to others, through serving them and you. Release us from our panic and mistrust, and help us to place our lives solely in your hands. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 150

Anthem

“Blessed Is He”

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

Luke 19:29-41

Sermon

“Holy Awe”

Donna Yarnal

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud. We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy. We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen. We believe in the Jesus who rode into Jerusalem. We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, died and was buried. We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb. We believe in the Holy Spirit, giver of faith and formation. We trust in the Breath of Life who stirs, sustains, sanctifies. We hope in our Advocate who brings to us, and through us, the gift of God’s peace.

*Hymn # 268

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!”

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 # 265 “All Glory, Laud and Honor”

*Benediction

*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, Donna Yarnal; Liturgist, Todd Faulk; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Audio/Visual Techs, Eli and Brennan Borbonus; and Property Manager, Dennis Gould.

WE WELCOME Donna Yarnal back to our pulpit this morning. Please be sure to greet her before you leave.

THE FLOWERS in worship are given to the glory of God and in memory of Arthur Shearer by Mark and Lynnette Borbonus.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING will be received this morning during worship. These gifts will be sent to 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.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help clean out the basement and attic areas of the church. Work will begin Monday at 8:00 a.m. If you can help, wear old clothes, and bring gloves and a face mask.

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

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.

THE SESSION requests the attendance of all members of the church at a **Congregational Meeting on Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting is being called to provide an update to members about the transition of our retired minister and the status of the church property. Please make an effort to attend this meeting for the current and future wellbeing of our church.

THE APRIL BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING has been rescheduled due to the called Congregational Meeting. The deacons will meet Tuesday, April 16th in Fellowship Hall.

THE APRIL SESSION MEETING will also be held Tuesday, April 16th. The elders will gather at 6:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room.

A MOVIE NIGHT will be held in Fellowship Hall Saturday, April 13th at 7:00 p.m. The movie will be “Noah” from Sight & Sound Theatre. Popcorn and drinks will be served. A basket for donations will be available for those who wish to donate to defray expenses. Come and enjoy!

We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

THE COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

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.

3/27SS Simon & Jude Church..... Pastor Jenn Krishart

3/29Blairsville GazeboStations of the Cross

Good Friday at 9:00 a.m.

3/29Blairsville Methodist Church Pastor Mark Ferlin

Good Friday at 7:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS is something new this year sponsored by the Blairsville Area Association of Churches (ministerium). On Good Friday, March 29th, a trek will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the gazebo carrying the cross to 14 locations in the community. A stop will be made at each location for prayer, scripture, and reflection. Our church will be one of the 14 locations. The public is invited to join the group of ministers and lay leaders as they make the two-mile trek. This will be an outdoor event so please dress appropriately.

EASTER BREAKFAST will be served in Fellowship Hall next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Thank you to Doug and Andrea Clayton and other volunteers for organizing, cooking and serving the breakfast.

NEXT SUNDAY, we welcome Rev. Dr. Donald Wilson to our pulpit. Rev. Wilson is our moderator during this time of transition. We also welcome the Blairsville Brass who will offer special music for our Easter celebration!

BIBLE STUDY will resume Wednesday mornings in Fellowship Hall beginning April 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Please see Gene Artman for more information.

A JOINT MEETING of elders, deacons, Pastoral Nominating Committee and staff will be held Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Palm Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Refreshments and Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Donna Yarnal <i>One Great Hour of Sharing Offering</i>
Monday	8:00 a.m.	Church Clean Up Day
	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Luncheon
	5:30 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.	Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
Good Friday	9:00 a.m.	Stations of the Cross Trek
	7:00 p.m.	Community Good Friday Service
Easter	9:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	11:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion with Rev. Dr. Donald Wilson
		Special Music by the Blairsville Brass