



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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March 31, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

Easter Day

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Easter Greeting

Rick Shoemaker, 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

“Up from the Grave He Arose”

Arr. Dan Boone

The Blairsville Brass

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! Christ is Risen Indeed!

Leader: This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

*Hymn # 288 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

*Prayer of Confession

O God, in raising Christ from the dead, you have set us free from self-absorption, doubt, and fear. Yet, we continue to live as those who are enslaved to enmity towards others and ourselves. We are called to love you with all of who we are and to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we are turned in upon ourselves and refuse to love. Empower us with the new life of the risen Christ so that we might be free to love you, others, and ourselves as we ought.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Our baptism assures us that, in the risen Christ,
....we who are raised with Christ might live
in mutuality and peace.

P: Amen!

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

*Time with the Younger Saints

Cindy Borbonus

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Special Music "Thine Is the Glory" Arr. S. Rumbold

New Testament Lesson Acts 10:34-43

Anthem "Sing an Easter Alleluia" Arr. McDonald

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson Mark 16:1-8

Sermon "Running! A Word of Caution and Hope"

Rev. Dr. Donald Wilson

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(The 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.

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory "Salvation Is Created" Arr. C. Garner

*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 # 302

"He Lives"

*Benediction

L: Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen indeed!

L: The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead
is giving life to your mortal bodies.

**P: So fear not — for nothing in life or death can separate
us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Amen.

*Postlude

"Easter Anthem"
The Blairsville Brass

Arr. T. Marchand

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

(Worship helps today are by Roger Gench from Presbyterian Outlook Magazine, 2021.)

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.

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, Rev. Dr. Donald Wilson; Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Alan Lowman and Mya Johnson; Audio/Visual Techs, Karen and John Kerin; and Property Manager, Todd Faulk.

WE WELCOME Rev. Dr. Donald Wilson to our pulpit this morning. Rev. Wilson is the General Presbyter of Kiskiminetas Presbytery and is our moderator during this time of transition. Make sure to greet him before you leave.

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 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.

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.

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.

THE APRIL BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING has been rescheduled due to the called Congregational Meeting. The deacons will meet Tuesday, April 16th at 6:00 p.m. 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!

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

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
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Called Congregational Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
	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
Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Refreshment and Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Donna Yarnal