



See what love the
Father has given us,
that we should be
called children of God.

1 John 3:1, NRSV

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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April 14, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Jean Heberling, 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 “Jesus Paid It All” Arr. Berry-Bennett

Introit (*all sing*) “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” # 651

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord;

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;

And we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

Call to Worship (*inspired by Psalm 4*)

Leader: The Lord hears us when we call:

People: Come, let us put our trust in God.

Leader: The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

People: Come, let us sing God’s praises with shouts of joy!

Leader: The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

**People: Come, let us rest by the quiet waters
of God’s grace.**

*Hymn # 569 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

*Prayer of Confession

Risen Christ, we are often troubled by our doubts. But you are not troubled by them. You do not require perfect understanding. Instead, you reveal yourself to us again and again that we might come to know you. Forgive us when our doubts keep us stuck, when fear prevents us from loving all creation as you call us to do. Help us to accept the peace you so graciously offer to us. Have

mercy on us when we hoard or hide it, when we fail to offer it to others. Renew us and make us whole that in this world of strife we may be bearers of your peace. In resurrection hope we pray, Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Message		Dianna Messenger
New Testament Lesson		Acts 3:12-19
Anthem	"We All are Thomas"	Arr. Gaither
	Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director	
Gospel Lessons		I John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48
Sermon	"After Shock"	Clark Bruner

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith (*Romans 8*)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn # 561 "Christ for the World! We Sing"

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 and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 590

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

*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, Clark Bruner; Liturgist, Jean Heberling; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Audio/Visual Techs, Brylea Borbonus and John Bruner; and Property Manager, Bob Cosharek.

WE WELCOME Clark Bruner to our pulpit this morning. He and his wife, Connie and family are part of our congregation. Clark has been gracious to lead us in worship many times. Please be sure to greet them before you leave.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be held today following worship. If you would like your numbers checked, please see Susie Cotti. The Board of Deacons sponsor this ministry.

THE APRIL BOARD OF DEACONS MEETING has been rescheduled due to the called Congregational Meeting. The deacons will meet Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THE APRIL SESSION MEETING will also be held Tuesday. The elders will gather at 6:30 p.m. in the second-floor conference room. Packets for the meeting can be picked up in the church parlor.

BIBLE STUDY will meet Wednesday morning in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Gene Artman and Bill Lint are leading the study. Please see Gene for more information.

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 handbell before committing to the choir, 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 STITCHING GROUP will meet in the parlor Thursday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. This group works on personal projects and enjoys fellowship. All are welcome.

THE MONDAY MUSIC CLUB will present their Spring Program, "Celebrating 100 Years Through Music" on Monday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Doors will be open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the evening are \$10 and are available from a Monday Music Club member or contact the church office, 724-459-7991. Proceeds from the evening will support the club's scholarship fund. We hope you will join us!

SUMMER is coming and camps are preparing for this season! There are three local camps supported by local presbyteries.

1—Camp Lambec is supported by the Camping Association of the Presbyteries of Northwestern Pennsylvania.

2—Pine Springs Camp is a ministry of the Washington (PA) and Redstone (PA) Presbyteries.

3—Crestfield Camp & Conference Center is supported by the Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Brochures are available at the back of the sanctuary. Funding is available to offset some of the cost for campers.

WE ARE LOOKING for the names of upcoming graduates from high school or schools of higher learning. It has been our tradition to recognize the accomplishments of our young people during a worship service. Please submit names of graduates to the church office. More information to follow.

THE DEACONS may plan a CPR training class. They would like to know how many would be interested in attending before plans are made. If you are interested in being a part of a CPR training, please contact Susie Cotti or the church office. Once we see how many may be interested, additional information will be made available.

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Each Sunday our worship service is **live streamed**. Access is available through our facebook page or our Youtube channel. Previous services can be watched from our Youtube channel.

Stay up-to-date with news through our weekly email updates. If you're not on our email list and would like to be, send us your email address, upchurch@r-church.com.

Something new!! Our online giving portal is now active!! If you want to give through the website, just click on the donate now button on the top right corner. If you want to scan the QR code, it's below. Open your phone's camera and hover over the box below. A link will appear. Touch the link and it will take you to the online portal. Follow the online instructions. It's that simple. We will soon have pew cards available including the QR code.



REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Refreshments and Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Clark Bruner
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Monday Music Club Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting in the Second Floor Conference Room
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
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Pastoral Nominating Committee Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Refreshment and Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Barkley Butler