



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 28, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Barb Brown, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor Nominating Committee Update

Todd Faulk

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

“Were You There/Amazing Grace”

Arr. Torrans

Introit (*all sing*)

“Mighty Is Our God”

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**Mighty is our God, mighty is our King;
Mighty is our Lord, Ruler of everything.**

Glory to our God, glory to our King;

Glory to our Lord, Ruler of everything.

His name is higher, higher than any other name;

His power is greater, for he has created everything.

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,

People: For we are the church of Jesus Christ!

Leader: We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,

People: Opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God!

*Hymn # 109

“O, How I Love Jesus”

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our hearts are restless until they find their home in you. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace, knowing the world cannot provide it. Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you alone. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Hear the good news! ...and be at peace.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Message		Mark Borbonus
Old Testament Lesson		Psalms 51:12-13
Anthem	"Because He Lives"	By Gaither
	Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director	
Gospel Lesson		John 21:15-19
Sermon	"Forgiven and Restored"	Donna Kanyan

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith *(adapted from Belonging to God: A First Catechism)*

We are the church: the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love. We believe the good news that gives us comfort that we belong to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for our sake, so that nothing will ever separate us from God's love. We know this good news through reading the Bible and hearing it taught and preached. The Holy Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and helps us rely on its promises today.

*Hymn # 466 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

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 # 458

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*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, Donna Kyan; Liturgist, Barb Brown; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Audio/Visual Techs, Karen and John Kerin; and Property Manager, Kim McKinney.

WE WELCOME Donna Kyan back to our pulpit this morning. We thank her for her faithfulness and willingness to share a message with us. Please be sure to greet her before you leave.

TODAY our Session is offering you the opportunity to visit the manse. Many of you have not seen the house and today you can visit along with others. The doors will be open from 10:00-11:00 a.m. and 12:00-1:00 p.m. An information sheet will be available during the open house with renovation and repair needs. As you decide whether to visit, be aware there are steps to the front and back doors and between floors.

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.

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.

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!

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Our Website—www.r-church.com

Facebook page—The United Presbyterian Church of Blairsville

Instagram—Presbyterianblairsville

Youtube—@theunitedpresbyterianchurc7667

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.

Our online giving portal is now active!! 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. Pew cards are now available including the QR code.



REGULAR SCHEDULE:

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| Sunday | 10:15 a.m. | Refreshment and Fellowship |
| | 10:00-11:00 a.m. | Manse Open House |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship with Donna Kyanan |
| | 12:00-1:00 p.m. | Manse Open House |
| Monday | 6:30 p.m. | Monday Music Club Rehearsal |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Boy Scouts meet 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 Graham Smith |