

*Worship
the
Father
in
spirit
and
truth.*
John 4:23

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 7, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Mary Anzelone, 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 Holy City" Arr. Smith

Introit (*all sing*) "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" # 712

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,

The tasks of our everyday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,

Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.

With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us:

Unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving

Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

Call to Worship

Leader: We climbed the hill to Calvary

**People: The dark and foreboding skies
dominated the scene.**

Leader: Then, when all seemed lost.

People: The good news came to us.

Leader: Now, we live for Jesus, serving others in His name.

*Hymn # 289 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

*Prayer of Confession

**Lord of resurrection surprises, open our hearts this day to the
presence of Jesus Christ. We know that you are more eager to
hear our prayers than we are to pray them, and more concerned
to respond to them than we expect You to be. Forgive us now with**

that complete pardon that eases the troubled conscience and replaces its sharp torment with permanent peace. This we ask that your risen Son may be more alive among us. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 18:1-6

Anthem

“We All are Thomas”

Arr. Gaither

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

John 4:1-26, 39-42

Sermon

“Encounters at the Watering Hole”

Donna Yarnal

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

This is the good news which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day; that he appeared to Peter, then to the Twelve and to many faithful witnesses. We believe he is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end. He is our Lord and our God. Amen.

*Hymn # 290

“The Strife Is O’er”

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 # 298

“The Day of Resurrection!”

- *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 Yarnal; Liturgist, Mary Anzelone; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Audio/Visual Techs, Kristi and Olivia Eckenroad; and Property Manager, Todd Faulk.

WE WELCOME Donna Yarnal to our pulpit this morning. She and her husband, Dave have come from the Shelocta Community Presbyterian Church. Please be sure to greet them 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 MINISTERIUM will meet Monday at 11:00 a.m. Gene Artman, elder is our liaison and attends the meetings.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday from 10:30 – 12:00 noon. Those signing up for the first time should bring proof of residence in the borough.

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

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.

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.

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.

A MOVIE NIGHT will be held in Fellowship Hall Saturday at 7:00 p.m. The movie will be "Noah" from Sight & Sound Theatre. Children 12 years and younger need to be accompanied by an adult. 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!

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.

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.

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

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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.

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 Donna Yarnal
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Ministerium Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	10:30 a.m.	Food Bank Distribution
	6:30 p.m.	Joint Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Leader Meeting
Friday	5:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop in Fellowship Hall
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Movie Night in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	10:15 a.m.	Refreshment and Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship with Clark Bruner