



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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THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

April 20, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM

Easter Day

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Dianna Messenger, Liturgist

Opening Prayer

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

Arr. Torrans

Organ and Piano Duet

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen indeed!

Leader: The stone has been rolled away!

People: The grave clothes are lying in the tomb.

Leader: The power of life has overcome the power of death.

People: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Leader: Let us worship our God,
whose power lives on in us this day.

People: Praise God forever and ever!

*Hymn # 302

“He Lives”

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God, even in the midst of this glorious Easter morning, we are well aware of the sinfulness in our lives. Forgive us, O God for each and every sin we have committed. Restore us to wholeness and renew a right spirit within us. In Jesus’ name we pray. AMEN.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

“I’ve Just Seen Jesus”

By Gaither

The Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 28:1-10

Special Music

“Christ Arose!”

Arr. Smith/Hustad

Organ and Piano Duet

Sermon

“The Power of Resurrection”

Rev. John Manon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Hymn # 447

“Because He Lives”

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

“In Christ Alone”

Arr. Harlan

The Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Benediction

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand)

Thank you for celebrating this happy Easter Day with us! 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 Liturgist, Dianna Messenger; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Audio/Streaming, Kristi Hvozda and Doug Clayton; Ushers, Linda George, Charlotte Cosharek, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Dennis Gould.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Tom and Janet Smith.

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 Maundy Thursday dinner and 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 DEACONS are inviting anyone who is interested to assist the Kids Closet with sorting donation items and or appointments. We gather at the church Monday evenings from 5:00-7:00. We are able to accomplish organizing donations and also enjoy fellowship. If you have any questions or would like more information, please see Lynnette Borbonus or Lindsay Barto.

BIBLE STUDY will meet Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. ZOOM access is available to those who would like to participate from home. Please call the church office for more information.

OUR HANDBELL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Room. Our bell choir is looking for new ringers. If you would like to try ringing a bell, contact Vicky Westley.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Chancel Choir is also looking for new members. The only requirement is to enjoy singing. Please see Cindy for more information.

THE STITCHING GROUP meets Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Bring a project you're working on and plan to stay until about 4:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY we will collect the One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks. These gifts will be added to the OGHS offering and sent to the Blairsville Love and Light Group. They are a non-profit social/religious group for persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD).

OVER THE PAST year or so, many dishes have accumulated in the church kitchen. They have been brought to the back of the sanctuary. Please take time check and see if any belong to you.

THE GRANNIES would like your help. They are beginning a project of making "fidget quilts", similar to toddler activity books. They are collecting zippers, shoe laces, Velcro, D-rings, buttons, etc. Please place donations close to the example on the table in the back.

WE WILL HOST a National Day of Prayer Service for the community on Thursday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. The service is sponsored by the Blairsville Area Ministerium.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is coordinated by members of the Adult Sunday School Class. If you have a prayer request or know of someone's need for prayer, please contact Linda George or the church office at 724-459-7991.

A SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY has been scheduled for Saturday, May 10th beginning at 8:00 a.m. We will be cleaning both inside and outside the facility and grounds. A light breakfast will be provided. Rain date will be Saturday, April 24th. For more information, please see Pastor John or Terry Brown.

JOIN US for a trip to Pittsburgh for a Pirates Baseball Game Friday, June 20th. Cost is \$50/person and includes game ticket, bus, and driver tip. Please bring a debit or credit card for food or other items as PNC Park is a cashless venue. On the day of the game, we will gather in the parking lot across the street to board the bus at 4:15 p.m. The bus will depart at 4:30 p.m. If you would like to attend the game, please complete a form available at the back of the sanctuary and return it with your payment to the church office by Sunday, May 18th. Names of each person attending is needed along with an emergency phone number for each. Seats are limited and will be reserved on a first come basis.

BLAIRSVILLE BICENTENNIAL activities are scheduled throughout this year. On Saturday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m., a concert will be held at the River Valley Middle School auditorium. The concert will be presented by the Blairsville Monday Music Club and the Blairsville Community Band. In addition, the Blairsville Historical Society will present a video of The History of Blairsville, A Place of Consequence. Admission is free. A free will offering will be accepted. The community is invited!

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Worship
	8:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Easter Worship
Monday	5:00 p.m.	Kids Closet
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	5:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship

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