



"Receive the
Holy Spirit.

If you forgive
the sins of any,
they are forgiven them;
if you retain
the sins of any,
they are retained."

John 20:22-23, 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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May 4, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

Response the Praise

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary
Pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary, O for you.**

Prelude

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Arr. Hustad

Opening Prayer

*Hymn # 492

“Spirit of the Living God”

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-2

Anthem

“Jesus, My Song to You”

Comp. Dvorak/Paul

The Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Young Disciples

Scripture Lesson

John 20:19-23

*Hymn # 559

“Here I Am, Lord”

Sermon

“Peace, Power and Purpose”

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Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

Choral Amen

Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Hymn # 581 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

*Benediction

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand)

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 Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Bob and Charlotte Cosharek, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Gene Artman.

THE DEACONS welcome 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. If you have any questions or would like more information, please see Lynnette Borbonus or Lindsay Barto.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will gather Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for their monthly meeting.

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 in Bible Study 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.

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, May 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.

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 to check and see if any belong to you.

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.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in serving as a liturgist for worship, please see Elaine Jellison or contact the church office.

ACTIVITY BAGS have been prepared for our Young Disciples. Children are invited to pick one up on their way into worship. Please return your bag at the end of the service.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship & Communion
Monday	5:00 p.m.	Kids Closet
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Leader Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Church Cleanup Day
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship - <i>Mother's Day</i>