



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

February 22, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Trinity Chimes

Welcome

Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

Announcements

Opening Prayer

*Hymn *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"* # 61

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we come before you once again admitting the many ways we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. Forgive us and restore us to a right relationship. This we pray in and through Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:1-11

Hymn *"Blessed Assurance"* # 426

Sermon "The Wilderness Road"
Rev. John Manon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe God is sovereignly directing my life.

I proclaim Christ as my Lord and Savior.

The Holy Spirit is my friend and guide.

I walk boldly in faith, gratefully enjoying each day given to me.

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offering

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

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*Benediction

*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 Liturgist, Rick Shoemaker; Organist, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Todd and Stacy Faulk, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Terry Brown.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of Russ Harvey by Sue Harvey and family.

WE REJOICE this morning as Ronna Aikins and Barbara Barto are ordained and installed with Susie Cotti to the Diaconal Class of 2028. We thank Mary Anzelone, Pam Lewis and Vicky Westley for their faithful service.

WE REJOICE this morning as Dave Aikins is ordained and installed with Kim McKinney to the Sessional Class of 2028. We thank Gene Artman and Doug Clayton for their faithful service.

GRANDMA'S GIFTS OF LOVE will meet Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in the sewing room on the second floor of the Christian Ed wing. There are tasks for everyone. All are welcome.

THE FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE will meet Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please see Tricia Baker for more information.

BIBLE STUDY will be held 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.

EACH WEDNESDAY through Lent, we will gather at a community church at 12:00 noon for a Lenten Service followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon. The 2026 schedule is listed in your bulletin.

THE STITCHING GROUP meets Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the church parlor. If you enjoy needle work and would like some fellowship as you stitch, you are welcome. Bring a project you're working on and plan to stay until about 4:00 p.m.

ACTIVITY BAGS have been prepared for our Young Disciples. Children are invited to pick one up on their way into worship. At the end of the service, please return your bag to the back of the sanctuary so it can be prepared for the following week.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS are available to you at the back of the sanctuary. We thank all those from our church who wrote a devotion and Kathy Bella who created the cover artwork.

OUR DEACONS have scheduled a CPR Training for Sunday, March 15th at 2:00 p.m. If you would like to attend the training, please contact Susie Cotti or call the church office, 724-459-7991. This training is open to our church family and the community. The cost will be \$25 per person from the community. Reservations are requested to prepare for the training.

THE GREAT BAKE OFF is planned for Sunday, March 8th after worship. Admission is \$10 and includes lunch and samples of baked goods. Reservations to attend are requested by March 1st by calling Erica at 724-459-7991. To participate as a baker, please contact Erica by February 28th. Bakers are asked to prepare your favorite cakes, cookies or other baked desserts. Please be prepared to provide samples for the attendees and also the same baked good to be auctioned off. All proceeds will benefit the deacon's food pantry, blessing box and kid's closet. We hope to see you there!

A BIG THANK YOU to Grandma's Gifts of Love for the beautiful handcrafted Lenten banner hanging in the sanctuary. Please take time to come forward and have a closer look at the stitching.

NEXT SUNDAY, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

THE MARCH EDITION of the UPLIFT Newsletter will be available soon. Committee chairs, if you have news to share, please let the office know so it can be included. If you're not receiving our newsletter by email and would like to contact the church office, 724-459-7991 or email upchurch@r-church.com.

SCCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEONS

February 25 - C&MA Church - Pastor Fred Craig

March 4 - Hopewell Church - Pastor Jim Kendall

March 11 - Hebron Lutheran Church - Pastor Joe Baird

March 18 - Blairsville Methodist - Deacon Mark Ferlin

March 25 - Presbyterian Church - Pastor Susan O'Shaughnessy

April 1 - SS Simon & Jude Church - Pastor John Manon

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3 - St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 7:00 PM

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship Ordination and Installation of Officers
	2:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grandma's Gift of Love
	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Finance and Stewardship Committee
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
	12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Lunch
	5:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop meets in Fellowship Hall
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Square Dancing in Fellowship Hall
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion