



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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Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Trinity Chimes

Prelude *"The Palms"* By J. Faure

Welcome Rick Shoemaker, Liturgist

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest!

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Your king comes to you.

People: Glory to God in the highest heaven.

*Hymn *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"* # 267

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we wave our palms and shout our praise, yet we know how quickly our hearts can turn. We confess the many ways we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. Forgive us, O God. Renew us and restore a right spirit within us. AMEN.

*Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson		Zechariah 9:9-10
Hymn	<i>"All Glory, Laud and Honor"</i>	# 265
Gospel Lesson		Matthew 21:1-11
Sermon	<i>"The Hosanna Road"</i> Rev. John Manon	

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offering

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn *"Go to Dark Gethsemane"* # 272

*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, Jean Heberling and Susie Cotti, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property & Grounds, Kim McKinney.

A BIG THANK YOU to all those who helped with the Community Lenten service and luncheon on Wednesday. There were many people involved in hosting the community. Thank you to those who made soup, put together the sandwiches, setup the Fellowship Hall, distributed bulletins and welcomed our guests.

WE WILL GATHER at SS Simon & Jude Church at 12:00 noon Wednesday for a Lenten Service followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon. Pastor John will share the message. We hope you will plan to attend this Lenten service and luncheon.

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.

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP will begin with dinner at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. At 7:00 p.m. we will remain in Fellowship Hall and a Service of Shadows and Darkness including communion will be shared. The service will be somber and reflective with the extinguishing of light as the evening progresses. We hope you will join us.

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS WALK will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the gazebo. We will walk to thirteen other stops, read scripture and sing. A car will follow to carry those who cannot continue with the entire walk. Also, transportation will be available from SS Simon & Jude Parish (the last stop) back to parking at the gazebo.

A COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE will be held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 7:00 p.m. Pastor John will share the message.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE will be held outside in the church yard at 7:00 a.m. Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord! Bring your lawn chair and dress appropriately for the weather. In case of rain, we will move into the Fellowship Hall. Following the service, breakfast will be served. We hope you will plan to join us for the celebration!

EASTER WORSHIP AND COMMUNION will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with a traditional Easter service. The sacrament of Holy Communion will also be celebrated. We look forward to seeing you this Easter!

GRANDMA'S GIFTS OF LOVE have set up a display of Spring and Easter items in the parlor. All pieces are available for purchase. Proceeds will support the group's mission of supplying handmade items to those in need. If you have any questions, please see Nancy Boone.

SAVE THE DATES!! The Christian Education Committee met and set the dates for this year's Vacation Bible School, July 24, 25, and 26. The theme will be centered around "God's Creatures." We're looking forward to another year of fun and learning! Please watch your bulletins for more information.

THE CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE met and would also like you to mark your calendars for upcoming events.

Saturday, April 18 – Dinner at Iron Alley Saloon in Blairsville. We will meet at the restaurant for dinner and fellowship. It will be a self-pay evening. The time will be determined and published at a later date.

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Palm Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Service & Lunch
Maundy	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Service of Shadows and Darkness
Good	9:00 a.m.	Stations of the Cross Walk
Friday	7:00 p.m.	Community Good Friday Worship
Sunday	7:00 a.m.	Sunrise Worship
	8:15 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	10:00 a.m.	Easter Worship and Communion