

# Jesus' ASCENSION

**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 17, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Trinity Chimes*

Welcome

Tricia Baker, Liturgist

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Minute for Mission

Michele Donahue, *Root Path Coaching*

\*Hymn

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

# 317

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as people who follow the risen and ascended Christ. We are often slow to trust your power, quick to cling to our own strength, and hesitant to let you lead in all things. Forgive us when we stand still instead of stepping out in faith. Forgive us for the words unspoken, the love left ungiven and the witness we failed to share. Renew us, reshape us and walk forward with us. AMEN.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

\*Hymn

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"*

# 100

**DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 47

Acts 1:1-11

Moment of Music

*"Shine Jesus, Shine"*

Graham Kendrick

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation of Faith

**We believe that God is faithful, steadfast and true – our refuge in every season and our strength in every trial. We believe Jesus is our risen Lord – the One who meets us in our fear, speaks peace to our hearts, and calls us to follow him in hope. We believe the Holy Spirit renews our courage, deepens our trust, and empowers us to live as witnesses to God’s love in this world. We go forward in faith – steadfast, grateful, and bold – trusting Christ Jesus who goes before us and who lives in us. AMEN.**

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

\*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Ascension Day Litany

L: Lift up your hearts, people of God.

**P: We lift them to the risen and ascended Lord.**

L: Jesus Christ, who walked among us, now reigns above us.

**P: He is exalted, seated at the right hand of the Father.**

L: The One who was taken up into heaven has not left us alone.

**P: He sends the promised Holy Spirit to empower our witness.**

L: As the disciples once gazed in wonder,

**P: We, too, behold the glory of our ascended King.**

L: The angels asked, “Why do you stand looking toward heaven?”

**P: Christ calls us forward in his name.**

L: Christ reigns over all things.

**P: Christ reigns in power. His kingdom has no end.**

L: Christ has ascended.

**P: Christ is Lord and we are his witnesses – now and always.**

**AMEN.**

\*Hymn

*"In Christ Alone"*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

(\*All who are able, please stand)

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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, Tricia Baker; Organist, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Linda George, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Building and Grounds, Dave Aikins.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in honor of Shakira McKinney by Ron and Kim McKinney.

THE DEACONS will offer to check blood pressures following worship today. Please see Susie Cotti.

THE DEACON'S KIDS CLOSET will be open to the public Monday from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome. Donations of gently used children's clothing from infant through high school are welcome.

OUR CHURCH will host the River Valley High School Baccalaureate Service Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. A light reception will be provided following the service in Fellowship Hall. If you would be willing to donate cookies for the reception, please see Erica Ash.

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 in Bible Study from home. Please call the church office for more information.

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 to join the group. Bring a project you're working on and plan to stay until about 4:00 p.m.

WE'RE PLANNING ANOTHER BALLGAME OUTING! The church family and friends are invited to a Pittsburgh Pirate baseball game on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. The cost has been reduced to \$50/person as a generous doner paid the cost of the bus. Please use the bottom of the bulletin insert to make your reservations. They are due to the church office by Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Payment with your reservation is appreciated. Make checks payable to the church. Please see Pastor John with any questions or call the church office, 724-459-7991.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS for this year's Vacation Bible School. It is scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 8:00 PM. Our theme is "Wild About Jesus." There is a lot of fun and learning being planned. Please see Stacy Faulk if you are interested in helping out this year. Flyers are available at the back of the sanctuary. Be sure to pick one up and share with your friends.

#### HAPPENINGS AT OUR CHURCH IN MAY:

Today – Ascension Sunday

May 19 – River Valley High School Baccalaureate

May 19 – Election Day, Voting in Fellowship Hall

May 24 – Pentecost Sunday

May 25 – Memorial Day, Office Closed

## **REGULAR SCHEDULE:**

<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship & Mission Moment
	11:00 a.m.	Blood Pressure Checks
<b>Monday</b>	5:00 p.m.	Kid's Closet Open
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts Meet
<b>Tuesday</b>		Election Day
	7:00 p.m.	River Valley High School Baccalaureate
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Square Dancing
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Worship – Pentecost Sunday
<b>Monday</b>		Memorial Day – Office Closed