

*"I will pour out my Spirit  
on all people."*

Joel 2:28, NIV



**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

May 24, 2026 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Trinity Chimes*

Welcome

Todd Faulk, Liturgist

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Special Music

Matthew Olechowski

Call to Worship

L: People of God, the Holy Spirit is moving, stirring,  
and awakening new life.

**P: We have come here ready for God's wind to blow  
among and through us.**

L: The same Spirit that fell on the disciples  
comes to ignite our faith and renew our hope.

**P: Come, Holy Spirit.**

L: Let us worship the God who breathes life into the church.

**P: With joy and expectation, we worship Almighty God.**

\*Hymn

*"Spirit of the Living God"*

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\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess that we have not lived up to what you've called us to be. You come to move us, yet we cling to what was and what feels safe. You call to us to proclaim truth, but we often remain silent. Forgive us for resisting the newness you bring, for the ways we divide and diminish, and the ways we live as though your power is small. Make us alive and renewed once again. AMEN.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

Special Music

Matthew Olechowski

## DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lessons

1 Corinthians 12:3-14

Acts 2:1-21

\*Hymn

*"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"*

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Sermon

"The Power That Makes Us New"

Rev. John Manon

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

Sacrament of Baptism

Special Music

Matthew Olechowski

Memorial Day Litany

L: On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember with gratitude the men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation.

**P: We honor their sacrifice, acknowledging the cost of the freedoms we enjoy.**

L: Their courage reflects the highest ideals of service, and their stories remind us of the weight of duty carried on our behalf.

**P: We remember their steadfastness, their willingness to face danger, and their commitment to something larger than themselves.**

L: As followers of Christ, we are called to be peacemakers, seeking a world where conflict yields to justice and reconciliation.

**P: May the memory of the fallen strengthen our resolve to pursue peace, uphold human dignity, and care for our neighbors.**

L: Today we remember. Today we give thanks. Today we commit ourselves anew to the work of peace.

**P: With gratitude and humility, we carry their legacy forward.**

L: Let us pray...Holy God, on this Memorial Day, we pause in gratitude for the men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation. We remember their courage, their sacrifice, and the love that led them to lay down their lives for others. Grant comfort to those who still feel the weight of loss. Surround them with Your peace that passes understanding. Inspire us to honor the fallen not only with words, but with lives committed to justice, compassion, and the pursuit of peace. May their memory strengthen our resolve to be people of hope, builders of community, and bearers of Your light in the world. AMEN.

\*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, Todd Faulk; Special Music, Matthew Olechoveski; Organist, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Linda George, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Building and Grounds, Kim McKinney.

THE WHOLE CHURCH of Jesus Christ rejoices as Lena Loree Scarlett, daughter of Kacie and Louis Scarlett, is baptized into Christ and the family of faith.

WE WELCOME Matthew Olechoveski to worship this morning. Thank you for sharing your musical talent with us.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow in recognition of the Memorial Day holiday.

A SESSION MEETING will be held Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting can be picked up in the church parlor.

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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! On Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> we will gather in the church yard for outdoors worship and communion. Bring a chair and dress for the weather. Following worship, a potluck luncheon will be shared in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share. In case of rain, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for worship.

THOSE ABLE to walk are asked to please park across the street in the lot so those with difficulty walking can park closer to the building. Please refrain from parking in the Episcopal Church spaces at all times.

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.

IF YOU NOTICE something around the church property that needs repaired, please refer the matter to the church office. Please be very specific as to what the problem is, so the issue can be handled. Thank you.

GET TO KNOW THE PASTOR is a new column in the UPLIFT newsletter. If you have a question for Pastor John, something you are wondering about, email or call the church office or drop your question in the offering plate. What would you like to know - *What's pastor's favorite food (besides cookies)? When and how was he called into ministry?* Inquiring minds want to know! Share your questions and watch the newsletter for the answers.