



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 12, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude "In the Cross I Glory" Arr. Innes & Fasig

Introit (*all sing*) "Shout to the Lord" # 94

My Jesus my Savior, Lord, there is none like You.

All of my days I want to praise

The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength.

Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing;

Power and majesty, praise to the King.

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar

At the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands;

Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

*Hymn # 569 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

*Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Holy God, we come to You confessing that we never have enough. We are never satisfied with what You have given us. We look at others with envy and we want more, even when our homes and lives are overflowing with stuff. We think we are in need when really we are just in want. We cling tightly to our things, hoping they will bring us security. Help us to realize that our privileged lives are often a burden and a hindrance to Kingdom living. Show

us what it means to live in complete submission to You and Your purposes. May we hold tightly only to You. You are everything we need. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Message

Gene Artman

Anthem

"You are Mine"

Arr. Hayes

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson based on Luke 12

Sermon

"Who Has the Biggest Barn?"

Randy Stear

Old Testament Lesson

L: This is the story of our people.

P: Lord, have mercy!

New Testament Lesson

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith (*in unison*)

(*Apostles' Creed*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn # 502

“Be Thou My Vision”

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Presentation of the Offering

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*)

God, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. Here are our gifts – the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world, today and always, here and everywhere. Amen.

*Hymn # 428

“It Is Well with My Soul”

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*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 Guest Speaker, Randy Stear; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Audio/Visual Techs, Brylea Borbonus & John Bruner; and Property Manager, Bob Cosharek.

WE THANK Randy Stear for joining us again for worship. Randy is from Plumville and a member of the Plumville Presbyterian Church. He is retired from the Homer City Power Plant and operates a small tree farm. He's married to Rev. Katie Ward Stear and has one daughter, Lori.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all the women of the church who nurture us in our faith!

TODAY we will receive a Blanket Offering for Church World Service. Through CWS blankets are provided at a cost of \$10 each, and are distributed to those hurting and in need due to disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and other crises. Thank you for your gifts.

GRANNIES will meet in the new Grannies Room Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. There are a variety of tasks to be done. For more information, please see Nancy Boone.

THE FOOD BANK will distribute groceries from Fellowship Hall Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Those signing up for the first time should bring proof of residence within the Blairsville Borough.

BIBLE STUDY will meet Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Gene Artman and Bill Lint are leading the study. Please see Gene for more information. All are welcome.

OUR HANDBELL CHOIR will rehearse this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Room. We are looking for new ringers. If you would like to try ringing a handbell before committing to the choir, contact Vicky Westley for more information.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We are looking for new voices to join our choir. The only requirement is to enjoy singing. Please see Cindy for more information.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet in the parlor Thursday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. This group works on personal projects and enjoys fellowship. All are welcome.

We will celebrate the sacrament of holy communion for Pentecost next Sunday, May 19th during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

WE ARE LOOKING for the names of upcoming graduates from high school or schools of higher learning. It has been our tradition to recognize the accomplishments of our young people during a worship service. Please submit names of graduates to the church office. More information to follow.

THE DEACONS are considering a CPR training class. They would like to know how many would be interested in attending before plans are made. If you are interested in being a part of a CPR training, please contact Susie Cotti or the church office. Once we see how many are interested, additional information will be made available.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS are beginning monthly collections for their pantry. During the month of May, we are receiving baby items: diapers, baby wipes and baby food. A container is located at the back of the sanctuary to place your items.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will take a break for the summer months. Beginning in June, we will host guest musicians and have Special Music during worship. If you or someone you know would like to share a musical talent for our worship service, please see Cindy Borbonus or contact the church office.

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE begins Sunday, June 2nd. The worship hour will begin at 10:00 a.m. throughout the summer months. Our choirs will be in recess. Following Labor Day, our Regular Schedule will resume.

LOOKING AHEAD, Guest speakers scheduled for May and June are listed below.

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| 11:00 a.m. | May 12 | Randy Stear |
| Regular | May 19 | Donna Yarnal |
| Schedule | May 26 | Rev. Dr. Donald Wilson |
| 10:00 a.m. | June 2 | Rev. Ray Lyons |
| Summer | June 9 | Faith Stories |
| Schedule | June 16 | Donna Yarnal |
| | June 23 | to be confirmed |
| | June 30 | Donna Kanyan |

THIS WEDNESDAY, May 15th Blairsville will host the Indiana County Peace Officer Memorial Service. A procession along Market Street will be held at 10:30 a.m. with a Memorial Service at the Amphitheatre at 11:00 a.m. The public is welcome. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the Blairsville Armory.

EBENEZER PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN will host “Become a Dementia Friend”, a free informative program to help friends and families in assisting with the care of loved ones that have dementia. The program will be held at Ebenezer Church Sunday, May 19th at 2:00 p.m. Registration is required by calling Aging Services at 724-349-4500 by Friday, May 17th.

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Our Website—www.r-church.com

Facebook page—The United Presbyterian Church of Blairsville

Instagram—Presbyterianblairsville

Youtube—[@theunitedpresbyterianchurc7667](https://www.youtube.com/@theunitedpresbyterianchurc7667)

Each Sunday our worship service is **live streamed**. Access is available through our facebook page or our Youtube channel. Previous services can be watched from our Youtube channel.

Stay up-to-date with news through our weekly email updates. If you're not on our email list and would like to be, send us your email address, upchurch@r-church.com.

Our online giving portal is now active!! Use the QR code below to access the portal link. Open your phone's camera and hover over the box below. A link will appear. Touch the link and it will take you to the online portal. Follow the online instructions. It's that simple. Pew cards are now available including the QR code.



REGULAR SCHEDULE:

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| Sunday | 10:15 a.m. | Refreshment and Fellowship |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship with Randy Stear <i>Mother's Day – Blanket Offering</i> |
| Monday | 9:00 a.m. | Grannies meet in the sewing room |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Blairsville Ministerium Meeting |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday | 10:30 a.m. | Food Bank Distribution |
| Wednesday | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study in Fellowship Hall |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Bell Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday | 2:00 p.m. | Stitching Group |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Blairsville Brass Rehearsal |
| Sunday | 10:15 a.m. | Refreshment and Fellowship |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship & Communion with Donna Yarnal <i>Pentecost Sunday – Pentecost Offering</i> |