



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 19, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Dennis Gould, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

“Remind Me, Dear Lord”

Arr. Dottie Rambo

Introit (*all sing*) “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**

Call to Worship

Leader: All together in one place,

People: They heard the rush of a violent wind;

Leader: It filled the entire house.

**People: Divided tongues, as of fire,
appear and rested on each of them;**

Leader: They were filled with the Holy Spirit.

*Hymn # 334 “On Pentecost They Gathered”

*Prayer of Confession

Spirit of God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly but our fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to dream big and trust the Spirit to fill us and use us. Help us be Christ’s church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirt, help us usher in your kingdom to come. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 51:10-15

Anthem "Table of Mercy, Table of Rest" Arr. McDonald

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

New Testament Lesson Acts 2:36-47

Sermon "The Pentecost Promise" Donna Yarnal

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made. Being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Presentation of the Offering

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 332 "Let Every Christian Pray"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Confessional Prayer

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

(Please come forward to receive the sacrament)

(Those who remain at their seat, will be served)

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn # 329 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

*(*All who are able, please stand)*



This morning, on this Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.

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, Donna Yarnal; Communion, Gene Artman; Liturgist, Dennis Gould; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Irwin; Ushers, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; Audio/Visual Techs, Eli and Brennan Borbonus; and Property Manager, Terry Brown.

WE WELCOME back Donna Yarnal to our pulpit today. She is a familiar face, as she provides a message for us monthly. Donna is an elder in the Shelocta Presbyterian Church and resides outside of Indiana, with her husband, Dave.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of Grace Kijowski by the Moran Family.

TODAY WE RECEIVE the Pentecost Offering which supports Young Adult Volunteers, ministries with youth, and children at risk. Forty percent of these gifts will stay at the local level and be designated by our session to support a program for children and youth. The other sixty percent will be sent to the Mission Agency.

THE SESSION will gather Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for their monthly meeting. Information packets for the meeting are available to pick up in the parlor.

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

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 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.

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.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY will be held during the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 2nd. Those who received information by mail, please be sure to return the form to the church office along with any pictures you would like for the screen. If you are willing to provide special music, please see Cindy Borbonus. Any graduate who did not receive the information, please contact the church office.

DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, we are receiving baby items: diapers, baby wipes and baby food for the Deacon pantry. A container is located at the back of the sanctuary to place your items.

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. Mark your calendars.

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 Presbyterian Church today at 2:00 p.m. Please call Ebenezer Church for more information.

A CPR TRAINING CLASS has been scheduled by our deacons. It will be held Wednesday, May 29th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions or would like to attend the training, please see Susie Cotti or call the church office.

LOOKING AHEAD

Guest speakers scheduled for May and June are listed below.

11:00 a.m.	May 19	Donna Yarnal
	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

A BIG THANK YOU to those who have been providing the refreshments before worship. Beginning in June our worship service will begin at 10:00 a.m. Our time of refreshment will end during the summer months. We'll update you in the fall.

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REGULAR SCHEDULE:

- Sunday** 10:15 a.m. Refreshment and Fellowship
11:00 a.m. Worship with Donna Yarnal
Communion with Gene Artman
Pentecost Offering
- Monday** 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts meet in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday** 9:00 a.m. WIC meets in Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Session Meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Wednesday** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Daisy Troop meets in Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday** 2:00 p.m. Stitching Group
6:30 p.m. Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
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