



**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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March 2, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

Words of Greeting

Todd Faulk, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Opening Prayer

Response of Praise

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary, O for you.**

**PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

Prelude

"My Tribute"

Comp. Crouch

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Give thanks to the King of kings.

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Praise to the Lord of lords.

**People: All praise and glory to God forever and ever.**

\*Hymn # 486 "Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, by faith, we stand before you to admit the many ways in which we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. Forgive us, we pray. Renew us to your service and put a right spirit within us. AMEN.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples "Bunny Tracks" Rev. Greenfield

## **DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture Lessons

John 10:10

John 15:9-17

Anthem

"Jesus Is All the World to Me"

Arr. Hayes

The Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Sermon

"More"

Rev. Howard Greenfield

## **RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD**

\*Affirmation of Faith

**I believe God is sovereignly directing my life.**

**I proclaim Christ alone as my Lord and Savior.**

**The Holy Spirit is my guide.**

**I walk boldly in faith in all my days.**

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

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

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 603 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

\*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; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Audio/Streaming, Kristi Hvozda and Doug Clayton; Ushers, Tom and Janet Smith, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Dennis Gould.

WE WELCOME Rev. Howard Greenfield to our pulpit this morning. Rev. Greenfield is a retired United Methodist pastor and lives in Indiana. You might remember he was with us last year about this same time. Please be sure to greet him.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be offered following worship today. Please see Susie Cotti to have your numbers checked.

THE 2025 COMMUNITY LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are available to you today. Digital copies were sent to our email list on Friday. Hard copies are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please help yourself to a copy and feel free to take one for a friend.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

WE WILL GATHER for worship at 7:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be the imposition of ashes for those who wish to receive them. This service is the beginning of our Lenten journey together.

BIBLE STUDY will meet 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 from home. Please call the church office for more information.

OUR CHOIRS will not rehearse this week due to the Ash Wednesday service. Rehearsals will resume next Wednesday.

THE STITCHING GROUP meets Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Bring a project you're working on and plan to stay until about 4:00 p.m.

CPR TRAINING has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in attending, please see Susie Cotti or call the church office.

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.

DURING THE MONTH of March the Deacons are collecting paper products for the Alice Paul house. Items needed are paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, and hand wipes. There is a box in the back of the church for these products. A representative from Alice Paul House will present a moment for mission on Sunday, March 16.

THE DEACON'S KIDS CLOSET is available to families in the community who may need clothing for their children. The Kids Closet is open to the public Mondays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and Fridays as volunteers are available. Please call the church office for details. Donations for the Kids Closet of sizes from newborn to young adult are always welcomed.

THE GRANNIES would like your help. They are going to begin a project of making "fidget quilts", similar to toddler activity books. They will be collecting zippers, shoe laces, Velcro, D-rings, buttons, etc. A container is located at the back of the sanctuary for any donations.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is coordinated by members of the Adult Sunday School Class. If you have a prayer request or know of someone's need for prayer, please contact Linda George or the church office at 724-459-7991.

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 Chris Antis at 724-464-3362 or call the church office.

THE DEACONS are collecting unused greeting cards and luggage for the patients at Torrance State Hospital. Please set any donations at the back of the sanctuary.

THE UPLIFT NEWSLETTER is now coming to you by email. A few hard copies are available at the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to receive the newsletter, please contact the church office with your email address.

NEXT WEEKEND Daylight Savings Time begins. Please remember to set your clocks ahead.

DURING our adult Sunday school class, we look at the "hot button" issues in our world from a faith/biblical point of view. Format is geared to be an open discussion. We welcome you to join the class.

#### SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEONS

Each Wednesday through Lent, we will gather at a community church at 12:00 noon for a Lenten Service followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon. Below is the March schedule.

March 5 ..... Crossroads Church  
Pastor Jenn Krishart

March 12 ..... C&MA Church  
Pastor Linda Corle

March 19 ..... Hopewell Church  
Pastor Joe Baird

March 26 ..... Hebron Lutheran Church  
Ft. Dino Laude/Mark Ferlin

## **REGULAR SCHEDULE:**

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| <b>Sunday</b>    | 11:00 a.m. | Worship with Rev. Greenfield                    |
|                  | 12:00 p.m. | Blood Pressure Checks                           |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 6:30 p.m.  | Boy Scout Meeting                               |
|                  | 6:30 p.m.  | Monday Music Club rehearses in the<br>sanctuary |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 6:00 p.m.  | Board of Deacons Meeting                        |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 10:00 a.m. | Bible Study                                     |
|                  | 12:00 p.m. | Community Lenten Lunch at<br>Crossroads Church  |
|                  | 7:00 p.m.  | Ash Wednesday Worship                           |
| <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>    | 6:00 p.m.  | Fellowship Hall reserved                        |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 10:00 a.m. | Presbytery Meeting                              |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 9:45 a.m.  | Adult Sunday School                             |
|                  | 11:00 a.m. | Worship<br><i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>  |

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