



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 ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Barb Brown, Liturgist

Leader: May the grace of God, the love of Christ,
and the joy of the Holy Spirit 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.**

Minute for Mission

Alice Paul House

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude "On Jordan's Stormy Banks" Arr. Berry/Bennet

Call to Worship

Leader: Shout for joy, all you children of God.

People: We come to offer our praises to God.

Leader: Worship the Lord with joyful hearts.

People: We come before Him with joyful songs.

*Hymn # 31 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we freely acknowledge that we have sinned times without number. Our sinfulness presents a list of our wrong doings, but we thank you they will not stand against us, for all have been laid upon Christ. Deliver us from every evil habit, every interest that strays from your word, and anything that dims the light of your grace. In your mercy, renew us to your service. AMEN.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 5:8-13

Anthem

“Here I Am, Lord”

Arr. McDonald

The Chancel Choir - Cindy Borbonus, Director

Gospel Lesson

John 8:12

Sermon

“I Am the Light of the World”

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RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

I believe God is sovereignly directing my life.

I boldly proclaim Christ alone as my Lord and Savior.

I believe the Holy Spirit is my true guide.

I will walk confidently in faith, day by day.

*Hymn # 473 “What a Friend We Have In Jesus”

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 Insert “This Little Light of Mine”

*Benediction

*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 Liturgist, Barb Brown; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Audio/Streaming, Ewan and Brennan Borbonus; Ushers, Tom and Janet Smith, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Terry Brown.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Rick and Willa Shoemaker.

THE ELDERS will gather Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall for a Session Meeting. Packets for the meeting are available to pick up in the parlor.

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

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Chancel Choir is also looking for new members. The only requirement is to enjoy singing. Please see Cindy for more information.

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 office for details.

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.

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 or call the church office.

THE 2025 COMMUNITY LENTEN DEVOTIONALS are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please help yourself to a copy and feel free to share one with a friend.

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

THE DEACONS are inviting anyone who is interested to assist the Kids Closet with sorting donation items and or appointments. We gather at the church Monday evenings from 5:00-7:00. We are able to accomplish organizing donations and also enjoy fellowship. If you have any questions or would like more information, please see Lynnette Borbonus or Lindsay Barto.

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.

OUR DEACONS will continue collecting toiletries and cleaning supplies for the people in the Carolinas and Tennessee, who are still impacted from hurricane Helene and now the wild fires. The collection box is in back of the church during the month of March. Because there are victims living in tents, various types of heaters are needed also. If anyone wishes to make a monetary donation, make checks payable to Helping Hands of Haywood and submit it to Pam Lewis or Pastor John. Your gift is tax deductible as Helping Hands is a registered 501(c)(3) charity.

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.

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.

WE ARE receiving donations of toothpaste and toothbrushes for the Food Bank until Friday, April 4th. Then on Tuesday the 8th, they will be distributed to families along with their food boxes. Donations can be placed in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

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

THANK YOU to those bringing in egg cartons. We have been notified by our egg supplier that she prefers the cardboard cartons. We will be collecting cardboard cartons only from now on. Thank you.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR LENT AND EASTER

April 9.....	Lenten Lunch here	12:00 pm
April 13	Palm Sunday Worship	11:00 am
April 17	Maundy Thursday Dinner	6:00 pm
	Maundy Thursday Worship.....	7:00 pm
	<i>(Dinner & worship held in Fellowship Hall)</i>	
April 20	Easter Sunrise Service	7:00 am
	<i>(Will be held outside in the prayer garden)</i>	
	Easter Breakfast	8:00 am
	Easter Worship.....	11:00 am

SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHEONS

We will gather Wednesdays at a community church at 12:00 noon for a Lenten Service followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon.

March 19	Hopewell Church Pastor Joe Baird
March 26	Hebron Lutheran Church Ft. Dino Laude/Mark Ferlin
April 2.....	Valley of Light Methodist Pastor John Manon
April 9.....	Presbyterian Church Pastor Bob Penrose
April 16.....	SS Simon & Jude Church Pastor Harold Hicks

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Minute for Mission-Alice Paul House
Monday	5:00 p.m.	Kids Closet
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Monday Music Club rehearses in the Fellowship Hall
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Lunch at Hopewell
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
	4:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship