



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 23, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Words of Greeting

Rick Shoemaker, 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 the 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

"I Should Have Been Crucified"
Organ and Piano Duet

Arr. Mercer

Call to Worship

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Let us sing to the Lord, make a joyful noise
to the rock of our salvation.

People: We come into his presence with thanksgiving.

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, for he is good.

People: His steadfast love endures forever.

*Hymn # 258

"At the Cross"

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, wash us thoroughly of our iniquity, cleanse us from all our sin. For our transgressions are ever before us, so we admit the many sinful things of our lives. Create a clean heart within us, O God, and renew a right spirit deep inside. Lead us forward in your service. AMEN.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lesson

John 14:5-11

Anthem

“Lamb of God”

By Twila Paris

The Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Scripture Lesson

John 10:1-10

Sermon

“I Am the Door”

Rev. John Manon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. We believe all things work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose. We believe that nothing in all creation has the power to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

*Hymn # 344 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 260 "The Old Rugged Cross"

*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, Rick Shoemaker; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Audio/Streaming, Todd and Stacy Faulk; Ushers, Tom and Janet Smith, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Todd Faulk.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Mark and Lynnette Borbonus.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS will be offered following worship today. If you would like to have your numbers checked, please see Susie Cotti.

GRANNIES will meet Monday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in the Granny Room. There are tasks for everyone. All are welcome.

CPR TRAINING will be held Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in attending, please see Susie Cotti.

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 church office for more information.

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.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE! Plans are being made to take a bus into Pittsburgh for a Pirate baseball game Friday, June 20th. Watch your bulletins and newsletters for more information.

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 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.

COMING SOON, the Session has approved a Blessing Box of personal care items. The Blessing Box will be installed soon by the Fellowship Hall entrance. Items will be available 24/7 for anyone in the community who may be in need. Our deacons will take care of stocking the items and may ask for your help during the year.

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. They have an Amazon wish list at www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/SEGNF7N9WX70?ref=wlshare.

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.

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 2025 schedule.

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

GOOD FRIDAY

April 18 Summit Church, 7:00 PM
Pastor Bill Hebenthal

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR LENT AND EASTER

April 9.....Lenten Lunch here..... 12:00 pm

April 13Palm Sunday Worship..... 11:00 am

April 17Maundy Thursday Dinner6:00 pm

Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 pm

(Dinner & worship held in Fellowship Hall)

April 20Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 am

(Outside in the prayer garden. Bring a lawn chair)

Easter Breakfast8:00 am

Easter Worship 11:00 am

REGULAR SCHEDULE:

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00 p.m.	Blood Pressure Checks
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Grannies Meet
	5:00 p.m.	Kids Closet
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	CPR Training in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Lunch at Hebron Lutheran Church
	5:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	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
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	11:00 a.m.	Worship