



“I am the
good
shepherd.”

John 10:11

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 30, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Words of Greeting

Pam Lewis, 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

**This is the day, this is the day,
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

“He Died for Us”

Comp. Jimmy Owens

Organ and Piano Duet

Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd, we lack for no good thing.

**People: The Lord provides restful green pastures
and refreshing quiet waters.**

Leader: The Good Shepherd guides his flock
along righteous paths.

People: We will not fear for the Lord leads us forward.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord!

**People: All praise and glory and honor to the Lord
forever and ever!**

*Hymn # 544

“The Church’s One Foundation”

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of all grace and mercy, we come before you admitting what you are well aware of, that we have sinned against you in countless ways in our words, our thoughts and our deeds. Forgive us, O God. Wash us with your grace and mercy that we may always seek your will, as we journey along in this life. AMEN.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 13:20-21

Anthem

“Shepherd of My Soul”

Arr. McDonald

The Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

Scripture Lesson

John 10:11-18

Sermon

“I Am the Good Sheperd”

Rev. John Manon

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(The 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 # 500

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 509 "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

*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, Pam Lewis; 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, Kim McKinney.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will gather for a meeting Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

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 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.

THE STITCHING GROUP meets Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Bring a project you're working on.

WE WILL CELEBRATE the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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>(Outside in the prayer garden. Bring a lawn chair)</i>	
	Easter Breakfast	8:00 am
	Easter Worship.....	11:00 am

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENT AND EASTER

- April 13 Last Supper Portrayal.....7:00 pm
First Methodist Church
- April 18 68th Good Friday Breakfast..... 7:00 am
YMCA of Indiana - \$25/person
- April 18 Stations of the Cross through Blairsville 9:00 am
Begin at the Blairsville gazebo

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This year marks the 75th anniversary of this denomination wide offering. Annually, this offering raises millions of dollars for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, hunger relief and the self-development of people. This year, we will be donating all gifts received to the Blairsville Love and Light Group. They are a non-profit social/religious group for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. There are two ways for you to participate:

1. Fish Banks – to be distributed on Sunday, April 6th and collected Sunday, April 27th.
2. One Great Hour of Sharing special offering which will be received on Palm Sunday, April 13th during worship.

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.

- 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
Monday	5:00 p.m.	Kids Closet
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Lunch at Valley of Light Church
	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
Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion