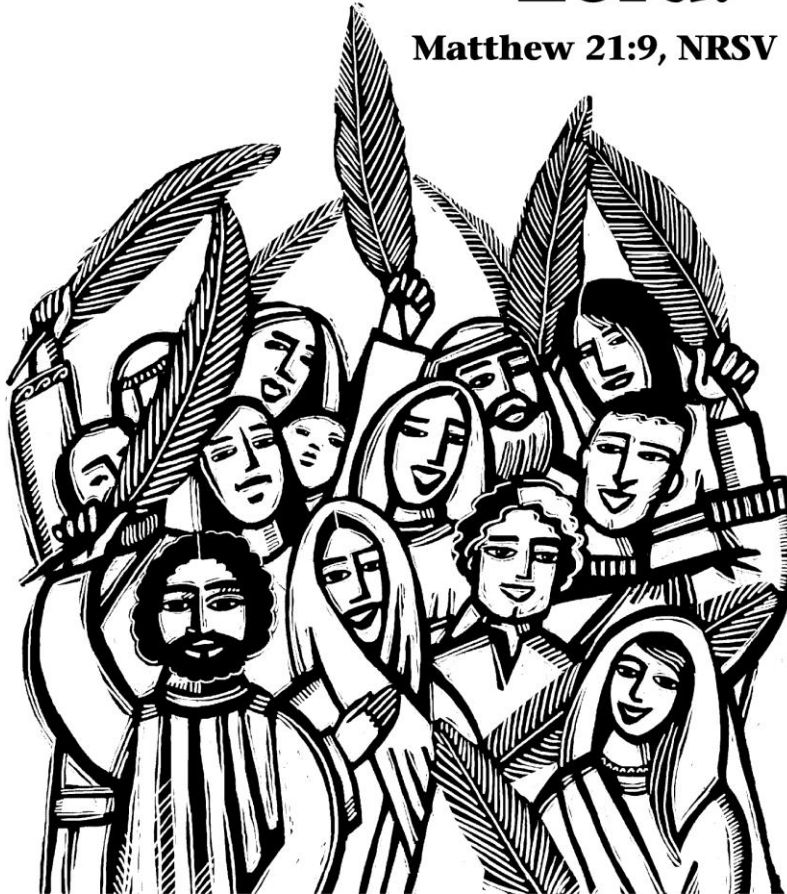


# Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Matthew 21:9, NRSV



## **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 UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

April 13, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM

*Palm Sunday*

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Words of Greeting

Leader: May the love of God, the grace of Christ,  
and the power 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 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" Arr. Dan Boone  
The Otter Creek Brass

Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
His steadfast love endures forever.

**People: Hosanna to God! Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: Let all who fear the Lord say,  
"His love endures forever."

**People: Hosanna to God! Hosanna in the highest!**

Leader: The Lord is our strength and our might.  
He is our salvation.

**People: Hosanna to God! Hosanna in the highest!**

\*Hymn # 480 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, you know everything about us. You know every good thing and every bad thing in our lives. We admit now the many ways we have sinned against you. Forgive us, loving God. Restore us to a right relationship with you as your grace and mercy pours over us. AMEN.**

\*Assurance of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri

\*Sharing of the Peace

Young Disciples

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

Scripture Lesson

Zechariah 9:9-10

Special Music

“St. Theodulph”

Arr. Nigel Williams

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon

“The King Who Saves”

Rev. John Manon

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

\*Hymn # 478

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

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

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

“God So Loved the World”

Todd Marchland

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

“Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah”

G.F. Handel

(\*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 Guest Musicians, the Otter Creek Brass; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Audio/Streaming, Brennan and Ewan Borbonus; Ushers, Linda George, Charlotte Cosharek, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Managers, Bob Cosharek and Kim McKinney.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of Ron Conrad by Ron and Kim McKinney.

WE WILL RECEIVE the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering today. 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 (IDD).

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.

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

THE COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE AND LUNCH will be held at SS Simon and Jude Church Wednesday beginning at 12:00 noon. A light lunch will be served following the service. All are welcome.

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.

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 and plan to stay until about 4:00 p.m.

WE WILL GATHER around tables in Fellowship Hall Maundy Thursday at 6:00 p.m. for a light dinner. Following dinner at 7:00 p.m., we will remain at our tables in Fellowship Hall for a Service of Darkness and communion.

THE MEN are invited to gather at Dean's Diner Saturday at 9:00 a.m. for breakfast and a time of fellowship. All are invited.

ON EASTER SUNDAY, we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with sunrise service beginning at 7:00 a.m. in the Prayer Garden. Bring a lawn chair and dress for the weather. Following the sunrise service, an Easter Breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall at 8:00 a.m. Then at 11:00 a.m., we will gather in the sanctuary for traditional Easter worship. All are welcome!

#### COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENT AND EASTER

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| Today.....    | Last Supper Portrayal.....                      | 7:00 pm                |
|               | First Methodist Church                          |                        |
| April 18..... | 68 <sup>th</sup> Good Friday Breakfast.....     | 7:00 am                |
|               | YMCA of Indiana - \$25/person                   |                        |
| April 18..... | Stations of the Cross through Blairsville ..... | 9:00 am                |
| April 18..... | Good Friday Worship.....                        | Summit Church, 7:00 pm |

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.

THE DEACONS would like to thank our congregation for the donation of paper products collected during March for the Alice Paul House. APH was so grateful when the donation was delivered. We are blessed to have such a generous and giving congregation!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in serving as a liturgist for worship, please see Elaine Jellison or contact the church office.

OVER THE PAST year or so, many dishes have accumulated in the church kitchen. They have been brought to the back of the sanctuary. Please take time check and see if any belong to you.

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. Please place donations close to the example on the table in the back.

ACTIVITY BAGS have been prepared for our Young Disciples. Children are invited to pick one up on their way into worship. Please return your bag at the end of the service.

BLAIRSVILLE BICENTENNIAL activities are scheduled throughout this year. On Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., a concert will be held at the River Valley Middle School auditorium. The concert will be presented by the Blairsville Monday Music Club and the Blairsville Community Band. In addition, the Blairsville Historical Society will present a video of The History of Blairsville, A Place of Consequence. Admission is free. A free will offering will be accepted. The community is invited!

PER CAPITA 2025 is \$39.24 per active member. The breakdown is as follows:

- Presbytery \$26.00
- Synod \$2.40
- General Assembly \$10.84

The Session has reviewed our church's giving/support at all levels for the past few years. Session has decided to reduce the church's giving to Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly by 50% of 2024 levels for the current year. The rationale is that all three levels of the church government continue to move further away from the conviction and theological position of our local church as a whole. As always, each member can withhold any part of their per capita giving for any or all levels of church government. To do this, please notify the church office of your intent. All monies collected for each level of church government will be paid in accordance with each donor.

### **REGULAR SCHEDULE:**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship
<b>Monday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Grandma's Gifts of Love
	11:00 a.m.	Blairsville Area Ministerium
	5:00 p.m.	Kids Closet
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Lunch
	6:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship & Communion
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast at Dean's Diner
<b>Sunday</b>	7:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Worship
	8:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	11:00 a.m.	Easter Worship