



“I am the  
**resurrection** and the

*Life.*”  
John 11:25



**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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April 6, 2025 ~ 11:00 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Words of Greeting

Mary Anzelone, Liturgist

Leader: Welcome to the house of the Lord.

May the grace of God 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

“Old Rugged Cross Medley”

Arr. Mercer

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord. Praise him in his sanctuary.

Praise him in his mighty heavens.

**People: Praise him for his acts of power.**

**Praise him for his greatness.**

Leader: We are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken.

**People: We worship God with reverence and awe.**

\*Hymn

“Down at the Cross”

On the screen

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we admit and faithfully confess that we have sinned against you in all kinds of ways. Deepen within us a sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left**



## Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn # 513           “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

(\*All who are able, please stand)

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*This morning we celebrate the Lord's Supper. Anyone who professes faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is invited to receive and share the sacrament.*

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, Mary Anzelone; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Audio/Streaming, Brylea Borbonus and John Bruner; Ushers, Linda George, Charlotte Cosharek, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Gene Artman.

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 COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICE AND LUNCH will be held in our facility Wednesday beginning at 12:00 noon. The service will be held in the sanctuary followed by a light lunch in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

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

NEXT WEEK we will celebrate Palm Sunday. Thanks to the deacons, palms will be available to everyone. We look forward to welcoming the Otter Creek Brass to join us for our service.

THIS YEAR marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the One Great Hour of Sharing 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 6<sup>th</sup> and collected Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.
2. One Great Hour of Sharing special offering which will be received on Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> during worship.

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

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.

#### COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENT AND EASTER

- April 13 ..... 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  
(Maps of the route are available at the back of the sanctuary)

#### DATES TO REMEMBER FOR LENT AND EASTER

- April 9 ..... Lenten Lunch here ..... 12:00 pm
- April 13 ..... Palm Sunday Worship ..... 11:00 am  
We welcome the Otter Creek Brass
- April 17 ..... Maundy Thursday Dinner ..... 6:00 pm  
Maundy Thursday Worship ..... 7:00 pm  
Worship will be a Service of Darkness  
Communion will be shared around the tables
- April 20 ..... Easter Sunrise Service..... 7:00 am  
(Outside in the prayer garden. Bring a lawn chair)  
Easter Breakfast ..... 8:00 am  
Served in Fellowship Hall  
Easter Worship..... 11:00 am  
A traditional Easter worship service

IT'S HERE! The Session has approved a Blessing Box of personal care items. It has been installed to the left of the glass doors leading to the Fellowship Hall. 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. Thank you to the individual who built our box. You know who you are!

### 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 9.....Presbyterian Church  
April 16.....SS Simon & Jude Church  
Pastor Harold Hicks

### GOOD FRIDAY

April 18..... Summit Church, 7:00 PM

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.

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. Please return your bag at the end of the service.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS are due by Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. If you would like flowers for Easter, please use the bulletin insert to place your order.

### **REGULAR SCHEDULE:**

<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship and Communion
<b>Monday</b>	5:00 p.m.	Kids Closet
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Meeting
	6:60 p.m.	Monday Music Club Rehearsal
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:30 a.m.	Food Bank Distribution
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Community Lenten Lunch here
	5:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop Meeting
	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.	Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Otter Creek Brass Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Leader Meeting
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
<b>Sunday</b>	9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship