



*First Presbyterian Church of Murrysville
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*Our mission is to worship and honor God,
and to bring people to Christ.
It is our joy to be stewards
of the Good News of the love of God in Jesus Christ.*

*January 21, 2024
11:00 a.m.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

JANUARY 21, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION #374

"Refiner's Fire"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who walk in God's ways.

Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.

Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

Come, let us love the Lord our God.

We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

*HYMN #136

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Gracious God, through Christ you showed us the way of love and compassion. You showed us that we are to be a people united in Christ, of one body, who uphold and support each other. You call us to let go of all division and disunity so that in you we can be made one. But we must confess that we do not follow your ways. We find all sorts of reasons to criticize and complain about others, failing to look upon them with your eyes of love. We find reasons to judge others for the very things we can be guilty of ourselves. We find reasons to turn a blind eye when others need our support, and even turn our backs on others when we need their support. Help us to be people of unity and love who care for each other in your Spirit and who also let others care for us with your love; in Christ's name. (N. Graham Standish)

*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

ANTHEM

"Always By Our Side"

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

James 1:1-8

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Ruth 1:6-18

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SERMON

“Rug Cuttin’ Time”

Rev. Edward Gray

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)**

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

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Meditation on “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

***DOXOLOGY**

HYMN #34

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

(see Prayer List)

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Say “Peace be with you”

***HYMN #569**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

***BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

#497

**Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful;
May the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe,
And the lives we live inspire them to obey.
Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful.**

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- **Large Print bulletins are available from an usher.**

Rev. Edward Gray, Pastor

Ruth Poscich, Director of Music

Eddie Gray, Audio/Video Technician

This morning we are blessed with the following participants and volunteers:

8:30 a.m. Worship Leader: Deborah Branthoover

11:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Ann Troxell

11:00 a.m. Musicians: The Chancel Choir; Michael Bellavia, guitar

The First Presbyterian Church of Murrysville will hold the Annual Congregational and Corporate Meetings for the purpose of reviewing and receiving the annual reports of the church on Sunday, January 28, 2024, in the church sanctuary immediately following the 10:00 a.m. combined worship service. We will also be approving the terms of call of the pastor at the congregational meeting and electing the corporate officers for the year 2024 at the corporation meeting. Please attend the meeting following the service.



January 21, 2024 through January 28, 2024

Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Laird Hall
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School – Conference Room
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Sew What
	2:00 p.m.	Joy Ringers Rehearsal
Thursday	1:15 p.m.	Moms in Prayer – Lounge
	3:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School – Conference Room
	10:00 a.m.	Combined Worship Service – Sanctuary
	11:00 a.m.	Congregational and Corporate Meeting

****Meals on Wheels every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday in Laird Hall**

****Friends' Kitchen is the first Wednesday of each month at Laird Hall**

Announcements

Colton Hudson is the recipient of the Presbyterian Scholarship Fund Award. Colton is the son of Stephanie and Rand Hudson, Jr.

There will be a combined worship service on Sunday, January 28 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary for ordination and installation of Deacons and Elders. Immediately following the worship service, the Church will hold the Annual Congregational and Corporate Meeting for the purpose of receiving and reviewing the annual report, electing the corporate officers for 2024, and approving the terms of call of the pastor.

Immediately following the worship service and the annual meeting, sandwiches will be served in the conference room courtesy of the Music Department.

Bunco Night, Sunday, February 4 at 5:00 p.m.

It will be an evening of fun, fellowship and games. You may bring soup or a dessert to share, or you may decide not to, which is fine too. Please, though, sign-up on the Bunco Night sheet in Laird Hall or in the Narthex so we can decide how many card tables are needed.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The beginning of the Lenten season, Ash Wednesday, is February 14. We will hold a communion service in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

DEACON AND SESSION RETREAT

On Saturday, February 17, there will be an Officer Retreat for all of the current Deacons and Elders. The Retreat will run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served.





Habakkuk 2:1-3

2Corinthians 11:16-33

On Sunday, January 28, the Sunday School will discuss Chapters 4 and 5, "Delays and Difficulties" in the book, *Created to Dream*, by Rick Warren. Copies are available in the Narthex and in Laird Hall.

Birthdays

Jane Hilton	1/4	Carol Ney	1/15
Sue Shilling	1/6	Robert Holtz	1/16
Aaron Mejia	1/7	Alexander Ramaley	1/16
Andrew Mejia	1/7	Ann Himelein	1/19
Barbara (Bobbi) Sterrett	1/10	Loretta Stoltenberg	1/23
Edward R. Gray	1/11	Michael Walker	1/28
William A. Ramaley	1/14	Randy Staab	1/29

Anniversaries

Dave & Ann Troxell 1/28

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

JAN 28	SINGLE WORSHIP SERVICE
JAN 28	CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
JAN 31	WARM HUGS
FEB 4	BUNCO NIGHT
FEB 7	FRIENDS' KITCHEN
FEB 14	ASH WEDNESDAY
FEB 17	CHURCH LEADERSHIP RETREAT