



*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.*

*February 11, 2024
11:00 a.m.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE #85

"I Love You, Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

**When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in
glory.**

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #461

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Heavenly Father, we stand in awe of your creation. You are the master of design. You know the change of seasons, you know the orbit of planets, and you know exactly what human beings were made for: a relationship with you. We confess that too often we think that we know best. We insist on charting our own course, and we don't feel we can completely trust anyone but ourselves. But we are wrong. You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. You are the hope of nations. You are our King. You are our resurrected Lord. You are the one who forgives our sins. You are the one who loves us more deeply than we can ever imagine. Teach us to live like you. In Jesus' Name we pray.

*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

ANTHEM

"Make a Joyful Noise"

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:14-21

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John 11:28-44

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SERMON

"Beyond Your Wildest Dreams"

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

"Benediction"

*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 #96

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Amazing Grace v. 3

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

*POSTLUDE

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

Rev. Edward Gray, Pastor

Ruth Poscich, Director of Music

Hazel Braun, Substitute Musician

Eddie Gray, Audio/Video Technician

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

8:30 a.m. Worship Leader: Betty Lou Lamers

11:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Bobbie Stander

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



February 11, 2024 through February 18, 2024

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| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | Worship Service – Laird Hall |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School – Conference Room |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship Service – Sanctuary |
| | 12:00 Noon | Worship Committee Meeting |
| Tuesday | 8:00 a.m. | Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Staff Meeting |
| Wednesday | Ash Wednesday | |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Sew What |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Joy Ringers Rehearsal |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Worship Service |
| Thursday | 1:15 p.m. | Moms in Prayer – Lounge |
| | 3:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| Saturday | 9:30 a.m. | Church Leadership Retreat |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. | Worship Service – Laird Hall |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School – Conference Room |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship Service – Sanctuary |

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

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

Announcements

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.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL TEXT

On February 18, the Sunday School will be starting a new book, "Prayer, Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God" by Timothy Keller. It discusses if you wonder if your petitions are finding their way to God's ear or if you "chat" with the Lord instead of *connecting* with him. Through biblical guidance and wisdom, Keller shows how to make your quiet times more personal and powerful and how to talk to God about grief, loss, love, forgiveness and more. Books are available now.

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

We will have a Combined Worship Service and Baptism of Abraham Ramaley on February 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, with Sandwich Sunday in the conference room after the worship service.

MARS HOME FOR YOUTH

The Mars Home For Youth will be here for the Moment For Mission on Sunday, March 3.

COLLECTION SUNDAY

Collection Sunday will be held on February 25, and on the fourth Sunday of each month. We will collect non-perishable food and personal care items for Loaves and Fishes as well as 32-Load size laundry detergent to work toward our annual goal of 100 bottles for the Westmoreland Food Bank. Thank you for your generous support.

Mark your calendar, the Cantata Choir will begin to rehearse on Sunday, March 3, at 6:00 p.m. If you know of anyone who would like to sing with the choir, please contact Ruth or the office.



On Sunday, February 18, the Sunday School will discuss Part One in the book Prayer, Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God by Timothy Keller. Copies are available in the Narthex and in Laird Hall.

Birthdays

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| Ken Nutter | 2/2 | Karen Gray | 2/18 |
| Lynn Staab | 2/11 | Sophia Hudson | 2/18 |
| Jonathan Florida | 2/13 | Anna Lauer | 2/19 |
| Hannah Florida | 2/14 | Carolyn Krudwig | 2/22 |
| Dawn Miller | 2/14 | Eddie Gray | 2/23 |
| Robert Rizzo | 2/16 | Jeff Livingston | 2/24 |

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

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| FEB 14 | ASH WEDNESDAY |
| FEB 17 | CHURCH LEADERSHIP RETREAT |
| FEB 19 | SESSION MEETING |
| FEB 21 | LUNCH BUNCH |
| FEB 25 | COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM |
| FEB 25 | COLLECTION SUNDAY |
| FEB 28 | WARM HUGS |
| MAR 3 | CANTATA REHEARSALS BEGIN |
| MAR 5 | DEACONS' MEETING |
| MAR 6 | FRIENDS' KITCHEN |