



*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.*

*March 17, 2024  
11:00 a.m.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

MARCH 17, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION #117

*"There is a Redeemer"*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

**For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.**

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

**Come, let us worship the Lord!**

\*HYMN #317

*"Crown Him With Many Crowns"*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**Jesus, though you were in very nature God, you did not consider equality with God as something to be used to your own advantage. Rather, you humbled yourself, you made yourself nothing. Lord, you are the ultimate example for us, but we ignore it. We seek our own best interests and puff ourselves up with pride. Please humble us as we silently confess our sins to you now.**

\*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

\*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

ANTHEM

*"Psalm 150"*

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 14:18-20  
Hebrews 5:5-10

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SERMON

*"A Priest for All Time!"*

Rev. Skip Noftzger

**\*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; on 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**

*"Jesus, Joy of My Heart"*

**\*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 #320**

*"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!"*

**\*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**#482 "Sanctuary"**

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for you.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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

Rev. Edward Gray, Pastor

Rev. Skip Noftzer, Guest Preacher

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: Rick Pry

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



**March 17, 2024 through March 24 2024**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Rev. Skip Noftzger, guest Minister</b>
	<b>8:30 a.m.      Worship Service – Laird Hall</b>
	<b>9:45 a.m.      Sunday School – Conference Room</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.     Worship Service – Sanctuary</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.      Cantata Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.      Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship @ Dick's Diner</b>
	<b>9:30 a.m.      Staff Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.      Sew What – Conference Room</b>
	<b>9:30 a.m.      Food Safety Class – Laird Hall</b>
	<b>12:00 noon     Lunch Bunch – Laird Hall</b>
	<b>2:00 p.m.      Joy Ringers Rehearsal – Sanctuary</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1:15 p.m.      Moms in Prayer – Lounge</b>
	<b>3:00 p.m.      Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary</b>
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**\*\*Meals on Wheels every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday in Laird Hall**

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

## **Announcements**

**This morning, we welcome Rev. Skip Noftzger.** Skip is the Executive Presbyter of Redstone Presbytery. He developed his skills in administrative leadership through his work at Muskingum College, the Coalition for Christian Outreach and Waynesburg University, where Skip served in various executive leadership roles as Sr. Vice President. Skip and his wife, Martha, have two adult sons.

### **CANTATA CHOIR**

Rehearsals for our Murrysville Cantata Choir will continue this evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We will be preparing for the Cantata presentation on April 14.

### **LENTEN OFFERING**

The Session has designated Pine Springs Camp to receive the gifts of our Lenten Offering. We will accept the offerings throughout the month. The contribution dedication will be on March 24, Palm Sunday.

### **FOOD SAFETY CLASS**

There will be a food safety class on Wednesday, March 20 from 9:30 a.m. until Noon. It is sponsored by Murrysville Meals On Wheels but all are welcome to come.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

We will receive new members on Palm Sunday, March 24. If you would like to become a member of our church, please speak with Pastor Gray or call the church office.

**COLLECTION SUNDAY** is next week, March 24. The Loaves and Fishes community needs personal care products, TP, paper towels, and tissues. We are still collecting laundry detergent for the Westmoreland County Food Bank this year.

### **HOLY WEEK**

Holy Week Schedule:

Maundy Thursday, March 28, Communion Service at 7:30;  
Easter Sunday, March 31, Worship Services in the Sanctuary at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
Easter Breakfast between services (9:30 a.m.) in Laird Hall



On Sunday, March 24 , the Sunday School will meet at 9:45 a.m. and will discuss Part 5, Chapters 14 and 15, pp 222-262, in the book *Prayer, Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God* by Timothy Keller. Copies are available in the Narthex and in Laird Hall.

### **Birthdays**

Isabella Curie	3/2	Lane Neff	3/22
Jim Stange	3/2	Ruth Blattner	3/24
Larry Senor	3/6	Misty Show	3/24
Ken Nutter	3/12	Denise Rose	3/25
Rick Pry	3/14	Brian Nutter	3/27
Carolyn Warych	3/14	Tia	3/28
Sharon Beatty	3/16	Carol Ramaley	3/30
Chuck Hall	3/19	Bob Brooks	3/30

### **TAG SALE**

Mark your calendars, the dates for the Tag Sale have been decided. The sale set-up begins at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24. The Tag Sale will start Friday, May 3 and end Saturday, May 4.

### **\*\*UPCOMING EVENTS\*\***

MAR 24	PALM SUNDAY
MAR 25	SESSION MEETING
MAR 27	WARM HUGS
MAR 28	MAUNDY THURSDAY
MAR 29	REDSTONE COMMUNION SERVICE
MAR 31	EASTER WORSHIP 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.
MAR 31	EASTER BREAKFAST 9:30