

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 24, 2024 11:00 a.m

Palm Sunday



ORDER OF WORSHIP PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024

PRELUDE

"Open the Gates of the Temple"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANDBELL FANFARE

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Joy Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

Triumphant and victorious is he,

Humble and riding on a donkey,

On a colt, the foal of a donkey.

*HYMN

"The Palms"

V. 1 O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay Are strewn this day in festal preparation, Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away; E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

CHORUS: Join all and sing, His name declare,

Let every voice resound with acclamation!

Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!

Blessed is He who comes bringing salvation!

V. 2 Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy songs sing the emancipation,
Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem

Brings faith and hope to thee forevermore. (repeat Chorus)

With eager hearts and open hands, O God, we welcome Jesus, until he refuses the power we offer him, choosing to become our servant. We pick up the faith we had laid on the ground before him and put it back on the shelf where it belongs. Our pride keeps us from being able to follow him all the way to Calvary. Hosanna, steadfast God, save us! Help us to allow our fears, our doubts and our faithlessness slip from our lives to fall at your feet, so we may stand with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who comes in your name, in your glory, in your grace to save us.

^{*}Prayer of Confession (Unison)

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

ANTHEM

"Sing Hosanna to the King!"

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:28-40 Matthew 26:36-46 N.T. Page 83 N.T. Page 30

SERMON

"Asked and Answered—or Not"

Rev . Edward Gray

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

*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 SOLO

"The Holy City"

Rev. Gray

SPECIAL OFFERING: PINE SPRINGS CAMP

*PALM DOXOLOGY

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Hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Lord, we lift up your name with hearts full of praise;

Be exalted, oh Lord my God! Hosanna in the highest!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

(see insert)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Say "Peace be with you"

*HYMN #265

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(from "The Palms")

Join all and sing, His name declare, Let every voice resound with acclamation! Hosanna! Praise to the Lord! Blessed is He who comes bringing salvation!

*Postlude

Large Print bulletins are available from an usher.

Rev. Edward Gray, Pastor
Ruth Poscich, Director of Music
Eddie Gray, Audio/Visual Technician
This morning we are blessed with the following participants and volunteers:
8:30 a.m. Worship Leader: Laurel Frey
11:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Ann Troxell
11:00 a.m. Musicians: Chancel Choir; Michael Bellavia, guitar
Hazel Braun, piano



March 24, 2024 through March 31, 2024

Sunday	Palm Sunday 8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service – Laird Hall Sunday School – Conference Room Worship Service – Sanctuary Cantata Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Session
Tuesday	8 ;0 0 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship @ Dick's Diner Staff Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Sew What – Conference Room Warm Hugs Joy Ringers Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Thursday	Maundy Thur 1:15 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	sday Moms in Prayer – Lounge Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary Tenebrae and Communion Service - Sanctuary
Sunday	Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m.	y Worship Service – Sanctuary

Easter Breakfast - Laird Hall

Worship Service – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

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

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

Announcements

CANTATA CHOIR

The Cantata Choir continues to rehearse for the presentation on April 14 at 4 pm of "No Greater Love: Remembering the Death and Resurrection of Jesus," a musical work with narration and anthems that take us through the events of Holy Week. Be sure to mark your calendar and join us as we contemplate our Savior's descent into darkness and rejoice in His glorious resurrection.

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 is today, Palm Sunday.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome our new members who will be received into the life of the church during the 11:00 a.m. service today.

COLLECTION SUNDAY is today, 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, Tenebrae and Communion Service at 7:30; Redstone Communion, Friday, March 29 at 1:30

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



A new resource for the season of Easter is now available, **Discovering Your Identity: Understand Who You Are in God's Eyes.** Author Charles F. Stanley offers insight on the many layers of understanding who you are in the eyes of God. Study questions, commentary, and reflections are offered to help readers apply the *30 Life Principles* to their unique situations.

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 25	Session Meeting
M AR 27	WARM HUGS
Mar 28	MAUNDY THURSDAY TENEBRAE AND COMMUNION
Mar 29	REDSTONE COMMUNION SERVICE
Mar 31	EASTER WORSHIP 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.
Mar 31	EASTER BREAKFAST 9:30
APR 3	FRIENDS' KITCHEN