



*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.*

*April 14, 2024  
11:00 a.m.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

APRIL 14, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION #357

*“Knowing You”*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!

**All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:**

That God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

**We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.**

We remind one another in our service of worship:

**Be reconciled to God.**

\*HYMN #63

*“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**Lord of all creation, you make us into a new creation, your followers sing new songs of praise to you, and yet we so easily fall into routines as we worship you. Too often we offer you lip service without offering our hearts. Please capture our hearts and rekindle our passion for you as we silently confess our sins to you now.**

\*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

\*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

ANTHEM

*“Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing”*

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 3:1-19  
2 Corinthians 5:11-21

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\*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

*“Consecrated, Lord, 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 #300

*“In the Garden”*

\*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name!**

\*POSTLUDE

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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: Sharon Beatty

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

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



**April 14, 2024 through April 21, 2024**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service – Laird Hall</b>
	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday School – Conference Room</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service – Sanctuary</b>
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>“No Greater Love” presented by the Murrysville Cantata Choir – Sanctuary</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Session Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship @ Dick’s Diner</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Christian Ed Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sew What – Conference Room</b>
	<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Lunch Bunch – Laird Hall</b>
	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Joy Ringers Rehearsal – Sanctuary</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Moms in Prayer – Conference Room</b>
	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Preschool Sunday</b>	
	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service – Laird Hall</b>
	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday School – Conference Room</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service – Sanctuary</b>
	<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Sandwich Sunday – Conference Room</b>

**\*\*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 will present "*No Greater Love,*" a worship concert with narration and anthems this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**PRESCHOOL SUNDAY** will be next week, April 21. We will welcome the preschool students and their families to the 11:00 a.m. service. Sandwich Sunday will be held immediately after the service in the Conference Room. Everyone is invited to attend. It will be a good time to meet the families that support the Murrysville Presbyterian Preschool.

**COLLECTION SUNDAY** is next week, April 21. Collection Sunday is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. The church collects these donations any day throughout the year, but the Deacons have designated the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday as a way to help us remember. Loaves and Fishes have specifically requested bar soap as well as the other toiletries and non-perishable food items. We are still collecting Laundry Soap to fulfill our commitment to the Westmoreland County Food Bank. **Thank you all for your generosity.**

**The Pennsylvania Primary Election** will be Tuesday, April 23. Laird Hall has been selected by the election commission to be a voting place. Except for Meals on Wheels, there will not be any other functions or meetings held in Laird Hall on that day.

### TAG SALE

The Tag Sale will begin Friday, May 3, and end Saturday, May 4, in Laird Hall. The sale set-up begins at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 24. We will be collecting items at Laird Hall through Monday, April 29. Help in organizing is **greatly** appreciated. Please see the insert for all of the details and times. All of the proceeds from the Tag Sale directly fund Mission Projects in the church.

The **National Day of Prayer** will be held locally at the Delmont Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 2.



A 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. We will explore one chapter per week.

The scripture readings for next week will be:

Genesis 3:1-19

Ephesians 1:1-5

### Birthdays

Gail Harrison	4/2	Rand Hudson, Jr.	4/17
Martha Gangloff	4/3	Wayne Pottmeyer	4/19
Rachel Ramaley	4/7	Hazel Braun	4/21
Mary Kay Krause	4/11	Alex Flores-Martinez	4/21
Debra Little	4/13	Jennifer Plowman	4/29
Janet Rearick	4/14	Victoria Duff	4/29
Keith Langston	4/14	Laurie Bellavia	4/30

### Anniversaries

Hazel and Rick Braun                      April 26

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

APR 14	CANTATA CHOIR CONCERT
APR 21	PRESCHOOL SUNDAY
APR 21	SANDWICH SUNDAY – CHRISTIAN ED/MPP
APR 23	PRIMARY ELECTION
APR 24	TAG SALE SET-UP BEGINS
APR 28	BAPTISM—ANDERSON
APR 28	COLLECTION SUNDAY
MAY 2	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
MAY 3	TAG SALE BEGINS
MAY 5	BAPTISM—CHANNELL