



*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.*

*Murrysville Presbyterian Preschool Sunday
April 21, 2024
11:00 a.m.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

APRIL 21, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE #94 (*remain seated*)

"Shout to the Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great.

People: God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.

Leader: Let us worship God today, for God is good.

People: God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.

Leader: Let us worship God today.

People: Because we are God's people.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*HYMN # 287

"Lift High the Cross"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Lord our God, we know that you have called us to be your people and that you love us with an everlasting love. We thank you for guiding us through all of life. But God, life can sometimes be very discouraging. We do not always recognize your presence or accept your power. We often wallow in discouragement and doubt, weakening our ability to live as your people in the world. Please forgive us. Help us to trust you more fully, for the sake of Christ.

*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

-The Congregation May Be Seated-

RECOGNITION OF PRESCHOOL TEACHERS

PRESCHOOL SONGS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Edward Gray

(Children ages 2 through 5th grade are now invited to attend Children's Worship)

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 41:41-49

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Ephesians 1:1-5

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SERMON

"Picking Up Teams"

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; 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 ANTHEM

"Let a Joyful Song Arise"

Chancel Choir

*DOXOLOGY

HYMN #34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

(see Prayer List)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Say *"Peace be with you"*

*HYMN # 80

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

291 Refrain

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

*POSTLUDE

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

Rev. Edward Gray, Pastor

Ruth Poscich, Director of Music

Eddie Gray, Audio/Video Technician

Linda Kovac, 11:00 a.m. Child Care Supervisor

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



April 21, 2024 through April 28, 2024

Sunday	Preschool Sunday	
	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Laird Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary
	12:00 noon	Sandwich Sunday – Conference Room
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	Election Day, Laird Hall Open for MOW ONLY
	8:00 a.m.	Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship @ Dick’s Diner
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Sew What – Conference Room
	10:00 a.m.	TAG SALE set-up and pricing
	11:30 a.m.	Warm Hugs
	2:00 p.m.	Joy Ringers Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	TAG SALE set-up and pricing
	1:15 p.m.	Moms in Prayer – Conference Room
	3:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Friday	9:00 a.m.	TAG SALE set-up and pricing
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	TAG SALE set-up and pricing
Sunday	Sacrament of Baptism	
	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School – Conference Room
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary
		Baptism of Charlotte Anderson
	12:00 noon	Worship Committee 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

PRESCHOOL SUNDAY

We welcome the Preschool students, staff and their families to the 11:00 a.m. service. We invite you all to stay for Sandwich Sunday in the Conference Room after the service.

CANTATA CHOIR

The Cantata Choir's presentation of "No Greater Love," last Sunday was moving and beautiful. Congratulations to Ruth Poscich and all of the participants for a beautiful presentation.

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 and set-up is needed and 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.

COLLECTION SUNDAY

April 28 is Collection Sunday. This is the day we set aside to help everyone to remember their needed gifts for Loaves and Fishes (bar soap is in high need) and for the Westmoreland County Food Bank (laundry detergent). Thank you for supporting these organizations through our church.

The National Day of Prayer, *Lift Up The World – Light Up The World*, will be held locally at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, at the Delmont Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall, 2360 Route 66, Delmont, 15626.

FRIENDS' KITCHEN

Due to the dates of the Tag Sale, Friends' Kitchen has been moved to Wednesday, May 8.



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. No Sunday School today.

The reading for 4/28 is Chapter 4.

The scripture readings for next week will be:

Matthew 3:13-17

Romans 8:31-39

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
Norm and Mary Rish	April 28

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

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
MAY 8	FRIENDS' KITCHEN
MAY 9	SIGHT AND SOUND, "DANIEL"