

First Presbyterian Church of Murrysville 3202 North Hills Road Murrysville, PA 15668 724-327-0728

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 28, 2024 11:00 a.m. **PRELUDE** 

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

HANDBELL INTROIT

"Amazing Grace"

Joy Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 36)

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

\*HYMN #82

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your lovingkindness, have mercy on us and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace as we silently confess our individual sins to you now.

\*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

\*GLORIA PATRI HYMN #734

ANTHEM "O Sing Ye to the Lord" Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:13-17 Romans 8:31-39

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SERMON

"No Qualifiers"

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Charlotte Anderson

PROCLAMATION - WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD TO BE BAPTIZED

CHARGE TO THE PARENTS

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM – THE SIGN OF THE COVENANT

BLESSING AND PRAYER - THE SEAL OF THE COVENANT

THE WELCOME

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Joy Ringers

**HYMN #34** \*DOXOLOGY

\*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 #680

"Borning Cry"

\*BENEDICTION & 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: Betty Lou Lamers
11:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Rick Pry
11:00 a.m. Musicians: The Chancel Choir; Michael Bellavia, guitar
Joy Ringers Handbell Choir



# April 28, 2024 through May 5, 2024

Today	Sacrament of 8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	F Baptism Worship Service – Sanctuary Sunday School – Conference Room Worship Service – Sanctuary Baptism of Charlotte Anderson
	12:00 noon	Worship Committee Meeting
Monday	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	TAG SALE set-up and pricing Staff Meeting
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship @ Dick's Diner TAG SALE set-up and pricing
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Sew What – Conference Room TAG SALE set-up and pricing Warm Hugs Joy Ringers Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Thursday	9:00 a.m. 1:15 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	TAG SALE set-up and pricing  Moms in Prayer – Conference Room  Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary  National Day of Prayer –  Delmont VFD Social Hall
Friday	9:00 a.m.	TAG SALE Open for customers
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	TAG SALE Open for customers
Sunday	Sacrament of 8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Baptism  Worship Service – Laird Hall  Sunday School – Conference Room  Worship Service – Sanctuary  Baptism of Josephine Channell

## **Announcements**

### **COLLECTION SUNDAY**

Today is Collection Sunday. You may place your contributions for Loaves & Fishes and the Westmoreland County Food Bank on the table in the Narthex. Thank you for supporting these organizations through our church. Next Collection Sunday is May 26.

## National Day of Prayer, May 2

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.

#### TAG SALE

The Annual Tag Sale will begin in Laird Hall on Friday, May 3 at 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 4 at 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

We will collect donated items at Laird Hall through tomorrow, April 29.

Efforts for the sale set-up will continue through May 2.

Help in organizing and set-up is needed and appreciated.

Please see the insert for all of the details and times. Thank you!

# FRIENDS' KITCHEN

Due to the dates of the Tag Sale, Friends' Kitchen has been changed to Wednesday, May 8. Tacos are on the menu.

# **Sight and Sound Theater Trip to Lancaster**

A reminder that May 9-10 is the trip to Sight and Sound, in Lancaster, to see "Daniel." Those attending purchased tickets in early November 2023.

# **MPP "NESTING EGGS"**

The preschool will be collecting funds to replenish the Purcell Preschool Scholarship Fund, which is available to assist MPP families needing help with tuition. There will be Nesting Eggs at your table or in your pew on May 12 & 19 as a reminder to please consider a donation to help children receive an MPP experience.

Registration forms for Overnight Pine Springs Campers are available in the Narthex. Scholarships may be available from both the camp and the church. Please call the office for additional information.



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 May 5 is Chapter 6.

The scripture readings for next week will be:

Acts 2:22-28, 36-39

1 John 3:1-3

#### **Birthdays**

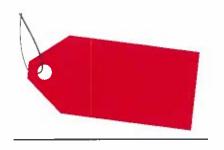
Jennifer Plowman	April 29	Edward Little	May 18
Victoria Duff	April 29	Mary Holtz	May 19
John Manno	May 1	<b>Bobbie Stander</b>	May 21
Chad Show	May 3	Melinda Macpherson	May 24
Daniel Freyer	May 9	David Krudwig	May 24
Mary Florida	May 13	Stacie Curry	May 28
Carol Hill	May 13	Sarah Channell	May 30
Ben Stephens	May 15	William Vance	May 31
Abigail Ramaley	May 15		

# **Anniversaries**

Norm and Mary Rish	April 28
Kim and Bruce Stephens	May 29

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

May 2	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
May 3	TAG SALE BEGINS
May 5	BAPTISM—CHANNELL
May 7	DEACON'S MEETING
May 8	FRIENDS' KITCHEN
May 9	LANCASTER SIGHT AND SOUND, "DANIEL"
<b>May 20</b>	SESSION MEETING



### **TAG SALE 2024**

# WEDNESDAY, April 24th THROUGH SATURDAY, May 4th

# NEEDED: HELP TO CASHIER, SORT, PRICE, SET-UP, CLEAN-UP

NAME		PHONE # OR EMAIL						
TURN IN ON SUNDAYS (or email: mlholtz6@msn.com) OR sign up on poster								
I CAN HELP:	I CAN HELP:							
TO SET-UP: Wed. 4/24 - 10 AM TO 2 PM; 2 PM TO 7 PM								
TO SORT AND/OR PRICE:								
	9 AM TO 12	12 TO 3:30 PM	3:30 TO 7 PM					
THURS. 4/25								
FRI. 4/26								
SAT. 4/27		xxxx	xxxx					
SUNDAY, 4/28 - No tag sale hours								
MON. 4/29								
TUE. 4/30								
WED. 5/1								
THURS. 5/2			?					
TO CASHIER: FRIDAY 5/3-8:30 TO NOON FRIDAY - NOON TO 4 PM								
FRIDAY – 4PM TO 7 PM SATURDAY 5/4 – 8:30 TO 2PM								
TO CLEAN –UP FOR SUNDAY SERVICE:								
SATURDAY 5/4 - 2 PM to 2:30 (approximately)								

<sup>\*\*</sup>Items may be donated for the sale at the times listed above from Wed. 4/24 to Mon. 4/29 only