

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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

APRIL 28, 2024

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



- **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



## 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

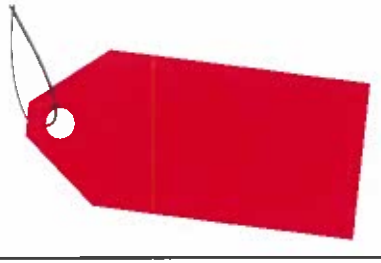
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|------------------|----------|--------------------|--------|
| Jennifer Plowman | April 29 | Edward Little      | May 18 |
| Victoria Duff    | April 29 | Mary Holtz         | May 19 |
| John Manno       | May 1    | Bobbie Stander     | May 21 |
| 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" |
| MAY 20 | SESSION MEETING                     |



**TAG SALE 2024**

**WEDNESDAY, April 24<sup>th</sup> THROUGH SATURDAY, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # OR EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

TURN IN ON SUNDAYS (or email: [mlholtz6@msn.com](mailto:mlholtz6@msn.com)) OR sign up on poster

**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) \_\_\_\_\_

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