



*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.*

*Mother's Day
May 12, 2024
11:00 a.m.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

MAY 12, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION # 86

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Everyone who serves God, come and offer thanks.

Thank you, God, for your love to me.

Everyone who has gathered in this place, lift your hands and praise God.

Thank you, God, for your love in this place.

Shout praises to God, for you are God's servants, so shout praises.

Thank you, God, for your love to others.

All who serve in this place, who serve our God, come and shout praises.

Thank you, God, for your love that we can share.

Praise the name of our God, who is kind and good.

Thank you, God, for your love endures forever.

*HYMN # 68

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

All-knowing God, we know you understand us more deeply than we understand ourselves. You know how much the cares of this life weigh us down. Our thoughts and actions are often very shortsighted. We take so much for granted, failing to value the wonder of life all around us, the gift of family and friends, the amazing reality of your Spirit dwelling in us. We want to be like good soil, receiving the seed of your word with understanding that nourishes roots of trust and joy. Free us from all that keeps us from bearing fruit for you.

*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

ANTHEM "Look at the World" Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE Matthew 16:21-27 N.T. Page 18
Exodus 2:1-10 O.T. Page 49
SERMON "Faith of Our Mothers" Rev. Edward R. 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 "By Streams of Everlasting Love"

*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 # 455 "Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #367 Refrain
**Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

*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: Laurel Frey

11:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Tim Miller

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



First Presbyterian Church
OF MURRYSVILLE

May 12, 2024 through May 19, 2024

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| Today | Mother's Day | |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Worship Service – Laird Hall |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School – Conference Room |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship Service – Sanctuary |
| Tuesday | 8:00 a.m. | Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship @ Dick's Diner |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Staff Meeting |
| | 4:15 p.m. | Fun & Fellowship Meeting |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. | Sew What – Conference Room |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Tag Sale Brief Meeting |
| | 12:00 Noon | Lunch Bunch |
| Thursday | 1:15 p.m. | Moms in Prayer – Conference Room |
| | 3:00 p.m. | Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary |
| Sunday | Pentecost | |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Worship Service – Laird Hall |
| | 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School – Conference Room |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Worship Service – Sanctuary |
| | 12:00 Noon | Sandwich Sunday -- Conference Room |

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

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

Announcements

TAG SALE

Many thanks to all who helped through the two weeks of Tag Sale and for EVERYTHING that each of you did!! Our Tag Sale would not be possible without all of the hours and work that each of you gave!! The total earned for First Presby Mission will most likely be over \$7,500!!! On Wednesday, May 15 at 11:30, there will be a brief meeting to discuss/decide several items concerning the 2025 Tag Sale. You may then join the group for Lunch Bunch at noon. Please bring your own lunch.

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday, May 19 is Pentecost, Communion, and Sandwich Sunday. Everyone is invited to join us. The Chancel will be decorated with red geraniums.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

A Memorial Day Observance will be held in our cemetery at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 27, Memorial Day. Everyone is welcome to join a group of local veterans as they honor the deceased veterans in our cemetery.

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.

MUSIC CELEBRATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 9, there will be a combined service at 10 a.m. to celebrate the volunteers who help our congregation glorify God through music each week. Mark your calendar and do not miss this time of worship including Scripture, hymns, anthems, bells and other musical selections in praise of our Lord and God.



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 reading for

May 19 is Chapter 5.

The scripture readings for next week will be:

Psalm 103:1-12

Acts 2:14-21

Birthdays

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| John Manno | May 1 | Mary Holtz | May 19 |
| Chad Show | May 3 | Bobbie Stander | May 21 |
| Daniel Freyer | May 9 | Melinda MacPherson | May 24 |
| Carol Hill | May 13 | David Krudwig | May 24 |
| Ben Stephens | May 15 | Stacie Curry | May 28 |
| Abigail Ramaley | May 15 | Sarah Channell | May 30 |
| Edward Little | May 18 | William Vance | May 31 |

Anniversaries

Kim and Bruce Stephens May 29

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| MAY 15 | LUNCH BUNCH |
| MAY 19 | PENTECOST |
| MAY 20 | SESSION MEETING |
| MAY 27 | MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE IN CEMETERY |
| MAY 29 | WARM HUGS |