

*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.*

*May 5, 2024
11:00 a.m.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

MAY 5, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION #270

"O How He Loves You and Me"

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from 1 Corinthians 12)

Leader: "Now there are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are various kinds of service, and the same Lord.

People: "For as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

Leader: "For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free;

People: "We were all made to drink of one Spirit." Come, Holy Spirit!

ALL: Let us worship God!

*HYMN # 679

"Baptized in Water"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

O Father of all creation, who hovered over the deep at the beginning, who spoke light into darkness, who split the heavens open and descended upon the Son of God in the waters of the Jordan, who created us in his image, who declared that each one of us is fearfully and wonderfully made: we have forgotten who we are. Our identity as beloved children has been obscured by a multitude of wrongdoing and wrong-thinking. We have exchanged the truth for a lie. Nevertheless, you have not forgotten us. You have entered into the baptismal waters with us, to show us our true identity. Forgive us for our forgetfulness of who we are. Let us not forget our own baptism and that which it signifies. Cleanse us by the power of your Spirit so that we may once again walk in the understanding of that truth.

*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

ANTHEM	<i>“Let the Redeemed of the Lord”</i>	Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE	Acts 2:22-28, 36-39 1 John 3:1-3	N.T. Page 119 N.T. Page 240
SERMON	<i>“Her Mother’s Eyes”</i>	Rev. Edward Gray
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM		Josephine Channell
	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		<i>“Gentle Shepherd”</i>
*DOXOLOGY		HYMN #34
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
JOYS AND CONCERNS		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER		<i>(see Prayer List)</i>
*PASSING THE PEACE		Say <i>“Peace be with you”</i>
*HYMN # 437		<i>“Jesus Loves Me”</i>
*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE		<i>#367 Refrain</i>
	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

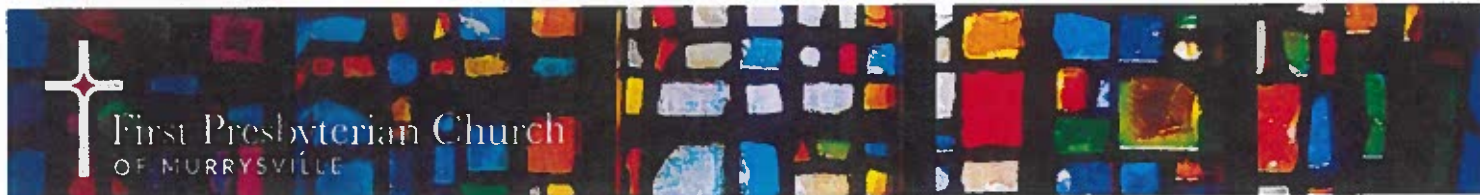
Linda Kovac, 11:00 a.m. Child Care Supervisor

This morning we are blessed with the following participants and volunteers:

8:30 a.m. Worship Leader: Sharon Beatty

11:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Gail Harrison

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



May 5, 2024 through May 12, 2024

Today	Sacrament of Baptism
	8:30 a.m. Worship Service – Laird Hall
	9:45 a.m. Sunday School – Conference Room
	11:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary Baptism of Josephine Channell
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship @ Dick’s Diner
	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
	3:00 p.m. Deacons’ Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Sew What – Conference Room
	9:00 a.m. Stewardship & Finance Meeting--Office
	2:00 p.m. Joy Ringers Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	4:00 p.m. Friends’ Kitchen
Thursday	Sight and Sound – <u>Daniel</u>, Lancaster PA
	1:15 p.m. Moms in Prayer – Conference Room
	3:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
Sunday	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

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

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

Announcements

FRIENDS' KITCHEN

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

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. If you would like to order geraniums, please see the insert.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Nick Nutter** and the music educators for the national recognition for music education at Franklin Regional. FR has demonstrated outstanding achievement for providing music access and education to all students. Nick is the director of the high school music, band and orchestra.

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 don't 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 12 is Chapter 7.

The scripture readings for next week will be:

Matthew 16:21-27

Exodus 2:1-10

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

Kim and Bruce Stephens May 29

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

MAY 7	DEACON'S MEETING
MAY 8	FRIENDS' KITCHEN
MAY 9	LANCASTER SIGHT AND SOUND, "DANIEL"
MAY 15	LUNCH BUNCH
MAY 19	PENTECOST
MAY 20	SESSION MEETING
MAY 27	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE IN CEMETERY