



*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.*

*August 25, 2024
11:00 a.m.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

AUGUST 25, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION # 373

“Change My Heart, O God”

(repeat the first part)

CALL TO WORSHIP

O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.

Some trust in chariots and some in horses;

We trust in the name of the Lord our God.

Praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;

His glory is above earth and heaven.

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*HYMN #74

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Heavenly Father, we confess that our trust in you wavers and that we are fickle in our reliance. We see that you provide great things where we see little possibility; but when storms come in life, we quickly turn to fear. We freely follow you where you give in profusion; but when we go our own way, we do not recognize your presence. Turn our hearts toward you and help us see your abundance, your desire to provide, and your knowledge of what we need. Let us see your kingdom at work and not simply our own. Give us hearts that turn to you and not simply to the things that you provide.

*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

MUSIC OF PRAISE

Tom Frey

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot/This Train/Down by the Riverside”

SCRIPTURE

Jonah 1:1-16

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Luke 19:1-10

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SERMON

"You Can Run..."

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

"O For a Closer Walk With God"

*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 # 72

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn #15 v. 3

For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!

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O sing to our God, O sing to our God!

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*POSTLUDE

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

Rev. Edward Gray, Pastor
Ruth Poscich, Director of Music
Eddie Gray, Audio/Video Technician

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

8:30 a.m. Worship Leader: Laurel Frey

8:30 Musician: Tom Frey, keyboard

11:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Carolyn Krudwig

11:00 a.m. Musicians: Michael Bellavia, guitar
Tom Frey, keyboard



August 25, 2024 through September 1, 2024

Today	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m.	Worship Service – Laird Hall Worship Service – Sanctuary Worship Committee Meeting
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship @ Dicks Diner Staff Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Sew What – Conference Room Warm Hugs – Laird Hall MPP Parents Meeting
Thursday	9:00 – 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	MPP Family Meet and Greet Moms in Prayer -- Lounge
Sunday	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Laird Hall 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**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN

DEACONS' PRAYER LIST

Peace for the families in Rustic Ridge, Plum Boro.



The Readings for next Sunday, August 25, will be:

Jonah 1:1-16

Luke 19:1-10

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUG 28	WARM HUGS
SEP 2	LABOR DAY – OFFICE CLOSED
SEP 3	MPP CLASSES BEGIN
SEP 3	DEACONS' MEETING
SEP 4	FRIENDS' KITCHEN
SEP 5	CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN
SEP 11	JOY RINGERS REHEARSALS BEGIN
SEP 15	CHURCH PICNIC—COMBINED SERVICE
SEP 18	LUNCH BUNCH
SEP 22	SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS
SEP 25	WARM HUGS

There is a LIFEVAC, which is an emergency choking rescue device, along with Instructions in the Narthex and in Laird Hall on or near the AED.

Announcements

Our fall music season is about to begin! On Thursday, September 5 at 3 p.m., we welcome the Chancel Choir back to rehearsals to prepare for our weekly appearance at the 11 a.m. service. On Wednesday, September 11, at 2 p.m., the Joy Ringers hand bell choir will also begin rehearsals and they play periodically throughout the year at 11 a.m. On the horizon as well, are rehearsals for our Murrysville Cantata Choir beginning on Sunday evening, October 6, in preparation for our "Patriotic Thanksgiving" concert on Sunday, November 17. If you are interested in being a part of any of these groups, please contact Ruth.

Today is Giving Sunday. Loaves and Fishes is collecting personal soap for the Loaves and Fishes emergency food pantry. We are also collecting laundry detergent for the **Westmoreland County Food Bank**. To date we have collected 60 bottles. We have committed to 100 bottles this year. Your donations may be placed on the table in the Narthex. Thank you all very much for your generosity.

The MPP starts a new school year with **Parents' Night** on Wednesday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m. and the **MPP Meet & Greet** from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the child's classroom.

Friends' Kitchen will be on Wednesday, September 4, at 4:00 p.m. The menu will be Broccoli Alfredo, Salad, Roll and Cupcake.

The Church Picnic will have Food, Games & Great Fellowship. The picnic will be held on Sunday, September 15, following the 10:00 a.m. combined worship service in the Sanctuary. Hamburgers, hot dogs, beverages and paper products will be provided. Please sign up in the Narthex or in Laird Hall indicating how many will be coming and also if you can provide a side dish (dessert, salad, baked beans, etc). Plan on the picnic rain (in Laird Hall) or shine (in the Pavilion).

It's the time of year to share your garden's bounty or enjoy the fruits and vegetables of someone's garden through the **Harvest Table** in the Sanctuary and Laird Hall. Donations will go directly to "Love Thy Neighbor" fund.