



*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.*

*September 1, 2024
11:00 a.m.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE # 305

"He is Lord"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Because Christ obediently accepted death, even death on a cross,

God has exalted him and given Him a name above every other.

Therefore, let us bend our knees and with our tongues proclaim
to the glory of God the Father:

Jesus Christ is Lord!

*HYMN #106

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Lord Jesus Christ, you have said to us "You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." We admit those times when we fail to ask you for good things – that it can be easier to trust you with eternity than trust you with tomorrow. We also admit that far too often we seek first our own kingdoms, and not yours. Too often the desires of our hearts mean that we ask in our own name, rather than yours. Too often we are content to do what is easy, rather than what is right. Have mercy on us, Lord. Pour out your Spirit on us and renew us, that we might live as people of your resurrection, even here and even now.

*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

MUSIC OF PRAISE

"Here I Am, Lord"

Evelyn Houser

SCRIPTURE

1 Kings 17:17-24
John 11:38-44

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SERMON

“And Now For My Next Trick”

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 SOLO

“He Keeps Me Singing”

*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 # 90

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners”

*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**

- **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: Mary Holtz

11:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Bobbie Stander

11:00 a.m. Musicians: Michael Bellavia, guitar

Evelyn Houser, soloist



September 1, 2024 through September 8, 2024

Today	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Laird Hall Worship Service – Sanctuary
Monday	Labor Day – Office Closed	
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship @ Dicks Diner First Day of School for MPP Staff Meeting Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	Sew What – Conference Room Friends’ Kitchen
Thursday	1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Moms in Prayer -- Lounge Chancel Choir Rehearsal
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 flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by Ruth Poscich to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Vincent Poscich.

Announcements

Our fall music season is about to begin! On Thursday, September 5 at 3 pm 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 pm the Joy Ringers handbell 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.

The MPP starts a new school year at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3. Best wishes for a great school year to the students and their families, the staff, and the committee.

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

The Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 15, following the 10:00 a.m. combined worship service in the Sanctuary. We will have Food, Games & Great Fellowship. 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 is 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.

Murrysville CROP Hunger Walk is October 13. We have a team and a website to register to walk on the Team or be a contributor. Please go to:
[2024 CROP Hunger Walk - First Presby Mary Florida Memorial Team.](#)

**CROP
HUNGER WALK**
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME 



Sunday School will begin on September 22. The fall reading will be Heaven Rules by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth.

The book is available in the Narthex and in Laird Hall.

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

SEP 2	LABOR DAY
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 20	REDSTONE HIGHLANDS COMMUNION
SEP 22	SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS
SEP 25	WARM HUGS