



*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.*

*October 20, 2024
11:00 a.m.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 20, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION # 450

“Be Still and Know”

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 111)

Praise the Lord!

**I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart
in the council of the upright and in the congregation.**

The Lord’s works are great, pondered by all those who delight in them.

Full of honor and majesty is His work. His righteousness endures forever.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

All those who practice it have a good understanding.

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #425

“Christ Beside Me”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Loving God, you are the home for all our journeys and the destination of every quest. In these days when there are many spiritual words for people to speak, and many spiritual paths for people to take, we confess we have not always chosen wisely. Too often we do not do the work of thinking and study. We take for granted the sacred stories of our faith. Forgive us for seeking an easier journey, a more popular path. Forgive us for neglecting our baptismal promise to follow you – no matter what. We turn to you, again, this day, offering our confession as one of the gifts we bring. Receive it and return to us a new beginning as we journey with you.

*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

ANTHEM

“My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness”

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28:16-20
Daniel 3:19-26

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SERMON

“Three or Four”

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

“A Charge to Keep I Have”

*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 #411

“How Firm a Foundation”

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Awesome God”

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above

With wisdom, power and love, our God is an awesome God. *(repeat)*

Our God is an awesome God, *(slowing)* our God is an awesome 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: Betty Lou Lamers

11:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Larry Senor

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



October 20, 2024 through October 27, 2024

Today	8:30 a.m.	Baptism Reunion – Sandwich Sunday Worship Service – Laird Hall
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary
	12:00 noon	Sandwich Sunday – Conference Room
	6:00 p.m.	Cantata Choir Rehearsal
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship Dicks Diner
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Sew What – Conference Room
	2:00 p.m.	Joy Ringers Rehearsal
Thursday	1:15 p.m.	Moms in Prayer – Lounge
	3:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Laird Hall
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary
	4:30 p.m.	Pine Springs Camp Friends Dinner
	6:00 p.m.	Cantata Choir Rehearsal

****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

Lift-up in prayer the residents and families who have suffered through Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton especially those in Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia.

We welcome to worship this morning those who have been baptized over the past several years. In baptism we welcome individuals as well as small children and infants into a covenant relationship with the Lord extending His blessings to them as members of the family of faith. It requires commitment and dedication to fulfill the responsibilities in that covenant relationship. As part of our responsibility, we continue to pray for and support those that we have baptized and who have not yet made their Confirmation into the life of the church. Let us lift them up in prayer today and always, looking forward to the day that they reaffirm their baptismal vows and make their commitment to Christ.

All Saints Sunday is November 3, we will share a joint Service of Worship and Remembrance at **10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary**. We will remember and memorialize those from our congregation who have recently entered into the Church Triumphant.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is accepting monetary donations for the hurricane victims in Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina and Florida. Information is in the Narthex and in Laird Hall.

Celebrate the Seasons Sale is preparing for its sale on November 2. If you can volunteer to help, please see the insert in the bulletin. Any items (Christmas, fall, winter) you wish to donate can be taken to Laird Hall before Thursday, October 31. If you would like to have a vendor table, please contact Mary Holtz or the church office.

Order Your Tickets for the Pine Springs Camp Annual Dinner, which will be held on October 27, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Core Event Center in Irwin. Ticket cost is \$65/person. Please contact the office if you are interested in attending.

MPP is accepting orders and payment for their ANNUAL DAUGHERTY PIE SALE.

This year you may choose from: Apple, Pumpkin, Cherry, and Apple-Blueberry. The cost is \$20/pie. The deadline to order is October 25. The pies can be picked-up November 19 or 21. Please sign-up in the Narthex or in Laird Hall.

The deacons will collect new gloves, mittens, hats

for primary school children. We are working with Karen Kifer and the Sewickley Presbyterian Church who have identified a Westmoreland County school to distribute our donations. A tree is in the Narthex and a clothesline is hung in Laird Hall to gather the items until Sunday, November 10. Thank you, all of your donations are greatly appreciated.

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Shoe Box show God's love to children around the world with gift filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Boxes and Information pamphlets are available in Laird Hall lobby and the Narthex. Please return your filled shoeboxes to the church or Laird Hall by November 18.

Please keep Bill Vance's grandson, Cameron, in your prayers as he is preparing to start basic training in the US Air Force.

Congratulations to Patricia and John Manno on the birth of their great-grandchildren Tennyson and Theora Dirks, born on September 26, 2024.



Next week, October 27, the Sunday School discussion will focus on the following Scriptures:

Daniel 12:1-13

We will be discussing Chapter 8 and 9 in the book *Heaven Rules* by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth.

Copies are available in the Narthex and in Laird Hall.

A free-will donation is welcome to help offset the cost of the books.

Giving statements through the third-quarter of 2024 are available in the Narthex. Please pick yours up so you can make sure our records reflect accurate information.

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

OCT 21	SESSION MEETING
OCT 27	PINE SPRINGS CAMP DINNER
OCT 30	MPP PARTY AT REDSTONE HIGHLANDS
OCT 30	WARM HUGS
NOV 2	CELEBRATE THE SEASONS SALE
NOV 3	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY – COMBINED SERVICE
NOV 5	ELECTION DAY – LAIRD HALL CLOSED
NOV 5	DEACONS MEETING
NOV 6	FRIENDS' DINNER
NOV 17	CANTATA CHOIR CONCERT