



*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 27, 2024
11:00 a.m.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 27, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION # 472

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 112)

Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments.

The righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

They are not afraid of evil tidings;

Their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.

Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;

In the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

*HYMN #56

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Dear Lord, we come before You today as Your children. We praise You as the God of all creation and the giver of life. You have made us, saved us, and called us to be Your people and to serve in Your kingdom work. We confess that we too often have forgotten that we belong to You. We try to live our lives as if we were actually in charge of them and forget or ignore You. Too many times we aren't good witnesses to Your love and we don't always do our part to engage with the world. Please forgive us. Change our hearts so that we would live for You first. Give us the courage and strength to live our faith and serve Your world. In Jesus' name we pray.

*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

Anthem

“Psalm of Praise”

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

John 14:1-6, 25-27
Daniel 12:1-13

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SERMON

“Go Your Way”

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

“Land of Rest”

**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 #438

“On Eagle’s Wings”

*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

- 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: Sandy Stange

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



October 27, 2024 through November 3, 2024

Today	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
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
	10:00 a.m.	MPP Pre-K Party at Redstone Highlands
	11:30 a.m.	Warm Hugs
	2:00 p.m.	Joy Ringers Rehearsal
Thursday	1:15 p.m.	Moms in Prayer – Lounge
	3:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	All-Saints Sunday	
	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Combined Worship Service – Sanctuary
	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.

Announcements

All-Saints Sunday is November 3, we will share a combined 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.

Sunday School will meet at 9:00 a.m. before the combined worship service next week, November 3. We will begin to review the book **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT** by Max Lucado. Copies of the book will be available in the Narthex Wednesday or Thursday.

Warm Hugs will be given on Wednesday, October 30. If you would like to receive a Warm Hug or participate in preparing a light lunch, or delivering a lunch along with a Warm Hug, or know of someone who could benefit from a warm hug, please contact Bobbie Stander at 412-559-8208 or the church office, 724-327-0728. Please note that in November and December Warm Hugs will be sent on the 3rd Wednesday, November 20 and December 18 due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

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 appreciated.

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.

The WINTER OVERCOAT GIVEAWAY will be held on November 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Laird Hall. This outreach program passes along "gently-used" warm coats to those who are in need. We have had such a huge response to the coat donations, we cannot accept any more. THANK YOU!

The Cantata Choir will present "A Patriotic Thanksgiving" on Sunday, November 17 at 4:00 p.m. The concert will be held in our sanctuary. Please make plans to attend.

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

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.



Next week, November 3, the Sunday School discussion will focus on the following Scriptures:

Daniel 12:1-13

Revelation 1:12-20

We will be discussing the book WHAT HAPPENS NEXT by Max Lucado. Copies will be available in the Narthex Wednesday or Thursday. A free-will donation is welcome to help offset the cost of the books.

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

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
NOV 18	SESSION MEETING
NOV 20	WARM HUGS
NOV 24	ST ANDREWS SUNDAY
NOV 28	THANKSGIVING DAY