



*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.*

*February 2, 2025
11:00 a.m.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANDBELL INTROIT

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Joy Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

The reign of God is coming.

Trust in the Lord; be alert; be prepared; be patient!

God is coming in judgment and love, in mercy and compassion;

Coming to be light in the darkness, light to the nations.

Let us worship Christ the light, the forthtelling of God;

**The one whose coming in our hearts and in our world is the fulfillment
of God’s promise to all people.**

May our worship be pleasing to God.

*HYMN #15

“O Sing to the Lord”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

ANTHEM

“Hold On to the Rock”

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24:16-20

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Romans 10:1-13

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***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/HANDBELL OFFERTORY

“It is Well With My Soul”

Joy Ringers

***DOXOLOGY**

HYMN #34

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER

(*see Prayer List*)

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Say *“Peace be with you”*

***HYMN #366**

“And Can It Be”

***BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

#497

**Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful;
 May the fire of our devotion light their way.
 May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe,
 And the lives we live inspire them to obey.
 Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful.**

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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: Sharon Beatty

11:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Tim Miller

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

Joy Ringers Handbell Choir



February 2, 2025 through February 9, 2025

Today	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Laird Hall
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School – Conference Room
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary
	5:00 p.m.	Bunco Night – Laird Hall
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship Dicks Diner
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Sew What
	2:00 p.m.	Joy Ringers Rehearsal
	4:00 p.m.	Friends' Kitchen
Thursday	1:15 p.m.	Moms-In-Prayer
	3:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday	10:30 a.m.	Pre-School Committee Meeting
	11:45 a.m.	MPP Staff Meeting
Sunday	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**

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 those affected by the wildfires in California.
Lift-up in prayer those affected by the hurricane in North Carolina.

Announcements

Soup and Bunco Night, TONIGHT at 5:00 p.m.

Bunco Night is an evening of fun, fellowship and games. You may bring soup or a dessert to share, or you may decide not to, which is fine too. Please sign-up on the Bunco Night sheet in Laird Hall or in the Narthex so we know how many card tables are needed.

Friends' Kitchen will be held in Laird Hall on Wednesday, February 5 at 4:00

p.m. The menu for this month is: Stuffed Peppers, Mashed Potatoes, Chunky Applesauce, and a Cookie. Our church members, along with others from the community, volunteer to help prepare, plate/package and distribute the meals. Friends Kitchen is distributed free of charge and is held on the first Wednesday of each month. See you there!

The **MPP** is having a winter fund-raiser. They are selling "The Pie Shoppe" Cinnamon Rolls with White icing or with Maple icing for \$11.00 (8 servings ea.) there is also Pepperoni Roll for \$6.00 (single serving).

The sign-up sheet is in the back of Laird Hall and on a table in the Narthex.

Thank you for your support.

The Annual Leadership Retreat for Deacons and Session members will be held on Saturday, February 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be served.

The next Sandwich Sunday will be held on February 16, after the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the Conference Room.

We will continue to accept gifts for PDA to support the efforts to help the wild fire victims in California and the Hurricane Helene victims in the southeast US. Please submit your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and note Hurricane Helene or the California Wildfires on the memo line. Thank you for prayerfully considering your donation.



Next week, February 9, the Sunday School discussion will focus on the following Scriptures:
Revelation 11:15-17
Matthew 24:29-31

We will discuss Chapters 7 and 8 in the book What On Earth is Happening? By Ray Stedman.

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

FEB 2	BUNCO NIGHT
FEB 4	DEACONS MEETING
FEB 5	FRIENDS' KITCHEN
FEB 15	LEADERSHIP RETREAT
FEB 16	SANDWICH SUNDAY