



*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.*

*January 12, 2025
11:00 a.m.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

JANUARY 12, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION #664

“Thy Word”

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 99)

The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

**Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for
the Lord our God is holy.**

*HYMN #667

“God Has Spoken by the Prophets”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

O God, you are judge over all things. That strikes terror within us when we realize how poorly our church has lived as the body of Christ in the world. We have been more interested in institutional survival than in proclamation of the gospel, more attentive to numbers than to individuals, more eager to speak than to listen. What is true for all of us together is also true for most of us individually. We do not seek or accept your daily guidance. Our witness to Jesus Christ is a pale reflection of the joy expressed by the early disciples. Forgive our pretenses.

*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

ANTHEM

“I’d Rather Have Jesus”

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 20:11-15

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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/OFFERTORY SOLO

“The Holy City”

Rev. Gray

*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 #142

“Sing Praise to the Father”

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(#10 refrain)

**Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord
Singing, “Alleluia.”**

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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: Betty Lou Lamers

11:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Ann Troxell

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

The First Presbyterian Church of Murrysville will hold the Annual Congregational and Corporate Meetings for the purpose of reviewing and receiving the annual reports of the church on Sunday, January 26, 2025, in the church sanctuary immediately following the 10:00 a.m. combined worship service. We will also be approving the terms of call of the pastor at the congregational meeting and electing the corporate officers for the year 2025 at the corporation meeting. Please attend the meeting following the service.

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 New Orleans tragedy.

Announcements

Thank you to those coming tomorrow, January 13, to “undecorate” the Sanctuary building. If you would like to help, please come to the church at 9:00 a.m. there is plenty to take down.

The Annual Reports are due from the Session committees and the Deacon Report
Tomorrow, January 13. Thank you.

Combined-Worship Service on January 26 at 10:00. The Annual Congregational meeting will be held immediately following the Worship Service. **Everyone is invited to Sandwich Sunday**, on January 26 in the Conference Room, immediately following the Annual Congregational meeting.

Soup and Bunco Night, February 2

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.

Sunday school will begin to read the book What Happens Next?, by Ray Stedman. Unfortunately, the book is out of print, but is accessible online. Below is the link to purchase the eBook:

<https://www.christianbook.com/earth-happening-jesus-said-about-ebook/ray-stedman/9781572939028/pd/80142EB>

During COVID, a group from the Deacons and the Fun and Fellowship Committee got together to see if a once monthly meal and fellowship could be provided to our family parishioners who might be having a difficult time. It is still delivering hugs and food on the last Wednesday of each month. If you are interested in the mission or would like to receive a “Warm Hug,” or know of someone who would, please contact Bobbie Stander, 412-559-8208, bobbiestander12@gmail.com or the church office, 724-327-0728.



Next week, January 19, the Sunday School discussion will focus on the following Scriptures:

Romans 8:18-30

Matthew 24:1-4

We will discuss Chapters 1 and 2 in the book What On Earth is Happening? By Ray Stedman.

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

JAN 13	UN-DECORATE THE SANCTUARY
JAN 15	LUNCH BUNCH
JAN 20	SESSION MEETING
JAN 25	PRESBYTERY MEETING
JAN 26	COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
	CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
	SANDWICH SUNDAY
JAN 29	WARM HUGS
FEB 2	BUNCO NIGHT



January 12, 2025 through January 19, 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**
- Monday** **9:00 a.m.** **Undecorate the Sanctuary Building**
- Tuesday** **8:00 a.m.** **Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship Dicks Diner**
 9:30 a.m. **Staff Meeting**
 4:15 p.m. **Fun & Fellowship**
 6:00 p.m. **Mission Committee**
- Wednesday** **9:00 a.m.** **Sew What**
 12:00 noon **Lunch Bunch**
 3:00 p.m. **Joy Ringers Rehearsal**
- Thursday** **1:15 p.m.** **Moms-In-Prayer**
 3:00 p.m. **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**
- Sunday** **8:30 a.m.** **Worship Service – Laird Hall**
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****Meals on Wheels every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday in Laird Hall**

****Friends' Kitchen is the first Wednesday of each month at Laird Hall**