



*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 19, 2025
11:00 a.m.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

JANUARY 19, 2025

PRELUDE

“Comfort”

arr. Chris de Silva

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION #349

“Seek Ye First”

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 47)

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great King over all the earth.

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

*HYMN #2

“O Worship the King”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Dear Lord, we come to you this morning first to give you our worship and praise. You are the King, you are the Lord, you are the one who did indeed create us and give us life. You never leave us. You are always reaching out your hand to lift us up. We praise you. But we also come because we need to confess our sins to you, to open the hidden places of our hearts before you. We too often arrange our lives around the idols of this world and not around you. We want what others have or what they tell us to want. We are afraid of rejection by the world, forgetting that you are the only one we need to serve. We look for love in ways that will never bring us peace or lasting joy. Forgive us, O Lord.

*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

ANTHEM

“Daily Grace”

Chancel Choir

(Congregation please join in singing “Amazing Grace” when invited)

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:18-30

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Matthew 24:1-14

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SERMON

"The Baby Shower"

Rev. Edward 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

"Andante in A"

Adolf Hesse

*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 #405

"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

*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

"Jesus Saves!"

arr. Mark Hayes

- **Large Print bulletins are available from an usher.**

Rev. Edward Gray, Pastor

Ruth Poscich, Director of Music

Hazel Braun, Substitute Organist

Eddie Gray, Audio/Video Technician

This morning we are blessed with the following participants and volunteers:

8:30 a.m. Worship Leader: Laurel Frey

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

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

The First Presbyterian Church of Murrysville will hold the Annual Congregational Meeting 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. Please attend the meeting following the service.



January 19, 2025 through January 26, 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	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship Dicks Diner
	7:00 p.m.	Christian Ed Committee
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Sew What
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	12:00 noon	Lunch Bunch
	2:00 p.m.	Joy Ringers Rehearsal
Thursday	1:15 p.m.	Moms-In-Prayer
	3:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School -- Conference Room
	10:00 a.m.	Combined Worship Service Sanctuary
		Congregational Meeting Sandwich Sunday

****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 New Orleans tragedy.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Chuck and Doug Ney and their families on the passing of Carol Ney. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Announcements

Thank you Hazel Braun for filling in for Ruth Poscich this week.

A Combined-Worship Service will be held on January 26 at 10:00.

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held immediately following the
Worship Service.

Everyone is invited to Sandwich Sunday, 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.

The Sunday school is reading the book What On Earth is Happening by Ray Stedman. Unfortunately, the book is out of print, but is accessible online. The link to purchase the eBook is below. You can also check the email sent with the bulletin and announcements to have a more accessible link.

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

Thank you to all of the people who helped “un-decorate” the church on Monday.

The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) will be accepting monetary donations for the wildfire victims in California. As we receive any details, we will pass them on to you.

Congratulations to Beth Vance McGurk, Bill Vance’s daughter, on receiving the
Altus School District Teacher of Year Award in Altus OK.

Beth received the award as a Pre-K teacher in the Altus Early Childhood Center.



Next week, January 26, the Sunday School discussion will focus on the following Scriptures:

Daniel 9:20-27

Matthew 24:15-42

We will discuss Chapters 3 and 4 in the book What On Earth is Happening? By Ray Stedman.

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

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
FEB 4	DEACONS MEETING
FEB 5	FRIENDS' KITCHEN
FEB 17	SESSION MEETING