



*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 23, 2025
11:00 a.m.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 23, 2025

PRELUDE

"Adoration"

Borowski

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE #650

"Rejoice in the Lord Always"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

*HYMN # 40

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your lovingkindness, have mercy on us and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace as we silently confess our individual sins to you now.

*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

ANTHEM

"Songs of the Promise"

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:4-9
Matthew 25:14-30

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SERMON

“*Good Enough*”

Rev. Edward Gray

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Anthony James Rose

PROCLAMATION – WORDS OF SCRIPTURE

PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD TO BE BAPTIZED

CHARGE TO THE PARENTS

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE BAPTISM – THE SIGN OF THE COVENANT

BLESSING AND PRAYER – THE SEAL OF THE COVENANT

THE WELCOME

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

“*Air (Suite No. 3)*”

J.S. Bach

*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 # 680

“*Borning Cry*”

*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

- **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: Laurel Frey

8:30 Musician: Tom Frey, keyboard

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

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

Nancy Podey, violin



February 23, 2025 through March 2, 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 Rose Baptism
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship Dicks Diner
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Sew What
	11:30 a.m.	Warm Hugs
	2:00 p.m.	Joy Ringers Rehearsal
Thursday	1:15 p.m.	Moms-In-Prayer
	2:00 p.m.	Cantata Preview Session
	3:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Laird Hall
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School – Conference Room
	11:00 a.m.	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 those affected by the wildfires in California.
Prayers for our local, state and national leaders.

Congratulations to Sophie Hudson who was engaged to be married to Cooper Kahn.

Announcements

We welcome to our 11:00 worship service Denise, Justin, Anne Marie, and Anthony James Rose, along with the Branthoover and Rose families for the Baptism of Anthony James Rose.

We have tickets available for the August 15 show of **NOAH** at Sights and Sounds Theater in Lancaster, PA. The cost of the tickets is \$85/seat. Please contact the office if you are interested in purchasing tickets.

Warm Hugs will be distributed, Wednesday, February 26. If you would like to help prepare, distribute, or receive a Warm Hug, please contact Bobbie Stander.

Rehearsals for our **Murrysville Cantata Choir** begin next Sunday evening, March 2, to prepare for our Lenten Cantata presentation, "Blessed: A Holy Week Journey Through the Beatitudes" by Joel Raney.

We welcome new singers to join in our mission of worshiping God as we Lift up our voices in song.

Friends' Dinner will be held on March 5 at 4:00 p.m. in Laird Hall.

There will be an **Ash Wednesday Communion Service** in the Sanctuary on March 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to the MPP Family Movie Night MOANA 2

on Friday, March 7 at Laird Hall.

The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the movie will begin at 6:15 p.m. Admission is free.



Next week, March 2, the Sunday School discussion will focus on the following Scriptures:

Hebrews 13:1-8

Matthew 25:31-46

We will discuss Chapter 13, in the book What On Earth is Happening? by Ray Stedman.

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

FEB 26	WARM HUGS
MAR 2	CANTATA CHOIR REHEARSALS BEGIN
MAR 4	DEACONS MEETING
MAR 5	FRIENDS' DINNER
MAR 5	ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE
MAR 7	MPP FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
MAR 19	LUNCH BUNCH
MAR 21	REDSTONE HIGHLANDS COMMUNION
MAR 26	WARM HUGS
MAR 30	PRESCHOOL SUNDAY / SANDWICH SUNDAY
MAR 31	SESSION MEETING