



*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 9, 2025
11:00 a.m.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE #305

“He is Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

The Lord Jesus Christ has risen to reign;

His is the name above all names.

We are witnesses: the Lord is risen!

Christ has ascended to reign on high.

*HYMN #341

“Jesus Shall Reign”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Dear Lord, we come to you this morning 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 to confess our sins to you and 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

“If With All Your Hearts”

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 11:15-17

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SERMON

“The Trumpet”

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

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

*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 #243

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#43

**Majesty, worship His majesty;
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
Flow from His throne, unto His own, His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus;
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.**

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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: Jim Lazor

11:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Karen Gray

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



February 9, 2025 through February 16, 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**
- Tuesday** **8:00 a.m.** **Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship Dicks Diner**
 9:30 a.m. **Staff Meeting**
 6:00 p.m. **Mission Committee Meeting**
- Wednesday** **9:00 a.m.** **Sew What**
 2:00 p.m. **Joy Ringers Rehearsal**
- Thursday** **9:00 a.m.** **Finance Committee**
 1:15 p.m. **Moms-In-Prayer**
 3:00 p.m. **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**
- Saturday** **9:00 a.m.** **Session and Deacon Retreat**
- Sunday** **8:30 a.m.** **Worship Service – Laird Hall**
 9:45 a.m. **Sunday School – Conference Room**
 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service – Sanctuary**
 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 the families and communities affected by the air disasters in Washington, DC and in Philadelphia.

Announcements

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.

Please R.S.V.P. to the church office at 724-327-0728.

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.

2024 Final Giving Records

The final Giving Records for 2024 are available for pick-up in the Narthex. Please help us defray mailing costs and pick yours up. Thank you for your continued contributions to this Ministry. If you have any questions, please contact a member of the finance committee.

Save the date! Rehearsals for our **Murrysville Cantata Choir** begin on Sunday evening, March 2, to prepare for our Lenten cantata presentation, “Blessed: A Holy Week Journey Through the Beatitudes” by Joel Raney. The choir includes singers from other churches in the community as well as our own Chancel Choir members.

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



Next week, February 16, the Sunday School discussion will center on Chapters 9 and 10 in the book What On Earth is Happening? By Ray Stedman.

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

FEB 15	LEADERSHIP RETREAT
FEB 16	SANDWICH SUNDAY
FEB 17	SESSION MEETING
FEB 22	FR LACROSSE FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST
FEB 23	ROSE BAPTISM
MAR 5	ASH WEDNESDAY
MAR 16	MPP SUNDAY, SANDWICH SUNDAY
MAR 21	REDSTONE HIGHLANDS COMMUNION