



*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.*

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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

MARCH 2, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANDBELL INTROIT

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

CALL TO WORSHIP

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

**When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in
glory.**

Let us worship God!

*HYMN #123

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Almighty and gracious God, your love is everlasting and filled with patience. In our sinfulness, we run away, yet you seek after us. We make foolish choices in spite of the fact that you teach us a better way. We hurt you and others, and, instead of hurting us back, you forgive us. Our pride often gets in the way of our efforts to reveal your glory and goodness. We try to bear the imprint of Christ throughout the world, yet we often do just the opposite and fail to be the people you've called us to be in your Word. Forgive the sin in our lives and grant us hearts to follow the example that you gave us in your Son, Jesus. In his precious name we pray.

*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

ANTHEM

"Psalm 121"

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 13:1-8
Matthew 25:31-46

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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

“Were You There”

***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 #560**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

***BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

**Lord I lift Your name on high, Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us
You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high.**

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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: Sharon Beatty

11:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Wayne Pottmeyer

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



March 2, 2025 through March 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
	6:00 p.m.	Cantata Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship Dicks Diner
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	3:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	
	9:00 a.m.	Sew What
	2:00 p.m.	Joy Ringers Rehearsal
	4:00 p.m.	Friends' Kitchen
	7:30 p.m.	Communion Service - Sanctuary
Thursday	1:15 p.m.	Moms-In-Prayer
	3:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Friday	10:30 a.m.	MPP Committee Meeting/Staff Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	MPP Movie Night – MOANA 2
Sunday	First Sunday in Lent – Communion Service	
	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 Josh and Jolene Belak Rieder on the birth of their daughter, Tabatha Grace on Tuesday, February 25. Everyone is doing well. Jonathan and Bonnie Belak are proud new grandparents.

Announcements

Rehearsals for our **Murrysville Cantata Choir** begin **this evening**, to prepare for our Lenten Cantata presentation, "Blessed: A Holy Week Journey Through the Beatitudes" by Joel Raney. We are requesting assistance to set-up chairs after the 11:00 worship service.

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.

Friends' Dinner will be held on March 5 at 4:00 p.m. in Laird Hall. This week they will serve Pierogies, Tossed Salad, Chunky Apple Sauce and Cookie.

We will hold 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.

Please don't forget about our community commitments to **Loaves & Fishes** and also to the **Food Bank**. The Deacons are collecting Personal Care Items and non-perishable food items for Loaves & Fishes and we have committed to collecting Laundry Detergent again this year for the Food Bank. The items may be brought to the church at any time between 9:00 and 1:00 Monday through Friday or on Sundays. Thank you very much for the support you have shown to both of these mission programs.

Pine Springs Camp has announced some of their "Camps" for this summer.

An information pamphlet has been inserted into this bulletin or is available in the Narthex.



Our Lenten Sunday School text is The Message of Jesus by Adam Hamilton. Through the book and classes we will explore some important themes in Jesus's teachings. Copies can be found on the table in the Narthex for a donation to cover the cost of the book.

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

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