



*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 16, 2025  
11:00 a.m.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

MARCH 16, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE (*see insert*)

*"God of Great and God of Small"*

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and their sound goes out to all the ends of the earth.

**So, too, we tell of the glory of God, who is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Hallelujah for God's goodness!**

Let us worship God.

\*HYMN #84

*"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Most holy God:

**To turn toward you is to rise; to turn away from you is to fall; and to stand before you is to abide forever. Grant us, dear God, in all our work, your help; in all our uncertainties, your guidance; in all our dangers, your protection; and in all our sorrows, your peace. Grant us your mercy as we confess our sins this day, repenting and embracing the new life offered to us through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.**

*- Augustine of Hippo 354-430 A.D.*

\*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is merciful and gracious; slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**As high as the heavens are above the earth; as far as the east is from the west -**

This far, and more, does God remove our sins from us. People of God, know that through Christ we are forgiven, and be at peace. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

ANTHEM

*"He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word"*

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 4:8-9

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Psalm 137

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SERMON

*"Why Does Hatred Feel So Good?"*

Rev. Donna Havrisko

\*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

*"Gentle Shepherd"*

\*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 #438

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

\*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#492

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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

Rev. Edward Gray, Pastor

Rev. Donna Havrisko, Guest 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: Larry Senor

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



**March 16, 2025 through March 23, 2025**

<b>Today</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service – Laird Hall</b>
	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday School – Conference Room</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service – Sanctuary</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Cantata Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship Dicks Diner</b>
	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Christian Ed Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sew What</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Tag Sale Meeting</b>
	<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Lunch Bunch</b>
	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Joy Ringers Rehearsal</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>1:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Moms-In-Prayer</b>
	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Cantata Rehearsal</b>
	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Redstone Highlands Communion</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service – Laird Hall</b>
	<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Sunday School – Conference Room</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service – Sanctuary</b>
	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Cantata Choir Rehearsal</b>

**\*\*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  
and the wildfires in South Carolina.  
Prayers for our local, state and national leaders.

**The new door** has been installed on the south side of the Narthex (by the disabled people parking area). To open the door, please press the automatic opener on the wall beside the doorframe.

## Announcements

**We welcome Rev. Donna MacArt Havrisko** as our guest pastor this morning. Rev. Havrisko has served the First Presbyterian Church of Irwin; the Manor Presbyterian Church; and Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greensburg. She received her Master of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in 1993. Since her retirement, as well as filling-in as a guest preacher, Donna serves on several Presbytery committees and leads Bible Study for Presbyterian Women. Donna is the mother of two grown children and has turned her attention to her two horses, Gabriel and Dinero.

**Easter Flowers** may be ordered from now until March 31. There is an order form with details in the bulletin.

**A brief meeting** will be held on Wednesday, March 19 at 11:00 a.m. to begin planning for the Tag Sale. Please join us at noon for Lunch Bunch (bring your own lunch).

**The Session Meeting** has been rescheduled to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 26.

**The Murrysville Cantata Choir** is preparing for their Lenten Cantata presentation, "Blessed: A Holy Week Journey Through the Beatitudes" by Joel Raney. Practices are on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m.  
The concert is Sunday, April 13, at 4:00 p.m.

**There will be a communion service** for the residents and families at **Redstone Highlands, Murrysville**, on Friday, March 21 at 1:30 p.m.

**On Sunday, March 30**, the First Presbyterian Church will host the **Murrysville Presbyterian Preschool** students and their families at the 11:00 worship service. Everyone is invited to Sandwich Sunday immediately following the 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.



Next week, March 23, the Sunday School discussion will focus on the following Scriptures:

Mark 4:26-34

Luke 15:11-32

We will discuss Chapter 3 in the book The Message of Jesus by Adam Hamilton.

**\*\*UPCOMING EVENTS\*\***

MAR 19	LUNCH BUNCH
MAR 21	REDSTONE HIGHLANDS COMMUNION
MAR 26	WARM HUGS
MAR 26	SESSION MEETING
MAR 30	PRESCHOOL SUNDAY / SANDWICH SUNDAY
APR 2	FRIENDS' KITCHEN
APR 13	CANTATA CHOIR CONCERT
APR 16	LUNCH BUNCH
APR 17	MAUNDY THURSDAY
APR 18	GOOD FRIDAY
APR 20	EASTER SUNDAY





## EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM 2025



<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Colors</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Easter Lilies	White	_____ @ \$12.50	\$ _____
Tulips	Yellow	_____ @ \$10.00	\$ _____
	Pink	_____ @ \$10.00	\$ _____
	Color blend	_____ @ \$10.00	\$ _____
Hyacinths	Pink	_____ @ \$10.00	\$ _____
	Blue	_____ @ \$10.00	\$ _____
Mums	Yellow	_____ @ \$10.00	\$ _____
	Lavender	_____ @ \$10.00	\$ _____

Total                    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please complete the following, exactly as you wish it to appear in the worship bulletin.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Bulletin Message: \_\_\_\_\_

You are welcome to collect your flowers after the second worship service on Easter morning, Sunday, April 9. Checks should be made payable to **First Presbyterian Church of Murrysville** and the memo line please write "Easter flower order".

**ORDER DEADLINE: Monday, April 1, 2025**