



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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

MARCH 23, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE #69

*"I Worship You, Almighty God"*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship.

**Teach us your way, O Lord, we will walk in your truth; unite our hearts to fear your name.**

We praise you, O Lord our God, with all our hearts: and we will glorify your name forever.

**For your mercy is great to us; you are full of compassion, gracious, patient, and full of mercy and truth.**

Let us worship, let us praise, let us give thanks!

\*HYMN #593

*"Lord, Speak to Me"*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**Almighty and merciful God, the fountain of all goodness, who knows the thoughts of our hearts: We confess that we have sinned against you. Wash us, we implore you, from the stains of our past sins. Give us grace and power to put away all offenses. Being delivered from the bondage of sin, may we bring forth fruits worthy of repentance, and at last enter into your promised joy; through the mercy of your blessed One, Jesus Christ.**

\*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

\*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

ANTHEM

*"Thy Will Be Done"*

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:26-34  
Luke 15:11-32

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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/ OFFERTORY

*“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”*

\*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 #366

*“And Can It Be”*

\*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.**

\*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: Deborah Branthoover

11:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Gail Harrison

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



**March 23, 2025 through March 30, 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>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship Committee</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>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Sew What</b>
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Warm Hugs</b>
	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Joy Ringers Rehearsal</b>
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Session Meeting</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>Sunday</b>		<b>Murrysville Presbyterian Preschool 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>Sandwich Sunday immediately following</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.

Our congregation will hold a Service of Remembrance and Witness of the Resurrection for Carol Ney on Friday, April 11, at 11:00 in the Sanctuary followed by a luncheon in Laird Hall.

## Announcements

The Worship Committee will meet tomorrow, Monday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

The Session Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m.,  
Wednesday, March 26.

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.

Easter Flowers may be ordered until March 31.

There is an order form included in this bulletin. Please complete your selection and place the order form with your payment on the desk in the office. If you are paying by check, please note Easter Flowers on the memo line.

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.

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 30, the Sunday School discussion will focus on the following Scriptures:

Exodus 3:1-17

Matthew 16:13-20

We will discuss Chapter 4 in the book The Message of Jesus by Adam Hamilton.

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

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
APR 21	SESSION MEETING





## 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**