



*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.*

*Murrysville Presbyterian Preschool Sunday
March 30, 2025
11:00 a.m.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

MARCH 30, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PRAISE # 352

“Spirit Song”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Friends, let us worship God today, for God is great.

People: God has blessed us with life, with faith, and with community.

Leader: Let us worship God today, for God is good.

People: God forgives us, and encourages us, and loves us.

Leader: Let us worship God today.

People: Because we are God’s people.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*HYMN # 66

“To God Be the Glory”

**Please stand if you are able*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Gracious God, we are called to be a joyful people, giving thanks for You and Your good gifts. There are times, however, when sin and sorrow grow, pushing joy to the side. We lose sight of Your grace and instead fall into despair. We are consumed by loss, distracted by stuff, and crippled with fear. We focus on our lack, rather than Your love. Lift our eyes, Lord Jesus, and renew our joy in You. Remind us that in Your sacrifice is our forgiveness, in Your death is our resurrection, in Your coming is our joy! Through Christ we pray.

*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

- THE CONGREGATION MAY BE SEATED -

RECOGNITION OF PRESCHOOL TEACHERS

PRESCHOOL SONGS

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Edward R. Gray

- CHILDREN AGES 2 THROUGH 5TH GRADE ARE INVITED TO ATTEND CHILDREN'S WORSHIP -

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:1-17
Matthew 16:13-20

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SERMON

"Highs and Lows"

Rev. Edward R. 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 ANTHEM

"Beloved, Let Us Love One Another"

*DOXOLOGY

HYMN #34

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

(see Prayer List)

*HYMN # 422

"Amazing Grace"

*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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**Please stand if you are able*

- **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: Mary Holtz

11:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Ann Troxell

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



March 30, 2025 through April 6, 2025

Today	Murrysville Presbyterian Preschool Sunday
	8:30 a.m. Worship Service – Laird Hall
	9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School – Conference Room
	11:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
	 Sandwich Sunday immediately following
	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 a.m. Deacons Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Sew What
	11:30 a.m. Warm Hugs
	2:00 p.m. Joy Ringers Rehearsal
	4:00 p.m. Friends' Dinner
Thursday	1:15 p.m. Moms-In-Prayer
	2:00 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal
	3:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	8:30 a.m. Worship Service – Laird Hall
	9:45 a.m. Adult 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
and the wildfires in South Carolina.
Prayers for our local, state and national leaders.

The Lenten Offering is designated to be presented to **PINE SPRINGS CAMP**.
We will accept your offerings for Pine Springs Camp throughout the Lenten Season.

Announcements

We welcome the MPP students and their parents and families to the 11:00 worship service today to celebrate our **Murrysville Presbyterian Preschool**.
Following the Children's Sermon, all children from age 2 through 5th grade are invited downstairs for **Children's Worship**.
Immediately following the worship service, everyone is invited to celebrate Sandwich Sunday.

Tomorrow (March 31) is the last day to sign-up for Easter flowers to decorate our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. There are order sheets on the table in Laird Hall and in the Narthex.

Friends' Kitchen will be held Wednesday, April 2 at 4:00, at Laird Hall.
The menu will be Meatball Hoagie, Potato Salad, Chips, and a Cookie.

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.

On Sunday, April 13, at 4 p.m., **The Murrysville Cantata Choir** will present the Lenten cantata, "Blessed: A Holy Week Journey Through the Beatitudes" by Joël Raney, in our sanctuary. This work presents the life of Christ in the time of Holy Week and earlier through the lens of the Beatitudes.
There is no admission charge, but donations are gratefully accepted.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday	8:30 a.m. Laird Hall and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service with Communion	7:30 p.m. Sanctuary
Easter Sunday Worship	8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary
Easter Sunday Breakfast (sign-up)	9:30 a.m. Laird Hall



Next week, April 6, the Sunday School discussion will focus on the following Scriptures:

Luke 22:39-42

Luke 23:26-34

We will discuss Chapter 5 in the book The Message of Jesus by Adam Hamilton.

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

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| 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 |
| MAY 1 | NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER |
| MAY 2 | TAG SALE |
| MAY 3 | TAG SALE |
| MAY 4 | COMMISSIONING SERVICE |

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