

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.

> Apríl 13, 2025 11:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday



ORDER OF WORSHIP PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 13, 2025

PRELUDE

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANDBELL FANFARE

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Joy Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!

Give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!

Come with your branches, hosannas, and songs.

Fill the air with welcome to the Lord!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

*HYMN

"The Palms"

V. 1 O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festal preparation,
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away;
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare.

CHORUS: Join all and sing, His name declare, Let every voice resound with acclamation! Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!

Blessed is He who comes bringing salvation!

V. 2 Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy songs sing the emancipation,
Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings faith and hope to thee forevermore. (repeat Chorus)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Jesus, you are our king, yet we do not act like it. You came in humility, to serve and give your life for the world. We do not follow your example. We live our own way and reject yours. We only claim allegiance to you when it's convenient, when it serves our interests. On this Palm Sunday we are reminded of how quickly our loyalty to you diminishes. Please forgive us for our hypocrisies and apathy. Please give us passion for you as we remember your passion for us this week.

^{*}PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA PATRI HYMN #734

ANTHEM "Behold the King, Jerusalem!" Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Mark 8:31-33 N.T. Page 44

John 13:1-9 N.T. Page 107

SERMON "Not Going to Happen" 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 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Joy Ringers
SPECIAL OFFERING: PINE SPRINGS CAMP

*PALM DOXOLOGY #266

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Lord, we lift up your name with hearts full of praise; Be exalted, oh Lord my God! Hosanna in the highest!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

(see insert)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Say "Peace be with you"

*HYMN #267

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

(from "The Palms")

Join all and sing, His name declare, Let every voice resound with acclamation! Hosanna! Praise to the Lord! Blessed is He who comes bringing salvation!

*POSTLUDE

¹The anthem is a selection from today's cantata, "Blessed: A Holy Week Journey Through the Beatitudes."

Large Print bulletins are available from an usher.

Rev. Edward Gray, Pastor
Ruth Poscich, Director of Music
Eddie Gray, Audio/Visual Technician
This morning we are blessed with the following participants and volunteers:
8:30 a.m. Worship Leader: Laurel Frey
11:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Wayne Pottmeyer
11:00 a.m. Musicians: Chancel Choir; Michael Bellavia, guitar
Joy Ringers Handbell Choir



April 13, 2025 through April 20, 2025

Today Palm 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 4:00 p.m. Cantata Choir Presentation of

"Blessed: A Holy Week Journey Through

The Beatitudes" by Joel Raney--Sanctuary

Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship Dicks Diner

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Sew What

12:00 noon Lunch Bunch

Thursday Maundy Thursday

3:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service with Communion

Friday Good Friday

Office Closed

Sunday Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast – Laird Hall

11:00 a.m. Worship Service - Sanctuary

^{**}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 will be given to PINE SPRINGS CAMP.

We will accept your donations for Pine Springs Camp throughout the Lenten Season.

Thank you for your generosity.

Announcements

Today, at 4:00 p.m., in our Sanctuary, the Murrysville Cantata Choir will present the Lenten cantata, "Blessed: A Holy Week Journey Through the Beatitudes" by Joel Raney, 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, donations are gratefully accepted.

Both Easter services (8:30 and 11:00 a.m.) will be held in the Sanctuary. The Congregational Easter Breakfast will be held at 9:30 a.m. in Laird Hall. Please sign-up for the Easter Breakfast.

Sign-up sheets are on the table in Laird Hall and on the board in the Narthex.

The National Day of Prayer for the Export-Delmont-Murrysville area will be held at the Delmont VFD Social Hall on May 1, at 7:00 p.m. This year's non-political and non-denominational national event theme is based on Romans 15:13: "Pour Out To The God Of Hope And Be Filled"

TAG SALE

The Annual Tag Sale will begin in Laird Hall on Friday, May 2, at 9:00 a.m. until

7:00 p.m.and on Santurday, and on May 3, at 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

We will collect donated items at Laird Hall April 21 through April 25 Between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on

Saturday, April 26, between 10:00 and 12:30 p.m..

Help in organizing and set-up is greatly needed and appreciated.

Please see the insert for all of the details and times.

All proceeds from the Tag Sale directly fund Mission Projects in the church.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Today

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 20, the Sunday School will not meet due to the Easter Sunday Celebrations.

April 27 will be the next Sunday School meeting. We will begin to read "Simon Peter.

Flawed but Faithful Disciple" by Adam Hamilton.

UPCOMING EVENTS

| APR 16 | Lunch Bunch |
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| Apr 17 | Maundy Thursday |
| Apr 18 | GOOD FRIDAY |
| Apr 20 | EASTER SUNDAY |
| APR 21 | Session Meeting |
| Apr 30 | Warm Hugs |
| May 1 | National Day of Prayer |
| May 2 | TAG SALE |
| May 3 | TAG SALE |
| May 4 | COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR REV. PATRICK EWING 3RD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH UNIONTOWN |