



*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.*

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

11:00 a.m.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 20, 2025

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE

"Hallelujah, What a Savior!"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

"Procession of the Living Cross"

Chancel Choir

*-Members of the Congregation are invited to come forward
as the Choir sings to decorate the cross with flowers-*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?

Thanks be to God!

God gives us victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

*HYMN #288

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Holy God, You are the resurrected Christ, the One who defeated death. And yet, we don't trust You to move with power in our lives. Forgive us for trying to do things on our own, for not allowing You to help us overcome our sin and our fears, and for not believing that You are enough. Remind us that by Your death and resurrection we are able to have abundant life. In Jesus' Name we pray.

*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

ANTHEM

"Crown Him Lord of All"

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 15:12-28; 50-58

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John 11:1-44

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SERMON

"Seeing is Believing...or Is It?"

Rev. Edward Gray

SOLO

"Because He Lives"

Rev. Gray

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

This is the Good News which we received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Peter, then to the twelve, and to many faithful witnesses. We believe that He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. He is the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End, He is our Lord and our God. *I Corinthians 15:3-8*

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

"In the Garden"

*EASTER DOXOLOGY

#289 v. 4

**Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!**

*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 #294

"Christ Arose!"

*BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS

Choir and Congregation

(All are invited to sing along using the music insert provided)

*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: Betty Lou Lamers

11:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Tim Miller

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

Nick Nutter, flute; Malia Muller, clarinet

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 pledged to PINE SPRINGS CAMP.

We will continue to accept your donations for Pine Springs Camp through the end April.

Thank you for your generosity.



April 20, 2025 through April 27, 2025

Today	Easter Sunday
	8:30 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast – Laird Hall
	11:00 a.m. Worship Service – Sanctuary
Monday	Office Closed
	7:00 p.m. Session Meeting
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship Dicks Diner
	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Sew What
Thursday	1:15 p.m. Moms In Prayer
	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

****Meals on Wheels every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday in Laird Hall**

****Friends' Kitchen is the first Wednesday of each month at Laird Hall**

Announcements

CONGRATULATIONS to the Cantata Choir

for a beautiful performance of
“Blessed: A Holy Week Journey Through the Beatitudes,” by Joel Raney

The Session Meeting will be held tomorrow, Monday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m.

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 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 3, at 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

We will collect donated items at Laird Hall beginning tomorrow,
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.

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

Warm Hugs will be given on April 30. If you know of someone who would like to receive a Warm Hug, please contact the church office or Bobbie Stander.

Friends’ Kitchen will be held in Laird Hall on Wednesday, May 7.

He Is Not Here,



He is Risen!



Next week, April 27, the Sunday School discussion will focus on the following Scriptures:

Isaiah 6:1-8

Luke 5:1-11

We will discuss Chapter 1 in the book "Simon Peter. Flawed but Faithful Disciple" by Adam Hamilton. There are books available on the table in the Narthex.

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

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 3 RD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH UNIONTOWN
MAY 6	DEACONS MEETING
MAY 7	FRIENDS' KITCHEN