



*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.*

*April 6, 2025
11:00 a.m.*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

APRIL 6, 2025

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION #254

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

CALL TO WORSHIP

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
**that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have
everlasting
life.**

He was wounded for our transgressions; he was bruised for our iniquities.

**The chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we
are healed.**

*HYMN #260

“The Old Rugged Cross”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

**Dear Lord Jesus, we feel our sins. They bite and gnaw and terrify us.
Where shall we go? We will look to You, Lord Jesus, and believe in You.
Although our faith is often weak, we look to You and find assurance, for
You have promised, “He that believes in Me shall have everlasting life.”
Our conscience is burdened, and our sins make us tremble, but You have
said: “Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven, and I will raise you up on
the last day, and you shall have eternal life.” We cannot do any of this for
ourselves. We come to You for help as we pray in Your name.**

*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

ANTHEM

“I Hunger, I Thirst”¹

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Luke 22:39-42

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Luke 23:26-34

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SERMON

“Any Last Words?”

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

“Ah, Holy Jesus”
(text may be found at #262)

*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 #283

“Were You There”

*BENEDICTION & CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

#482

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.**

*POSTLUDE

¹The anthem is a selection from the upcoming 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/Video Technician

This morning, we are blessed with the following participants and volunteers:

8:30 a.m. Worship Leader: Sharon Beatty

11:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Peter Klein

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



April 6, 2025 through April 13, 2025

- Today** **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**
- Tuesday** **8:00 a.m.** **Rangers Breakfast, Fellowship Dicks Diner**
9:30 a.m. **Staff Meeting**
4:00 p.m. **Fun & Fellowship Meeting**
6:00 p.m. **Mission Committee Meeting**
- Wednesday** **9:00 a.m.** **Sew What**
- Thursday** **9:00 a.m.** **Finance Committee Meeting**
1:15 p.m. **Moms-In-Prayer**
3:00 p.m. **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**
- Friday** **11:00 a.m.** **Celebration of Life of Carol Ney**
- Saturday** **11:00 a.m.** **Cantata Choir Rehearsal -- Sanctuary**
- Sunday 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

****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.

Announcements

Thank you to the MPP committee and staff as well as several volunteers from our church for the successful celebration of the preschool students and their families on March 30.

Please sign-up for the Easter Breakfast on Easter morning. The 8:30 and 11:00 services will be held in the Sanctuary. The Breakfast will be in Laird Hall at 9:30. Sign-up sheets are on the table in Laird Hall and on the board in the Narthex.

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.

Next 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 Joel 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.

Thank you to the Ramaley family who "spruced-up" the outside of Laird Hall. It looks so much better! It was noticed and commented upon by many.

The Lenten Offering is designated to **PINE SPRINGS CAMP**.

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

The National Day of Prayer for the Export-Delmont-Murrysville area will be held at the Delmont VFD Social Hall on May 1 at at 7:00 – 8:30p.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"

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

Mark 8:31-33

John 13:1-9

We will discuss Chapter 6 in the book The Message of Jesus by Adam Hamilton.

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

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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