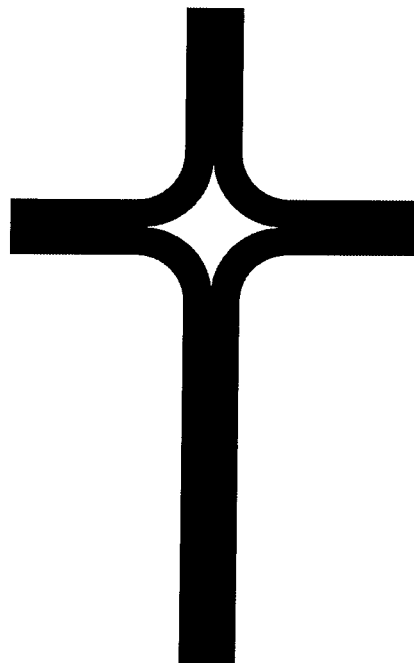




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*Our mission is to worship and honor God,
and to bring people to Christ.*

*It is our joy to be stewards
of the Good News of the love of God in Jesus Christ.*

October 25, 2026

11:00 a.m.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

OCTOBER 25, 2026

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF PREPARATION #491

“Open Our Eyes”

CALL TO WORSHIP

(from Psalm 146)

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God.

Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;

who keeps faith forever.

The Lord sets the prisoners free, opens the eyes of the blind, and lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

ALL: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN #502

“Be Thou My Vision”

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Gracious and loving God, we come into Your presence asking for Your forgiveness. Forgive us for aspirations that never get translated into action and for promises that we have not kept. Forgive us for having good intentions that were not fulfilled and for the good deeds that we never got around to doing. Grant us a new vision and help us to move from intention to action. Help us, Lord, to keep our eyes on You and to be faithful in all that we say and do. In Christ’s name we pray.

*PRAYERS OF PERSONAL CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

*GLORIA PATRI

HYMN #734

ANTHEM

“Just a Closer Walk”

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 16:1-13

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Luke 18:35-43

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SERMON

“What a Sight”

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; 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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Laurel Frey, Visioning Team

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Tom Frey, keyboard

"We Gather Together/Let Us Break Bread Together/Give Thanks"

***DOXOLOGY**

HYMN #34

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(see Prayer List)

***HYMN #480**

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

***BENEDICTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

#43

**Majesty, worship His majesty;
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority,
Flow from His throne, unto His own, His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus;
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship His majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.**

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***PASSING THE PEACE**

Say *"Peace be with you"*

- **Large Print bulletins are available from an usher.**

Rev. Edward R. Gray, Pastor
Ruth Poscich, Director of Music
Carl Staab, Audio Technician

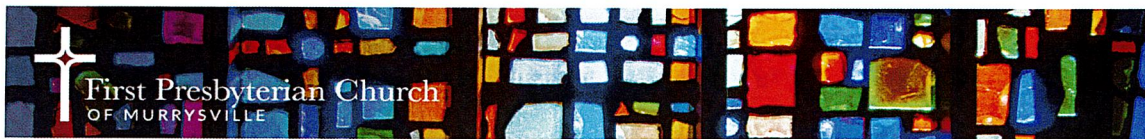
This morning we are blessed with the following participants and volunteers:

8:30 a.m. Worship Leader: Mary Holtz

11:00 a.m. Worship Leader: Jim Stange

11:00 a.m. Greeters: Laurie Bellavia and Bobbie Stander

11:00 a.m. Musicians: The Chancel Choir; Tom Frey, keyboard



October 25, 2026 through November 1, 2026

Today	8:30 a.m.	Worship Service – Laird Hall
	9:45 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service – Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m.	Cantata Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
	6:00 p.m.	Pine Springs Dinner
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Session Meeting
Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Rangers Breakfast Fellowship – Dick’s Diner
	9:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Sew What – Laird Hall
	9:00 a.m.	MPP Pre-K to Redstone Highlands for Parade
	11:30 a.m.	Warm Hugs
	2:00 p.m.	Joy Ringers Rehearsal
Thursday	3:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Sunday	All Saints Sunday	
	8:30 a.m.	Adult Sunday School – Conference Room
	9:30 a.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 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

PRAYERS OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN AND JOY

PRAYERS FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR MILITARY INCLUDING
GARRET ANDOLINA (GRAY)

Sunday, November 1, we will celebrate All-Saints Day. On that day we will have a unified worship service at 10:00 a.m. We will follow the schedule we used for World Communion Sunday a few weeks ago:

8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Morning Worship

Announcements

The Deacons annual collection of Hats and Mittens for children has begun.

A Tree has been placed in the Narthex and in Laird Hall to gather your donated items through the end of October.

The Hats and Mittens will be distributed by

Christians with a Vision to children in Adrian, PA.

Thank you for your effort to provide love and warmth to the young ones in our area.

Celebrate the Seasons sale will be held on **November 7**. Any items (Christmas, fall, winter) you wish to donate can be taken to Laird Hall before Thursday, November 5.

If anyone is interested in a \$10 vendor table (or knows someone who may be interested), please email mlholtz6@msn.com or call 724-327-8035.

Please use the sign-up sheets in this bulletin

To volunteer for the necessary responsibilities.

AMEN TO ACTION

Help fight food insecurity in Westmoreland County. Let's make a difference together with our neighbors in need! Join us in packing over 25,000 meals that will go directly to families in Westmoreland County. Our local food packing event will be on **Saturday, November 7, at 8:30 a.m. at the MC² Outreach Center in Export.**

You can register to volunteer by contacting the church office or by visiting:

<https://plf.org/amen-to-action-volunteer>

The Murrysville Cantata Choir, sponsored by our church, is preparing for the fall worship concert, "A Patriotic Thanksgiving." The concert will be held on Sunday, November 15 at 4:00 p.m. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD shows God's love to children around the world with gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

Boxes and information pamphlets are available in Laird Hall and in the Narthex.

The filled boxes are due back to the church by November 16.

Thank you for your continued support for this meaningful Christmas contribution.

THE WINTER COAT GIVEAWAY will be held November 14 from 10:00 a.m.

until 3:00 p.m. at the MC2 Community Center in Export.

This is an outreach program that passes along "gently-used" warm coats to those who are in need. Thank you very much for your donations.



Next Sunday, **November 1**, the Adult Sunday School will discuss Chapter 10 from the book, “*The Kingdom of God and the Work of Christ*” by Brandon D. Crowe.

The Adult Sunday School will meet at 8:30 a.m.

****UPCOMING EVENTS****

OCT 25	PINE SPRINGS DINNER “HARVEST OF BLESSINGS”
OCT 26	SESSION MEETING
OCT 28	PRE-K TO REDSTONE HIGHLANDS
OCT 28	WARM HUGS
NOV 1	ALL SAINTS’ DAY—UNIFIED WORSHIP SERVICE
NOV 3	ELECTION DAY AT LAIRD HALL
NOV 3	DEACONS MEETING
NOV 7	CELEBRATE THE SEASONS
NOV 7	AMEN TO ACTION
NOV 14	COAT DRIVE
NOV 15	CANTATA CONCERT “A PATRIOTIC THANKSGIVING”
NOV 16	LAST DAY TO COLLECT SAMARITAN’S PURSE BOXES
NOV 16	SESSION MEETING
NOV 22	ST ANDREW’S SUNDAY