

Fourth Sunday of Easter Traditional Order of Worship

Sunday, April 21, 2024 11:00 AM

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE **Scottish Folk Tune – Candler** arr. Wood

WELCOME Mr. Mark Blankenship

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Blankenship

L: Peace be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: We bring our doubts and fears before you, Lord.

P: **O God, help our unbelief.**

L: Jesus, we need the grace of your presence.

P: **Holy Spirit, grant us your peace. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN **Thine Be the Glory** No. 308

WE PROCLAIM

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER Mr. Blankenship

CHOIR ANTHEM **The Nicene Creed** V. Soroka

OFFERTORY INVITATION AND PRAYER Mr. Blankenship

(Please register your attendance in the red booklet at the end of each pew.)

OFFERTORY **Joyful Sound** arr. Hayes
Traicoryon West, Soloist

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Mr. Colin Moore

(Children age 3 through 3rd grade are invited to come down front for the children's message and to attend Children's Church. Pick up after service in God's Big Backyard located on the lower level.)

*HYMN **Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown** No. 386

*SCRIPTURE READING **John 20:19-29** Pastor Jeff Rudy

SERMON **Doubt and Belief** Pastor Jeff Rudy

WE RESPOND

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 886

*HYMN **O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing** No. 57

*ANNOUNCEMENTS & BENEDICTION Pastor Jeff Rudy

*CHORAL BENEDICTION Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE **Prelude in Classic Style** Young

*You are invited to stand, as you are able.

Dr. Todd E. Hill, Chancel Choir & Traditional Worship Director | Joan Bowker, Organist

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given in honor of Martha Crafton in celebration of her upcoming birthday from Doug & Vicky.

Memorials

In memory of **Mitch Gibbs** by:

The Shemwell Family; Mike & Rhonda Wicker; Carolyn Pool; Chuck & Paula Hulick; Ron & Lashlee Foster; Daryl & Dee Keezer

In memory of **Ronnie Pool** by: Nathan Crafton; Harry & Debra Fannin

Our Financial Stewardship and Attendance

Received week of April 14, 2024: \$11,181.66	
Giving YTD: \$171,400.54	Budget YTD: \$204,807.55
Attendance from Last Sunday	
Worship Services: 300	Sunday School: 108

Ushers

This Week (4/21)	Next Week (4/28)
Early Light: Shemwell Team	Early Light: 4 th Sunday Team
Traditional: Adult Ministry Team	Traditional: Adult Ministry Team

Appalachia Mission Trip Sign-up Open

Be a part of our 18th mission trip to Henderson Settlement from May 27-30, 2024. Our main mission project is working on repairs to a home. There will be something to do for everyone regardless of individual skill levels. This is a great opportunity to put your Christian faith to work. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside the church office or you may sign up online (murrayfirst.org/forms). Deadline to sign up and pay is May 1. Cost: Youth \$125 | Adults \$250
Pay online (<https://bit.ly/3Xn0C4X>) or by check.
Note payment for Appalachia Mission Trip.
Questions? Contact Patricia Parrish (parrishpatricia@bellsouth.net) | (270) 293-3858).

One Service Sunday | May 5

We will have ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10 AM on Sunday, May 5! Join us for this special communion worship service led by our youth. We will recognize our graduating seniors. Come and support our youth!

DayShore | June 3-7

Online registration is open for DayShore!
DayShore is an opportunity for campers to experience the joy of summer camp within their own community. Together, Lakeshore Camp and Retreat Center and the church, work to provide a Christ-centered week filled with hands-on lessons about God. Scan the QR code for more information and to register!
Able to volunteer? Contact Colin (kids@murrayfirst.org) | (270) 753-3812).



Vacation Bible School | July 8-12

Dive below the surface into an amazing undersea adventure where kids experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Registration is open for participants and volunteers. Scan the QR code for more information and how to register!



UMKids MUSIC | SUNDAY NIGHT
(for K-6th grade)
Handbells at 4:30 PM

KIDS IN FAITH | WEDNESDAY NIGHT

(for K – 6th grade)

Drop off at 5 PM in the Gym for dinner. On the menu: Nachos Series: *Throwback* – Come dressed in your favorite 1980s style!
Pick up in God's Big Backyard at 7 PM.

If you have any questions about the children's ministry, contact Jessica (jessica@murrayfirst.org) | 270-753-3812).

SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP 456 (for 4th – 6th grade)

See you at 5 PM tonight. Drop off in the gym. Pick up by the playground at 7 PM.



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

June 3-7 – DayShore
June 24 – Camping Trip
July 8-12 – Vacation Bible School
July 24 – Evansville, IN Day Trip

If you have questions about the 4th-6th Preteen ministry, contact Jessica (jessica@murrayfirst.org) | 270-753-3812).



SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

See you at 5 PM tonight in the gym!

YOUTH IN FAITH | WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Dinner in the gym at 5 PM | On the menu: Nachos
Worship at 5:45 PM followed by our lesson/discussion.

SENIOR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

We will recognize all graduating seniors on Sunday, May 5. Colin has sent an email to all senior parents. If you did not receive it, please let him know.

APPALACHIA MISSION TRIP | MAY 27-30, 2024

If you are going on the mission trip, please sign up online (murrayfirst.org/forms) or on the sign up sheet located on the bulletin board outside the church office.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

June 3-7 – DayShore Volunteer Opportunity
June 12 – Holiday World
June 20 – Special Needs Day at the Fair – Volunteer Opportunity
July 8-12 – Vacation Bible School Volunteer Opportunity
July 17 – Mammoth Cave

Youth is for 7th-12th graders. If you have any questions about the youth ministry, contact Colin (colin@murrayfirst.org) | 270-753-3812).

Welcome

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today at Murray First UMC! If you are visiting with us for the first time and are searching for a church home, you are welcome. Please fill out the Guest Connection Card and place it in the offering baskets. Returning guests, regular attendees and members, please register your attendance in the red booklet at the end of each pew.

Nursery Care

The nursery is available during worship services for children ages 0-3. The nursery is located west of the Sanctuary. Look for Noah and his friends on the Ark! If you need help finding the nursery, ask one of our friendly ushers.



Candle Burning Ceremony | Forms Due May 6

Every year the United Women in Faith support a church-wide candle burning to honor and/or remember loved ones in our lives. This year the candle burning ceremony will be on Mother's Day – May 12th. For a donation of \$5 per person or group, you can have your loved one(s) included in this ceremony. *Pick up a form in the church office and drop off the form along with your donation to Kendra in the church office by May 6th.* The names of those you choose to honor or memorialize will be included in the bulletin insert on Mother's Day. Please make checks out to UMW. All donations will be forwarded to the United Women in Faith global mission efforts for women and children in the United States and around the world.

Mother's Day Concert | May 12

At 2:30 PM Sunday, May 12, 2024, Todd Hill and his Orchestra will present their fifth annual Mother's Day Concert at Murray First United Methodist Church. The big band is in its 41st year and will feature Kayla Marie Little on vocals, Derek Jones on clarinet and alto saxophone, John Madole on drums along with sixteen more professional musicians from throughout the region (and beyond). The concert is free, and will be performed to raise funds through a love offering for the church's Choral Scholars Program, which assists Murray State music students with their studies in exchange for serving in the Chancel Choir at FUMC, while learning to serve as church leaders themselves. Todd says, "It doesn't matter how many of the concerts you've attending before, this show will pack a lot of new material for you that you haven't seen or heard before, including a centenary salute to the Roaring 20s, a World War II Tribute, and many more surprises."

Adult Ministry Luncheon | April 25

Join us for lunch at The Crossroads located at 808 Chestnut St. We will meet there at 11:30 AM. A sign-up sheet is located on bulletin board outside church office.

General Conference Starts Tuesday

Be in prayer for all those attending and voting at General Conference. Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/3W85KM1 for information regarding the conference. If you have questions, please reach out to Pastor Jeff by calling the church office.



PRAYER CONCERNS

(As of April 18, 2024)

Brought to Our Attention

Howard & Ruth Brandon General Conference
Jan Nutter

Those journeying through cancer or long-term illness

Tony Bartley (Doug Crafton's brother-in-law) Greg McNutt
Dana Bazzell Virginia Schwettman
Stacy Bilodeau Jane Venice (Holly Bloodworth's mom)
Rhonda Black (Randy Black's sister) Stan Waller
Lucy Boss (5 year old in community) Pat Weatherly
Jackie Crihfield (Jill Andersen's sister) Robbie Wilburn (Joyce Morrison's son-in-law)
Jane Hill Emily Wilson (Katherine Gomez's sister)
Mike Faihst

Submit a prayer request using the prayer card in the pew racks or at murrayfirst.org/prayer-requests.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, April 21	
8:00 AM	Blood Drive (CLC Gym)
9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship Service
10:00 AM	Sunday School
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship Service
12:30 PM	Community Kitchen
2:00 PM	Pickleball (CLC Gym)
4:30 PM	UMK Handbells Confirmation Class (Youth Area)
5:00 PM	Men's Bible Fellowship (CLC Conference Room) Fellowship 456 (CLC Gym) Fellowship UMY (CLC Gym)
Monday, April 22	
3:30 PM	HOPE First (CLC Gym)
Tuesday, April 23	
9:00 AM	Pickleball (CLC Gym)
9:30 AM	Quilters
Wednesday, April 24	
9:30 AM	Quilters
10:45 AM	Covenant Prayer Group (CLC Conference Room)
1:00 PM	Women's Book Study (CLC Conference Room)
5:00 PM	UMKids (CLC Gym) UMYouth (CLC Gym)
6:15 PM	Handbell Choir
7:30 PM	Chancel Choir Practice
8:00 PM	Praise Team Practice
Thursday, April 25	
9:00 AM	Pickleball (CLC Gym)
11:30 AM	Adult Ministry Luncheon at The Crossroads

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Our Mission is to Love God. Love People.
Jeff Rudy, Senior Pastor
Jim Stahler, Visitation Pastor

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9:00 AM

We Gather to Worship

Welcome, Morning Prayer, and The Lord's Prayer – Daisy Grooms

Songs of Praise

This is Our God

Graves into Gardens

We Share Our Offerings

Offertory Invitation and Prayer – Daisy Grooms
(Please register your attendance in the red booklet at the end of each pew.)

Offertory Music – *Man of the Tombs* – Nick Calcamuggio

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message – Colin Moore
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Scripture Reading – **John 20:19-29**

Sermon – *Doubt and Belief* – Pastor Jeff Rudy

We Respond

Affirmation of Faith – *The World Methodist Social Affirmation*

Song of Response – *How Great is Our God*

Announcements and Benediction – Pastor Jeff Rudy

Departing Song