



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day Sunday, April 7, 2024 8:30 & 10:45 am

† *Indicates a time to stand, if you are able*

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE *“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” ~ arr. Wilbur Held*

† **CALL to WORSHIP** *(responsively)*

The tomb is empty and darkness has lost!

We live in the light of His resurrection!

No more do we need to have to fear!

No more does worry have to reign!

He is victorious, and through Him, so are we!

Because of His victory, we are free!

Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!

Praise the Risen Lord! Hallelujah!

† **HYMN of PRAISE** *“The Day of Resurrection”* **UMH 303**

† **AFFIRMATION of FAITH** *(responsively)* **UMH 888**

This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**Christ died for our sins, was buried, was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn
from the dead, in whom all things hold together, in whom the fullness
of God was pleased to dwell by the power of the Spirit. Christ is the
head of the body, the church, and by the blood of the cross, reconciles
all things to God. Amen!**

†**SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST**

†**GLORIA PATRI** ~means “Glory be to the Father” (*sung in unison*) **UMH 70**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end! Amen! Amen!

A READING from the OLD TESTAMENT **Genesis 8:15-22** NIV
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

MINISTRY in MUSIC (*10:45 am*) **Chancel Choir**
“Love Is Come Again” ~John Erickson

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE PSALTER *“Psalm 4”* ~John Joubert **Chancel Chanters**

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER (*unison*)

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen!

SHARING of HIS TITHES and OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY *“Lift Your Voice Rejoicing, Mary”* ~arr. Wilbur Held

†**THE DOXOLOGY** ~means “Praise be to God” (*sung in unison*) **UMH 94**
Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

†**PRAYER of DEDICATION**

†**HYMN of PRAYER** *“Trust and Obey”* **UMH 467**

A READING from the NEW TESTAMENT

I Peter 3:13-22 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

THE MESSAGE

“High and Dry! (Noah)”

Pastor Kevin Haley

Worship theme: “Altar’D People”

SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION *(responsively)*

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth! You formed us in Your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us a new way of life.

And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might!

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ! By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection, You gave birth to Your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Holy Spirit. By Your great mercy, we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Your Son from the dead, and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once, we were no people, but now we are Your people, declaring Your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, He promised to be with us always, in the power of Your Word and Holy Spirit.

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On the night in which He gave Himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

When the supper was over, He took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

On the day You raised Him from the dead, He was recognized by His disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of Your Holy Spirit, Your church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood. By Your Holy Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at His heavenly banquet. Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy church, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty God, now and forever!

Amen!

GIVING the BREAD and CUP

The ushers will distribute the communion elements where you are seated.

Please take a piece of bread and hold it until the Pastor directs us to eat together; please do likewise with the cups of juice...

PRAYER after COMMUNION *(unison)*

Lord, we come before You today with thanksgiving. Having taken the bread and the cup, our hearts overflow with gratefulness for Your love and sacrifice. Your desire to have a relationship with us was so great that You made a way for us to be with You. Thank You for Your love for us which surpasses all understanding. Thank You for enduring the pain and humiliation of the cross in our place, and for declaring us righteous before the Father. We don't deserve Your grace, but You have extended it to us freely. Thank You, O Lord. Amen!

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†THE POSTLUDE *“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”* ~arr. J. William Kerr

†GOING FORTH to SERVE

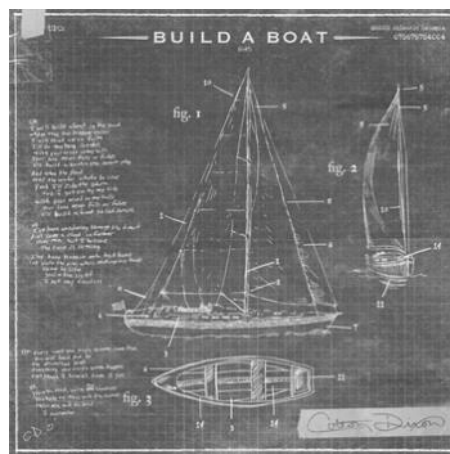
Liturgist: **Jim Caffrey**

Acolyte: **Nevin Miller**

Tech Team: **Nevaeh Hirst, Cheyanne Miller**

Refrain from “Build A Boat” by Colton Dixon

I will build a boat in the sand
where they say it never rains
I will stand up in faith, I'll do anything it takes
With Your wind in my sails,
Your love never fails or fades
I'll build a boat in the desert place
And when the flood and the water starts to rise,
I'll ride the storm 'cause I got You by my side
With Your wind in my sails,
Your love never fails or fades
I'll build a boat, so let it rain!



The **Chancel Flowers**

are given by Edward Meadows, to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of his mother, **Bernice Meadows.**

The **White Carnation**

is placed in Loving Memory of church member, **Gary Dee** who
joined the Church Eternal & Triumphant on Wednesday, April 3, 2024.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday ~ April 7 ~ Ruth 1-4; Luke 11:29-54

- 8:30 am Worship (*Sanctuary*)
 9:00 am Children's Chimes (*Bell Room*)
 9:30 am Coffee/Fellowship (*Sanctuary Hall*)
 9:40 am Sunday School →
 10:45 am Worship (*Sanctuary*)
 5:00 pm Halo Choir rehearsal (*Choir Room*)
 5:30 pm KidsROCK and Youth 180 Event (*Fellowship Hall*)

Elementary age 4-grade 5
(rm. 305 - upper level)
Youth grades 6-12
(rm. 302 - upper level)
Genesis Adults
(library - lower level)

Monday ~ April 8 ~ 1 Samuel 1-3; Luke 12:1-34

- 5:30 pm Girl Scouts (*Fellowship Hall*)
 6:30 pm Centering Prayer (*Prayer Room*)

Tuesday ~ April 9 ~ 1 Samuel 4-6; Luke 12:35-59

- 9:30 am Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Kevin (*Library*)
 6:00 pm Master Gardener's Seed to Supper Program (*Fellowship Hall*)
 6:30 pm Staff/Parish Relations Committee (*Lounge*)

Wednesday ~ April 10 ~ 1 Samuel 7-9; Luke 13:1-21

- RSVP Deadline for Fella♦Ship on Saturday*
 7:00 pm Concert with Mark Kroos (*Sanctuary*)

Thursday ~ April 11 ~ 1 Samuel 10-12; Luke 13:22-35

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (*Church Office*)
 10 am-1:00 pm 12-Step (*Fellowship Hall*)
 1:30 pm Food Pantry Set-Up (*Fellowship Hall*)
 6:00 pm Chancel Chanters (*Sanctuary*)
 6:30 pm Bonnie Ross Ringers Adult Bell Choir rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
 6:30-8:30 pm Evening Women's 12-Step (*Fellowship Hall*)
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

Friday ~ April 12 ~ 1 Samuel 13-14; Luke 14:1-24

- 8:00 am Food Bank truck unloading (*Fellowship Hall*)
 10:00 am Food Bank distribution (*Fellowship Hall and Maple Avenue*)

Saturday ~ April 13 ~ 1 Samuel 15-16; Luke 14:25-35

- 9:00 am Fella-Ship Men/Boys Prayer Breakfast (*Fellowship Hall*)

Prayer Requests:

Isie B. / Ken B. / Dave & Ginny Grandey /
 Pastor Kevin & Amy / John & Robin /

Diane K. / Shirley Kahler / Dorothy M. / Evelyn Makarsky / Rose P. /

Don Riggle / Nicole Savage / Paulette Stoll / Kerry Thompson /

Clarence & Betty White / family of the late Rev. Bob Wilson

*Please write prayer concerns on attendance cards
 in the bulletin, **check the box(es)**
 and place them in offering.*

***Requests are listed in the bulletin for 3 weeks,
 unless renewed.***

Those who
 wish to...
 but cannot
 be among us.

Allan Pierce, Marge Trumbetta Brookdale Latrobe
Paulette Hood Hempfield Manor Greensburg, PA 15601)
Vivian Engel Loyalhanna Care Sr. Suites Latrobe
Donna Bush, Norma Gump, Charlotte Sonafelt
 Westmoreland Manor, Greensburg PA

TODAY

- **Children's Chimes** will meet at 9:00am in the Bell Room on the Lower Level. Contact Fred Pershing at 724-836-2955 for details or with any questions.
- **Sunday Morning Coffee/Fellowship Hour** continues every Sunday morning, between Worship services, at the tables in Sanctuary Hall.
- **Sunday School** classes for ALL ages at 9:40am (*see calendar page for locations*)
- **Youth Halo Choir** will meet at 5:00pm (*earlier time*) in the Choir Room. Contact Karen Pershing at 724-836-2955 with any questions.
- **Youth 180** will join with **KidsROCK**, at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall, for an evening of Games, Fun Activities, Crafts & Yummy Snacks! Call/Text Terry Lasut, Director of Youth, at 814-691-4308 for details/questions; or call/text Chloe Fontanazza, regarding **KidsROCK** at 724-205-2227.

THIS WEEK

- **Centering Prayer** meets weekly Monday evenings, at 6:30pm in the Prayer Room.
- **Tuesday morning Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Kevin...** continues on April 9, at 9:30am in the Church Library, continuing with the series of **The Gospel of Luke**, the session titled "Prayer." See details on the back page of this bulletin.
- **Staff/Parish Relations Committee** will meet Tuesday, April 9, at 6:30pm in the Lounge.
- **RSVP for FellaShip is due** on Wednesday, April 10, to Church office or Pastor Kevin.
- **Concert w/ Mark Kroos** in the Sanctuary at 7:00pm on Wednesday, April 10. (**see insert**)
- **Staff will meet** on Thursday, April 11, at 10:00am in the Church Office.
- **Food Pantry "Set-Up" Team** will meet Thursday, April 11, at 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall, to prepare for Friday distribution.
- **Adult Music Ministries...Chanters, Bells, Chancel Choir...** continue on Thursday evenings (See calendar page for details) and contact Fred Pershing or Jim Caffrey with questions.
- **Food Pantry "Distribution" Team** will meet Friday, April 12. The delivery truck arrives at 8am when we unload, organize, and prepare the supplies in the Fellowship Hall, with actual distribution at 10am at the glass doors on S. Maple. Please step forward, if you can help.
- **FellaShip Men/Boys Prayer Breakfast** will meet on Saturday, April 13, at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to the Church Office or Pastor Kevin by Wednesday, April 10.

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Genesis Sunday School Class** ~ will NOT meet Sunday, April 14 (resumes April 21)
- **Circuit Rider** monthly newsletter **DEADLINE** ~ Monday, April 15 ~ for May edition
- **Healing Hearts** ~ meets off-site in April ~ contact Sherry Miller for details 412-932-5309.
- **Finance & Stewardship** ~ Tuesday, April 16 ~ 6:00pm (Library)
- **"Pocket Change for a Purpose"** ~ Sunday, April 21 ~ to benefit Camp Allegheny

Welcome home to First United Methodist Church!

Sunday morning Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:45 in the Sanctuary

(Livestream worship continues at 10:45)

We are glad that you are with us in worship today! Greensburg:First is a church where you can come to learn that God loves you just the way you are, but that God also loves you too much to let you stay this way. God wants you to become more like Jesus! If you do not have a church home of your own, we hope that you might prayerfully consider becoming a part of our church family, as we reach out with love and in the name of Jesus Christ! **Also, please help us get to know you,**

or to be able to contact you in the case of an emergency/cancellation,
by filling out a Welcome Information Card (inserted in this bulletin).

The Gospel of
LUKE



Bible Study w/ Pastor Kevin Tuesdays ~ 9:30am ~ Library

Jesus sums up the
entire Biblical message like this:
*"You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, all your soul,
all your strength, and with all your mind;
and love your neighbor as yourself"*
(Luke 10:27)

But, what does that love look like where we live? Where we work? The people we do life with everyday? This Bible study will help us live a life that is modeled after the example of Jesus Christ: developing a pattern of prayer, relating to others, establishing holy priorities, and a host of day-to-day issues that, all together, make up what Jesus called the abundant life.

Dates & Study Titles

April 9 ~ Prayer

April 16 ~ Following Jesus

April 23 ~ Jesus in Jerusalem

Find us on FACEBOOK:

First United Methodist Church—Greensburg

Regular Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

*(may change without notice... thank you
for your understanding & patience)*

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