



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday, April 14, 2024 8:30 & 10:45am

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE *“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won!” ~ arr. A. W. Leupold*

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

Love was poured out on that cruel cross,
 a blood offering so that we might go free.
Love was poured out, infusing this world
 with rivers of grace and the hope of rebirth.
Love was poured out, and into our hearts,
 hearts that drink from a stream that never runs dry!

† **HYMN of PRAISE** *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”* **UMH 140**

† **OPENING PRAYER for PEACE** (*unison*)

O Lord our God, we wonder if we would be counted among the doubters, hiding in the shadow cast by that cruel cross. Or, when challenged, like Peter, would we openly deny You also? There are times, O Lord, when our doubts assail, and the distance between us seems to increase. There are times, O Lord, when sin has its grasp on us, like a barrier between us that will not move. To whom can we turn, when we feel so overwhelmed? Who can roll away the stone and reveal the empty tomb?
No one but You, Lord Jesus... no one but You!
Hear us now, as we pray for peace in our world and in our lives...

† **SILENT PRAYERS for PEACE**

† **WORDS of ASSURANCE**

†**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 22:1-14 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

MINISTRY in MUSIC (10:45 am)

Chancel Choir
“At the Name of Jesus” ~Cindy Berry

SACRAMENT of HOLY BAPTISM (10:45 am)

Pastor; Brothers and sisters in Christ, through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Holy Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. I now present Boe Thomas Lennert for baptism.

The Pastor addresses the parents...

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you;
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Parents: I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil,
injustice, and oppression, in whatever forms they present themselves?

Parents: I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in His grace,
and promise to serve Him as your Lord, in union with the church
which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Parents: I do.

Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy church,
that by your teaching and example, he may be guided to accept God's grace
for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

Parents: I will.

The Pastor addresses the congregation...

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life, and include these people now before you in your care?

With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these people with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

The Pastor pours and blesses the baptism water...

The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Let us pray: Eternal Father, when nothing existed but chaos, You swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah, You saved those on the ark through water. After the flood, You set in the clouds a rainbow. When You saw Your people as slaves in Egypt, You led them to freedom through the sea. Their children, You brought through the Jordan to the land which You promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of God's mercy each day!

In the fullness of time, You sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John, and He was anointed by Your Spirit. He called His disciples to share in the baptism of His death and resurrection, and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare Christ's works to the nations, His glory among all the people!

Pour out Your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and he who receives it, to wash away his sin and clothe him in righteousness throughout his life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, he may share in His final victory.

All praise to You, Eternal Father, through Your Son Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen!

The Pastor now baptizes the child...

Boe Thomas Lennert, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit... and I place upon you the sign of the cross for Jesus who died for your sins. Let us pray silently for Boe...

The Pastor and parents place their hands on the child's head...

Boe Thomas Lennert, may the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

The Pastor then addresses the congregation...

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ!

Through baptism, you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation, and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as members of the family of Christ!

Pastor: May the God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you, that you may live in grace and peace!
Amen!

*Baptism: Boe Thomas Lennert
Born September 3, 2023 to Brandon and Brittany Lennert
Grandparents—John and Cheryl Lennert
Great-grandmother—Patricia Handlin*

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MINISTRY in MUSIC

*Jim Swank, soloist
“God Will Take Care of You” ~Martin*

PASTORAL and the 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 *“I Know that My Redeemer Lives!” ~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** *“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”* **UMH 462**

A READING from the NEW TESTAMENT **Hebrews 11:17-19** NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Kevin Haley
“Unusual Sacrifice (Abraham and Isaac)”
Worship theme: “Altar’D People”

†HYMN of COMMITMENT

TFWS 2146

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†THE POSTLUDE

“The Strife Is O’er” ~arr. Robert J. Powell

†GOING FORTH to SERVE

Liturgist: **Dennis Kennedy**

Acolyte: **Elijah Miller**

Tech Team: **Nevaeh Hirst**

The White Carnation is placed to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of church member, **Carl Ringler**,
who joined the Church Eternal & Triumphant on Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

The Chancel Flowers & Worship Bulletins
are given and sponsored by Susan Riggle and Chelsey & Mark Steeves,
in Loving Memory of, **Dianne Gamble...**
the Mother of Susan Riggle,
the Grandmother of Chelsey (and Mark) Steeves
the Great Grandmother of Carter & Landon Steeves

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday ~ April 14 ~ 1 Samuel 17-18; Luke 15:1-10

- 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*)
- 2:30 pm Worship at Redstone (*Greensburg*)
- 5:30 pm Halo Choir rehearsal (*Resumes April 21*)
- 6:00 pm Youth 180 (*Resumes April 21*)

Elementary age 4-grade 5
(rm. 305 - upper level)
Youth grades 6-12
(rm. 302 - upper level)
Genesis Adults
(CANCELLED April 14th)

Monday ~ April 15 ~ 1 Samuel 19-21; Luke 15:11-32

~ ~ ~ **CIRCUIT RIDER DEADLINE** ~ ~ ~

- 6:30 pm Centering Prayer (*Prayer Room*)
- 6:30 pm Healing Hearts (*Off-Site*)

Tuesday ~ April 16 ~ 1 Samuel 22-24; Luke 16:1-18

- 9:30 am Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Kevin (*Library*)
- 6:00 pm Master Gardener's Seed to Supper Program (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 6:00 pm Finance & Stewardship (*Library*)

Wednesday ~ April 17 ~ 1 Samuel 25-26; Luke 16:19-31

Thursday ~ April 18 ~ 1 Samuel 27-29; Luke 17:1-19

- 10 am-1:00 pm 12-Step (*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 19 ~ 1 Samuel 30-31; Luke 17:20-37

Saturday ~ April 20 ~ 2 Samuel 1-3; Luke 18:1-17

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.**

Prayer Requests:

Isie B. / Paul Carnes / Dave & Ginny Grandey / Pastor Kevin & Amy / Diane K. / Shirley Kahler / Dorothy M. / Evelyn Makarsky / Rose P. / Robin & John / Paulette Stoll / Kerry Thompson / Sandy Weaver / Clarence & Betty White

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*)
PLEASE NOTE: Genesis class **CANCELLED TODAY ONLY**...resumes April 21.
- **Youth Halo Choir** will NOT meet today. Practice will resume on April 21, at 5:30pm in the Choir Room. Contact Karen Pershing at 724-836-2955 with any questions.
- **Youth 180** will NOT meet today. They will resume on April 21, at 6:00pm in the Youth Café on the 3rd floor. Call/Text Terry Lasut, Director of Youth, at 814-691-4308 for details/questions.

THIS WEEK

- **Circuit Rider** monthly newsletter **DEADLINE** is on Monday, April 15, for May edition.
- **Centering Prayer** meets weekly Monday evenings, at 6:30pm in the Prayer Room.
- **Healing Hearts** will meet off site on Monday, April 15. Contact: Sherry Miller 412-932-5309.
- **Tuesday morning Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Kevin**...continues on April 16, at 9:30am in the Church Library, continuing with the series of ^{The} **Gospel of Luke**, and the session titled "Following Jesus." See details on the back page of this bulletin.
- **Finance & Stewardship Committee** will meet Tuesday, April 16, at 6:00pm in the Library.
- **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.

LOOKING AHEAD

- **"Pocket Change for a Purpose"** ~ Sunday, April 21 ~ to benefit Camp Allegheny
- **Circuit Rider Assembly Team** ~ Thursday, April 25 ~ 8:30am (Church Office)

NEW STUDY COMING!



What would it have been like to witness Christ's life on earth? The apostle John wrote about Jesus' earthly ministry, from the perspective of one who was there. He saw Jesus teach, heal, pray, die, and live again. In this Bible study, we will be brought face-to-face with the Son of God—who He is and what it means to follow Him.

April 30 Session One: The Living Word—Come and See!

May 7 Session Two: New Life—Living Water!

May 14 and May 21 — NO Bible study

May 28 Session Three: Bread of Life—Who is This Jesus?

June 4 Session Four: Light in the Darkness—Good Shepherd

June 11 Session Five: Life and Death—Perfume and Praise

June 18 Session Six: Comfort and Challenge—Jesus' Farewell

Then...Bible study will be on summer break...resuming Aug. 6

The logo for the United Methodist Women Rummage Sale. It features a stylized leaf with a cross inside, next to the text "United Methodist Women". To the right, the word "RUMMAGE" is written in large, bold, black letters. Below "RUMMAGE", the word "SALE" is written in large, bold, black letters, with three price tags hanging from the top of the letters. Below the logo, there is a black box with white text that says "We need your stuff... beginning Wednesday, May 1st". At the bottom, a black box with white text says "Saturday, May 18 ~ 8:30am-12:30pm".

United Methodist Women

RUMMAGE

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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 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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