



First United Methodist Church

15 East 2nd Street, Greensburg PA 15601

A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday, August 3, 2025 ♦ 10:00am

Our Mission: TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

“If You But Trust in God to Guide You” ~arr. David Cherwien

† **CALL to WORSHIP** *(Responsively)*

Come, people of God—gather with hearts ready to trust and obey.

For the Lord calls us, as He called Joshua, to rise and lead with faith.

We come, not with fear, but with courage born of His promise.

We will be strong, we will be bold, for the Lord our God is with us.

Step into the unknown, not by your own strength,

but with the assurance of His unfailing presence.

Wherever we go, whatever we face,

God's Word will guide us and His Spirit will sustain us.

So let us worship with confidence,

For the Lord our God will never leave us nor forsake us.

Together, we will stand strong in His name!

† **HYMN of PRAISE**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

UMH 577

† **OPENING PRAYER** *(Unison)*

God, our guide and our protector, as we gather today in Your holy house, open our minds and souls and hearts, that we may be inclined to hear the gentle direction of Your Spirit in our lives. Help us follow You as You lead us to the land You have created for us, where we may dwell with You and in You. Amen.

† **SILENT PRAYERS of CONFESSION**

† **WORDS of ASSURANCE:** *(Responsively)*

We know that God is a God of grace, mercy, and love;

know that our sins have been forgiven.

**We have been raised with Christ, let us seek Him
and know His grace. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

†**SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST**

†**THE CHORAL RESPONSE** *(Sung in unison)* **“Gloria Patri”** **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!

SCRIPTURE READING **Psalms 107:1-9, 43** **NRSV**
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MINISTRY in MUSIC **“Alleluia”** *~Mozart*
Jim Caffrey (clarinet)

SCRIPTURE READING **Romans 8:31-39** **NRSV**
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 **“Have No Fear, Little Flock”** *~arr. Timothy Albrecht*

†**THE DOXOLOGY** *(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** **“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”** **UMH 724**

THE MESSAGE “New Beginnings, Same God” Pastor Clint Phillips
Joshua 1:1-9^{NRSV}

†SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION (*Responsively*)

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

Let us join together in reciting the *Apostles Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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, and spoke to us through the prophets. 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.**

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.”

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 cup. 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 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 Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

GIVING the BREAD and CUP

Communion will be served to you where you are seated.

Please take a piece of bread from its tray, then wait until directed to eat together.

(The bread is a piece of a rice cracker that is gluten-free)

Please do the same with the juice: take one, wait until directed to drink...

PRAYER after COMMUNION

†HYMN of COMMITMENT *“How Firm a Foundation”* **UMH 529**

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†THE POSTLUDE *“Let Us Plead for Faith Alone” ~ arr. Alfred Fedak*

†GOING FORTH to SERVE

Liturgist: Jim Caffrey

Acolyte: Ethan Miller

Tech Team: Elijah Miller

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday ~ August 3 ~ Galatians 2:15-21

8:30 am Coffee Fellowship (*Sanctuary Hall*)

9:00 am **Summer Sunday School:**

Children & Youth [age 4-grade 12] (*North Hall-lower level*)

Adult Sunday School (*Library-lower level*)

10:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary*)

Monday ~ August 4 ~ Galatians 3:1-14

6:30 pm Centering Prayer (*Prayer Room*)

Tuesday ~ August 5 ~ Galatians 3:15-4:7

Wednesday ~ August 6 ~ Galatians 4:8-20

Thursday ~ August 7 ~ Galatians 4:21-31

10 am-1 pm 12-Step (*Library*)

1:30 pm Food Pantry Set-Up (*Fellowship Hall*)

6:30-8:30 pm Evening Women's 12-Step (*Fellowship Hall*)

Friday ~ August 8 ~ Galatians 5:1-15

Food Pantry Day 8:00 am Truck Arrives

10:00 am Distribution Begins (@ S. Maple glass door entrance)

Saturday ~ August 9 ~ Galatians 5:16-26



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:

Justin B. / Nancy B. / Becky / Bernie & wife / Bette / Bill / Bob Bloom / Bob / Ken Bosart / Denny C. / Carol / Christy / Bill Conrad / Debbie D. / Denny D. / Debbi / Emily / Linda Fitzmaurice / Harry Fox / Kay Garris / Ginny / Ginny & Dave Grandey / Diane & Michael Hall / Jack / Jason / Jeannie / Jennifer / Jerry & Zachary / Shirley Kahler / Kathi / Kennedy / Kyle / Carol L. / Larry / Lori / Cheryl M. / the Marody family / Joanne McLay / Donna Montz / Nancy / family of Sergio Neri / Ruth / Kerry Thompson / Tim / John Weaver / Bill Weir / **Pastor Clint Phillips & family (Karla, Sarah, Isaiah)**

The Worship Bulletins

are sponsored by Ed Meadows, to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of his father, **Azel Meadows.**

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

Marge Trumbetta Walden's View (*N. Huntingdon*)

Paulette Hood Hempfield Manor (*Greensburg*)

Myrna Baer, Shirley Kahler St. Anne Home (*Greensburg*)

Donna Bush Westmoreland Manor (*Greensburg*)

TODAY

- **Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship** begins every Sunday at 8:30 am, in Sanctuary Hall.
- **Summer Sunday School at 9:00 am:** Children & Youth [age 4-grade 12] North Hall/lower level
Adult class in the Library/lower level.
- **Join us for Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 am in our Sanctuary.**

THIS WEEK

- **Board of Trustees** will **NOT** meet in August
- **Centering Prayer** continues to meet on Monday evenings, at 6:30 in the Prayer Room.
- **Food Pantry “Set-up” Team** meets on Thursday, August 7, at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, to prepare tables, boxes, and bags for Friday distribution.
- **Food Pantry “Distribution” Team** ~ Friday, Aug. 8 ~ Truck arrives at 8:00 am
Summer Volunteers Needed! ~ Distribution begins at 10:00 am

LOOKING AHEAD & THINGS TO KNOW

- **Staff Meeting** ~ Wednesday, August 13 / 10:00 am (*Church Office*)
- **RSVP Deadline for Fella♦Ship** ~ Wednesday, August 13 ~ to the Church Office
- **Circuit Rider DEADLINE** ~ Friday, August 15 ~ articles/announcements for September issue
- **Fella♦Ship Men/Boys Prayer Breakfast** ~ Saturday, August 16 ~ 9:00 am (*Fellowship Hall*)
- **Welcome Celebration & Church Picnic** ~ Sunday, August 17 ~ details on back page
- **Healing Hearts** meets off site during summer months. Contact Sherry Miller (412-932-5309) for the dates/times/locations.
- **Finance & Stewardship** ~ Wednesday, Aug. 20 **NOTE DATE CHANGE** ~ 6:00 pm (Lounge)
- **NO Church Council in August** ~ next Council will meet Wednesday, September 24



This summertime collection that benefits children in the Greensburg Salem Nicely and Hutchinson Elementary Schools. It is intended to help them be able to purchase new shoes for school and sports. The August 10 deadline is rolling up quickly, so please we can bless the families of some local children. The **Happy Feet** banks are in the back of the Sanctuary. You can also note your check or envelope with **“Happy Feet”** and place it in any offering or the church office.

Welcome home to First United Methodist Church!

Sunday morning Worship Service at 10:00 in the Sanctuary

(Livestream worship continues at 10:00)

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 Card (inserted in this bulletin).

**WELCOME
Celebration!**

for Pastor Clint

& his family...

Karla & Sarah & Isaiah

Sunday ~ August 17

Time: FOLLOWING our regular 10am worship service

Where: Mt. Odin Park (*Heather Lund Pavilion*)

What to know: The United Methodist Women will provide the chicken, hot dogs & sauerkraut, beverages, cake, and the paper goods. Side dishes to share will be appreciated. It will be the perfect way to meet and introduce yourself, to share a meal, and join in a time of fellowship with your church family!!!



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

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

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