



# First United Methodist Church

15 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Greensburg PA 15601

**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day**

Sunday, August 24, 2025 ♦ 10:00 am

**Our Mission: TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN**

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

## **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE PRELUDE**

***"O Word of God Incarnate"*** ~arr. Donald Rotermund

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

*by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, March 2025*

Children of God, we gather today to encounter God.

**We do not come expecting to be terrified or dismayed  
but to be welcomed and embraced.**

We gather today to witness the gospel at work among us.

**We come to join the assembly of the kingdom of God,  
to learn to live out God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.**

We gather today to declare our faith in God's unshakeable kingdom.

**We come with grateful hearts, trusting in the secure foundation  
of God's steadfast love at work among us. Thanks be to God!**

### † **HYMN**

***"O Church of God, United"***

**UMH 547**

### † **OPENING PRAYER** *(Unison)*

**Gracious God, You have called us together as one body, each with gifts to share, each with grace to offer. You have given leaders to equip us, truth to guide us, and love to bind us. We come to worship You to work towards growing our faith and to be built up into the fullness of Christ. Make us steady in spirit, rooted in Your Word, and eager to serve with humility and joy. May this time of worship strengthen our unity, and glorify You.**

### † **SILENT PRAYERS of CONFESSION**

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

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

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### † **SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST**

†**GLORIA PATRI** *(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!*

**READING of the WORD**

**2 Timothy 3:10-17** NRSV

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MINISTRY in MUSIC**

*“Serenity” ~Charles Ives  
Tom Watkins (soloist)*

**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!**

**READING of the WORD**

**Colossians 2:6-15** NRSV

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**SHARING of HIS TITHES and OUR GIFTS**

**THE OFFERTORY**

*“Standing on the Promises” ~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**

*“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”*

**UMH 430**

**THE MESSAGE**

**Pastor Clint Phillips**

**“Equipped for the Road Ahead”**

**Ephesians 4:11-16<sup>NRSV</sup>**

†**HYMN**    *“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”*    **TFWS 2223**

†**DISMISSAL with BLESSING**

†**THE POSTLUDE**    *“All Your Works of God, Bless the Lord”* ~arr. John A. Behnke

†**GOING FORTH to SERVE**

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**Liturgist: Jim Caffrey**

**Acolyte: Jim Caffrey**

# 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).**

## Back to Church Sunday Sept 7

As we look into the fall and our activities begin to start up for the year, this day will be our time to pray over these ministries and those that lead them.

Our choir will be singing for us for the first time this fall and prayers will be offered for our teachers and students. Invite a friend and let's worship together.

**Church isn't  
perfect.**

**(Spoiler alert:  
neither are we.)**

**BUT,**

**LIFE IS BETTER  
TOGETHER**

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

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

### Find us on FACEBOOK:

First United Methodist  
Church—Greensburg

### Wi-Fi Network:

Name: Greensburg First  
Password: Jeremiah2911

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greensburgfirst.org



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