



First United Methodist Church

15 East 2nd Street, Greensburg PA 15601

A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday, August 31, 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

***"Built on a Rock"** ~arr. Gilbert M. Martin*

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

We gather today not in uncertainty,
but in the confidence of who Christ is among us.

**We come with hearts awakened,
ready to name what the Spirit has revealed.**

This truth is not earned or invented—
it is a gift, spoken into our souls by grace.

**We receive it with joy: Christ is our center,
our compass, our cornerstone.**

From this foundation, we are called to live boldly—to speak life,
to unlock hope, to carry mercy into the world. We are the Church,
not by walls or titles, but by the living presence of God within us.

**Let us worship with clarity and courage,
for we stand on what cannot be shaken.**

† **HYMN**

"Christ for the World We Sing"

UMH 568

† **OPENING PRAYER** *(Unison)*

Lord, You call us to follow You with our whole lives. You ask us to set aside every distraction, to carry the weight of discipleship, and to trust You more than possessions or comfort. As we come to worship today, give us courage to count the cost, faith to walk in Your way, and joy in knowing that life with You is worth everything. We offer ourselves to You in love and praise.

† **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

Psalm 9:7-12 NRSV

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MINISTRY in MUSIC

“How Great Thou Art” ~arr. Terry Lasut

Terry Lasut (piano)

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

Hebrews 13:1-8 NRSV

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

SHARING of HIS TITHES and OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

“Rock of Ages” ~arr. Rulon Christiansen

†**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

“Are Ye Able”

UMH 530

THE MESSAGE

“Built on the Rock”
Matthew 16:13-20^{NRSV}

Pastor Clint Phillips

†HYMN

“My Hope Is Built”

UMH 368

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†THE POSTLUDE

“How Firm a Foundation” ~ arr. Robert A. Hobby

†GOING FORTH to SERVE

Liturgist: Judy Molter

Acolyte: Lillian Baker



*God's New
Society*

A Bible Study led by
Rev. Augie Twigg (retired)

Tuesdays at 10:00am and 6:30pm (Church Library)

You are invited to join Augie Twigg as he teaches this hour-long Bible study on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians. There will be 12 sessions that begin on September 9. The Tuesday meeting times will be at 10 am and 6:30 pm throughout the fall. The class will meet in the library (or lounge depending on class size). Bring your favorite Bible and a notebook and pen (if you like).

Please register by calling the church office at 724-834-3111. Registration is not required, but it is encouraged, to help ensure proper preparation for the class. This is free and open to everyone!

Depending on your Bible, Ephesians is just five or six pages long. Try to read it in one sitting before our first class.

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| Sept. 9 | <i>“Import and Impact of Ephesians”</i> |
| 16 | <i>“Christ's Action and Our Response”</i> (Eph. 1) |
| 23 | <i>“Wanted Dead or Alive?”</i> (Eph. 2) |
| 30 | <i>“O Magnum Mysterium”</i> (Eph. 3) |
| Oct. 7 | <i>“One Body Ethics”</i> (Eph. 4) |
| 14 | <i>“Department 102”</i> (Eph. 5:1-20) |
| 21 | <i>“All Around Submission”</i> (Eph. 5:21-6:9) |
| 28 | <i>“Spirit Wars:
May the Force Be with You!”</i> (Eph. 6) |
| Nov. 4 | <i>“Belt & Breastplate”</i> (Eph. 6:14) |
| 11 | <i>“Sandals & Shield”</i> (Eph. 6:15-16) |
| 18 | <i>“Helmet & Sword”</i> (Eph. 6:17) |
| 25 | <i>“Prayer, Always Prayer”</i> (Eph. 6:18-20) |

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:

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Church—Greensburg

Wi-Fi Network:

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Password: Jeremiah2911

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