



First United Methodist Church

15 East 2nd Street, Greensburg PA 15601

A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday, September 7, 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

“As We Gather at Your Table” ~arr. John S. Dixon

Duet: Terry Lasut (piano) / Ruth Hughes (organ)

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

Come, people of God—Jesus calls us to follow.

We come, ready to learn His ways.

The path is not easy, the cost is real.

Yet we come, trusting that Christ is worth everything.

Lay aside every distraction, every lesser love.

We lift our hearts to the One who gave His all for us.

† **HYMN**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

UMH 160

† **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

Psalms 1 NRSV

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MINISTRY in MUSIC

“With a Voice of Singing” ~Martin Shaw

Chancel Choir

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!**

MINISTRY in MUSIC

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” ~arr. Mark Hayes
Fred Pershing (soloist)

SHARING of HIS TITHES and OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

“O Bread of Life from Heaven” ~arr. David Cherwien

†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

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

UMH 295

THE MESSAGE

“Serious Faith”

Pastor Clint Phillips

Luke 14:25-33^{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

“Lift High the Cross”

UMH 159

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†THE POSTLUDE

“You Shall Go Out with Joy” ~ Douglas E. Wagner

†GOING FORTH to SERVE

Liturgist: Jim Caffrey

Acolyte: Elijah Miller



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.

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday ~ September 7 ~ Luke 12:13-21

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

9:00 am **Sunday School:**

Children [PreK-grade 5] (*Nursery-Sanctuary level*)

Youth 180 [grade 6-12] (*Youth Café-3rd floor*)

Adult Sunday School (*Library-lower level*)

10:00 am **Worship** (*Sanctuary*)

Monday ~ September 8 ~ Luke 12:22-40

6:30 pm **Centering Prayer** (*Prayer Room-Sanctuary level*)

6:30 pm **Board of Trustees** (*Trustee Room-lower level*)

Tuesday ~ September 9 ~ Luke 13:18-30

10:00 am **Bible Study** (*Library-lower level*)

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Wednesday ~ September 10 ~ Luke 14:7-24

10:00 am **Staff Meeting** (*Church Office*)

~ ~ ~ **RSVP DEADLINE** for Fella-Ship ~ ~ ~

Thursday ~ September 11 ~ Luke 15:1-10

10 am-1 pm **12-Step** (*Library—lower level*)

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

6:00 pm **Chancel Chanters rehearsal** (*Sanctuary*)

6:30 pm **Bell Choir rehearsal** (*Sanctuary*)

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

7:30 pm **Chancel Choir** (*Choir Room—Sanctuary level*)

Friday ~ September 12 ~ Luke 15:11-32

Food Pantry Day 8:00 am Truck Arrives

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

Saturday ~ September 13 ~ Luke 18:1-17

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

Call the church office
at 724-834-3111
for details or
information on how
to join in on these
weekly times of
fellowship!

Prayer Requests: Pap A. / Anissa / Jean B. /

Nancy B. / Barb & Bob Bloom / Becky /

Bernard & Sandy / Bill / Bonnie / Charlie /

Christy & Emily / Bob Coder / Bill Conrad /

Debbi / Debbie / Denny Doran / Doris / Doug / Ernest / Leslie G. / Ginny / the Grandey family /

Jan H. / Michelle H. / the Hall family / Jack / Jeannie / Jenny & Cam / Shirley Kahler / Karen /

Katelyn / Ken Keiser / Carol L. / Lori / Maria / the Marody family / Peggy / Rhonda / Rosalie /

Bob Rugh / Scott / Laurel Sedlacko / Shawn / Kerry Thompson / Bill W. / Debbie W. /

Libby Williams / **Pastor Clint Phillips & family (Karla, Sarah, Isaiah)**

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.

Libby Williams Concordia at Weatherwood (*Greensburg*)

Paulette Hood Hempfield Manor (*Greensburg*)

Bill Conrad Ridgecrest (*Pittsburgh*)

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.
- **Sunday School at 9:00 am:** Children [PreK-grade 5] *Nursery—Sanctuary level*
Youth 180 [grades 6-12] *Youth Café—3rd floor*
Adult Sunday School class in *Library/lower level*
- **Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 am in our Sanctuary**

THIS WEEK

- **Centering Prayer** continues to meet on Monday evenings, at 6:30 in the Prayer Room.
- **Board of Trustees** will meet on Monday, Sept. 8, at 6:30 pm in the Trustee Room.
- **NEW morning & evening Bible Study** led by Augie Twigg begins this Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm. To help us be prepared with supplies, please sign up by calling the church office at 724-834-3111 or the clipboard list in Sanctuary Hall.
(full details/information on bulletin page 5)
- **Staff will meet** on Wednesday, Sept. 10, at 10:00 am in the Church Office.
- **RSVP Deadline for Fella♦Ship** is Wednesday, Sept. 10, to the Church Office by phone 724-834-3111 or email churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org.
- **Food Pantry “Set-up” Team** meets on Thursday, Sept. 11, at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall, to prepare tables, boxes, and bags for Friday distribution.
- **Join the weekly fellowship of our Music Ministry** as we have begun fall rehearsals.
 - 6:00 pm Chancel Chanters rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
 - 6:30 pm Bell Choir rehearsal (*Bell Room—lower level*)
 - 7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (*Choir Room—Sanctuary level*)
- **Food Pantry “Distribution” Team** meets Friday, Sept. 12 ~ Truck arrives at 8:00 am
~ Distribution begins at 10:00 am
- **Fella♦Ship Men/Boys Prayer Breakfast** meets on Saturday, Sept. 13, at 9 am in Fellowship Hall.

LOOKING AHEAD & THINGS TO KNOW

- **The Upper Room (Sept./Oct.) and Our Daily Bread (Sept./Oct./Nov.)** daily devotionals are now available in the Media Rack in Sanctuary Hall.
- **Circuit Rider DEADLINE** ~ Monday, Sept. 15 ~ Articles/Announcements for October issue
- **Healing Hearts** ~ Monday, Sept. 15 ~ 6:00 pm (*Church Lounge*)
- **Finance & Stewardship Meeting ~ NOTE DATE CHANGE**
Wednesday, Sept. 17 ~ 6:00 pm (*Church Library*)
- **Pocket Change for a Purpose** ~ Sunday, Sept. 21 ~ to benefit Food Pantry Holiday Gift Cards
- **Church Council** ~ Wednesday, Sept. 24 ~ 6:30 pm (*Church Lounge*)
- **Circuit Rider Assembly** ~ Thursday, Sept. 25 ~ 8:30 am (*Church Office*)

The **White Carnation** is placed in Loving Memory of Marge Trumbetta who joined the Church Eternal & Triumphant on Sunday, August 31, 2025.
Our **Sincere Condolences** to Carolyn Schleicher and her family at the August 31, 2025, passing of her brother, David Long, on August 31, 2025

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

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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