

## Welcome to First United Methodist Church!

Sunday morning Worship Service at 10:00 in the Sanctuary

*(Livestream worship continues at 10:00)*

Whether it's your first visit or you've been with us for years, know that you are loved. If you don't have a church home, we invite you to consider joining our family as we learn, grow, and share Christ's love together. Please take a moment to fill out the Welcome Card in your bulletin—we'd love to connect with you.

**Let's be safe...**Please consult the three local news networks for **Greensburg FUMC**, or check our church Facebook page at **First United Methodist Church-Greensburg** to check for cancellations of any of our services due to weather.

**Weekday office hours & activity cancellations...**If Greensburg Salem school district has a 2-hour delay or cancels school because of snow or ice, the church office hours and all activities would also be delayed or cancelled.

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

Find us on  
**FACEBOOK:**  
First United Methodist  
Church—Greensburg

**Wi-Fi Network:**  
Name: Greensburg First  
Password:  
Jeremiah2911

**Church Website:**  
greensburgfirst.org

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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15 East 2nd Street, Greensburg PA 15601

A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday, March 1, 2026 ♦ 10:00 am

### TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

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

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### PRELUDE

*Son of God, Eternal Savior* ~ arr. Timothy Albrecht

##### †CALL to WORSHIP (Responsively)

In the quiet places of our hearts, God meets us with questions and grace.

**We come with our curiosity, our doubts, and our longing for new life.**

Like Nicodemus, we sometimes approach Jesus in the shadows,  
unsure of what others will think.

**Yet Christ invites us into the light,  
calling us to courage, trust, and transformation.**

Come, seekers and skeptics, disciples and dreamers.

**We come to worship the One who births new beginnings  
and leads us into truth.**

##### †HYMN

*How Great Thou Art*

UMH 77

##### †OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

God of new beginnings, we come to You with honest hearts. Sometimes we hide our faith, afraid of what others might say or think. You meet us in the shadows and call us into Your light. Open our minds to Your wisdom, open our hearts to Your Spirit, and open our lives to the courage You offer. Make us ready to be transformed by Your grace. Amen.

##### †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!**

**READING of the WORD**

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

**Ephesians 5:8-14** NRSV

**MINISTRY in MUSIC**

*When a Tree Falls* ~Sib Ellis

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**PRAYER HYMN**

*Take Up Thy Cross*

(verses 1 & 4) **UMH 415**

*(You are invited to come to the rail during this time of prayer)*

**PASTORAL, SILENT, 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!**

**MINISTRY in MUSIC**

*Psalms 121* ~Henry Walford Davies

**Chancel Chanters**

**SHARING of TITHES and OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY**

*Holy Spirit, Light Divine* ~ arr. Allan Mahnke

**†THE DOXOLOGY** (Unison)

**UMH 95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**† PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**†HYMN**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

**UMH 206**

**MESSAGE**

**Don’t Tell**

**Pastor Clint Phillips**

John 3:1-17 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!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**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**

*Jesus Calls Us*

**UMH 398**

**†DISMISSAL with BLESSING**

**†POSTLUDE**

*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* ~ arr. David Cherwien

**†GO FORTH TO SERVE**

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**Acolyte & Liturgist:** Jim Caffrey  
**A/V Tech:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Chancel Flowers* are sponsored by Holly & Jim Kauffman,  
to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Jim's parents, Doris & Homer Kauffman.

*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:**

Isabel B. / Nancy B. / Barbara / Dianne C. / Carol Constantine / Janet & John Craig / Debbie D. / family of Denny Doran / Emily & Christy / Grandey family / Patty H. / Rick H. / Hall family / Diane K. / Donna K. / K. & J. / Ken Keiser / Mary L. / Lewis family / Amanda M. / Dorothy M. / John M. / Ron M. / Marty / Mary & Tony / family of John Palek / Harry S. / Laurel S. / Sam S. / Nico Salvio / Mrs. Seda / Harry Steiner & family / Kerry Thompson / Tim & Cathy Willcox / Steve Young / Pastor Clint Phillips & family (Karla, Sarah, Isaiah)

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

**Paulette Hood** Hempfield Manor (Greensburg)  
**Bill Conrad** Ridgecrest (Pittsburgh)  
**Myrna Baer** St. Anne Home (Greensburg)  
**Donna Bush** Westmoreland Manor (Greensburg)