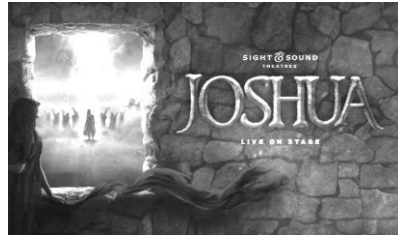


Welcome to First United Methodist Church!

Sunday morning Worship Service at 10:00 in the Sanctuary

(Livestream worship continues at 10:00 via YouTube)

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.



Sight and Sound "Joshua" Bus Trip

We are offering a great opportunity to see the Biblical story of Joshua at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. Join us for a one-day bus trip to Lancaster to experience Sight & Sound's brand-new production of Joshua—a vivid retelling of Israel's journey from the Jordan River to the walls of Jericho. This family-friendly show brings the story

to life with powerful music, staging, and storytelling. Our day includes travel on a comfortable motorcoach, time to explore Kitchen Kettle Village for lunch and shopping, the afternoon performance of Joshua, and a family-style meal at an Amish home after the show. The trip includes transportation, show ticket, Amish meal, and driver tip. Pick up a flyer in media rack in Sanctuary Hall for full details including cost, itinerary, and sign-up information.

Deadline for reserving your spot is Sunday, June 14.

Questions can be directed to the church office.

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

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First United Methodist Church

15 East 2nd Street, Greensburg PA 15601

A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Resurrection Sunday ♦ April 5, 2026 ♦ 10:00am

TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain ~arr. Alfred Fedak

†CALL to WORSHIP (Responsively)

Easter people, Christ is risen! God is doing a new thing!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

God has transformed a dead end into a new start!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Easter people, raise your voices! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Adaption of Call to Worship Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2025

†HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

UMH 302 vs1,2,3

†HYMN

He Lives

UMH 310 vs1,2,3

†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

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 NRSV

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

MINISTRY in MUSIC

Risen Today, Alleluia! ~arr. Arnold B. Sherman

Bonnie Ross Ringers Bell Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER HYMN

He Is Lord

UMH 177

(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 *Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!* ~Patrick Liebergen **Chancel Choir**

SHARING of HIS TITHES and OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY *Christ Is Arisen* ~arr. Wilbur Held

†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 *In the Garden* **UMH 314**

MESSAGE **Breaking Barriers** **Pastor Clint Phillips**
John 20:1-18 NRSV

†SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION (*Responsively*)

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, almighty God, 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, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way

of life. 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!**

Holy are You and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection You gave birth to Your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. By Your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are Your people, declaring Your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, He promised to be with us always, in the power of Your Word and Holy Spirit.

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."

On the day You raised Him from the dead He was recognized by His disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

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 God, 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

Up from the Grave He Arose

UMH 322

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†POSTLUDE

Hail Thee, Festival Day ~arr. Robert Hobby

†GO FORTH TO SERVE

Acolyte: Lillian Baker

Liturgist: Jim Caffrey

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:

Becky B. / Bobbie B. / Isabel B. / Mary B. / Nancy B. / Becky / Bob / Carolyn / Cassie & family / Janet & John Craig / Debbie / Emily & Christy / Nancy Gilpatrick / Ginny / Dave Grandey / Kathy Gustafson / Rick H. / Joe Hixson & family / Diane K. / Donna K. / Ken Keiser / Carol L. / Lucas / Cha M. / Diane M. / Dorothy M. / Jimmy M. / John M. / Ron M. / Thomas M. / Marody family / Mary / MaryJo / Marilyn McSparrin / Octavia / Melanie P. / Kathy Poole & family / Roxane / Nico Salvio / Kerry Thompson / Sally Tomasevich / Steve Young / Pastor Clint & Karla Phillips and their children (Sarah, Isaiah)

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

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

Bible Study w/Augie Twigg

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Jesus Christ, Superstar!

Tuesdays in the Church Library

10:30am & 6:30pm (both times/same content)

You'll come away from this study
more impressed with Jesus
than you ever were before!

Beginning April 21st

April 21 Hebrews 1:1-2:18 "Better than Angels and Prophets"
April 28 Hebrews 3:1-4:13 "Better than Moses and Joshua"
May 5 Hebrews 4:14-7:28 "Better than Aaron"
May 12 Hebrews 8:1-9:28 "Better Promises"
May 19 Hebrews 10:1-18 "Better Sacrifice"
May 26 Hebrews 10:19-39 "Draw Near and Hold Fast"
June 2 Hebrews 11:1-12:29 "Faith and Endurance"
June 9 Hebrews 13:1-25 "Final Exhortations"

To help us prepare,
please sign up on the clipboards in Sanctuary Hall,
call the church office at 724-834-3111,
or email at churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org.

Monday ♦ April 6 ♦ Luke 24:13-25 and John 20:19-31

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Tuesday ♦ April 7 ♦ Luke 24:36-53 and John 20:19-31

Wednesday ♦ April 8 ♦ Romans 1:1-17 and John 20:19-31

♦ ♦ ♦ **RSVP Deadline for Fella♦Ship Men's Prayer Breakfast** ♦ ♦ ♦

Thursday ♦ April 9 ♦ Romans 3:21-31 and John 20:19-31

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

1:30 pm **Food Pantry Set-up Team** (*Fellowship Hall – lower level*)

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

6:30 pm **Bell Choir rehearsal** (*Chapel—Sanctuary level*)

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

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

Friday ♦ April 10 ♦ Romans 4:1-12 and John 20:19-31

6:00 pm **Food Pantry Day**

– **8:00 am Delivery Truck Arrives**

– **10:00 am Distribution begins** (*glass doors on S. Maple*)

Saturday ♦ April 11 ♦ Romans 4:13-25 and John 20:19-31

9:00 am **Fella♦Ship Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Sunday ♦ April 12 ♦ Romans 5:1-11

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

8:45 am **Children's Chime Choir rehearsal** (*Chapel – Sanctuary level*)

9:00 am **Sunday School:**

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

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

Adult Sunday School (*Library-lower level*)

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

Looking Ahead

- **May Circuit Rider DEADLINE for articles/announcements** ~ Wednesday, April 15
- **Planned Giving Seminar** ~ Thursday, April 16 ~ 11:30 am (*FUMC Chapel*)
- **Ladies' Saturday Social** Breakfast & Wreath Art
Saturday, April 18 ~ 9:00-11:00 am (*Fellowship Hall*)
- **Pocket Change for a Purpose** ~ Sunday, April 19 ~ benefits Blackburn Center
- **Academy String Quartet Concert** ~ Sunday, April 19 ~ 2:00 pm (*FUMC Sanctuary*)
- **Board of Trustees** ~ Monday, April 20 ~ 6:30 pm (*Trustee Room – lower level*)
- **Spring Bible Study with Augie Twigg begins**
Tuesdays, April 21st thru June 9th ~ 10:30 am & 6:30 pm (*Library—lower level*)
- **NO Finance & Stewardship** meeting in April ~ next meeting May 27

Funeral Meals Fund

One of the mission projects of the United Methodist Women has been to provide funeral meals for church members when requested by the family. The meals are catered and set up, served and cleaned up by the UMW members. The meals are often covered by the families. When a family is unable to cover the cost of the meal, donations support the work that we do. This is a service that we can provide to families in times of need. It is through donations and the generosity of the families that we can continue the ministry. We hope to continue this mission project, and we want to invite you to support this ministry by donating to support this work that is able to comfort families in a time of struggle. If you would like to donate to this fund, mark a check or envelope with Funeral so we know you are supporting this ministry.

Planned Giving Seminar – Thursday, April 16, 11:30am (Chapel)

Attend this worthwhile event to learn more about how the United Methodist Foundation of Pennsylvania can support you in reaching your charitable goals and guide you in tailoring your gift plan to impact mission and ministry in Pennsylvania. The UM Foundation provides responsible funds management for churches and agencies, enables planned giving through which individuals can support Christian ministries, and offers education and support in financial stewardship and leadership. Sign up on the clipboard in Sanctuary Hall or call the church office.

Ladies' Saturday Social

On Saturday, April 18, all ladies are invited to come out and join us at 9:00am in our Fellowship Hall for a home-made breakfast, a little time to chat, and a "Make & Take" Wreath Art. Sign up by Wednesday, April 15, on the clipboard in Sanctuary Hall or call the church office at 724-834-3111. (organized by Sue Stillman)

Camp Scholarship Requests

Attention Campers... please click the following link to request funds for camperships:

<https://sites.google.com/view/pastorclint/home>

Questions? Contact the church office at 724-834-3111.

Rummage Sale ♦ May 23 ♦ 9:00am-1:00pm

Donations of gently-used housewares and clothing items would be appreciated. Volunteers needed for set up on Friday, May 22, beginning at 9:00 am and continuing until all is ready. The sale itself is Saturday, May 23, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and is followed by cleanup. That is when we pack up all leftover items and drop them off at several different local thrift store locations. If you could help with the set-up, sale, or pack-up duties, please plan on joining us. Many hands make light work. Though Sherry Miller will organize these activities, please call the church office at 724-834-3111 with any questions.

Calling All Graduates

If you are graduating or know someone who will be from high school, college, an academy, tech school, or trade school, please help us share this exciting accomplishment with the congregation! Fill out the inserted form and return it to the church office by May 17. Graduate Sunday will be June 7, 2026. We will celebrate with them and pray over them, as they begin this new chapter in their lives.