

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.

Bible Study "The Book of Hebrews...Jesus Christ, Superstar"

Join Augie Twigg for this study of the Book of Hebrews on Tuesdays, 10:30am or 6:30pm (same topic both times) in the church Lounge on the lower level. You'll come away from this study more impressed with Jesus than you ever were before!

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| 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 10:1-18 | "Draw Near and Hold Fast" |

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

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15 East 2nd Street, Greensburg PA 15601

A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday ♦ May 3, 2026 ♦ 10:00am

TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

† Indicates a time to stand in your heart and physically as you are able.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation ~arr. Carl Schalk

†CALL to WORSHIP (Responsively)

Come, people of God, drawn by the One who gives life and light.

We come to seek the presence that strengthens and renews.

God gathers us, shapes us, and builds us into a community of grace.

We open our hearts to be formed for God's purpose.

Step into this hour with expectation and hope.

For the One who calls us is faithful, and the One who leads us is good.

†HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

UMH 452

†OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Holy God, You invite us to grow in Your grace and to become a people shaped by Your love. Nourish us with Your Spirit so that our lives reflect Your compassion, our choices honor Your calling, and our community shines with Your light. Build us into a people who serve, encourage, and bless. Make this time of worship a place where we are renewed for Your work in the world. Amen.

†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 119:1-20 NRSV

The Word Of God For The People Of God.

Thanks Be To God!

MINISTRY in MUSIC

Psalm 31 ~Joseph Barnby

Chancel Chanters

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER HYMN

More Love to Thee, O Christ

UMH 453 Vs 1

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

PASTORAL 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

Come Eat This Bread ~Robert Lau

Chancel Choir

SHARING of HIS TITHES and OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

Take Time to Be Holy ~arr. George Stebbins

†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

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

UMH 175

MESSAGE

You Know the Way

Pastor Clint Phillips

1 Peter 2:2-10 NRSV

SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

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.

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.

Holy are You and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed Him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when You would save Your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. 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. 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."

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 forever.

Amen.

GIVING of 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

We Are the Church

UMH 558

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†POSTLUDE

All the Way My Savior Leads Me ~Charles Callahan

Acolyte: Lillian Baker

Liturgist: Jim Caffrey

The White Carnations are given in loving memory of the following church members who recently joined the Church Eternal & Triumphant
Shirley Wadsworth (April 19, 2026)
JoAnn Flock (April 27, 2026)

Graduate Sunday will be June 7, 2026

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

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. / Barb / Dave Beppler / Janet & John Craig / Debbie D. / Emily & Christy / Grandey family / Joe H. / Patty H. & family / Rick H. / Hall family / Hirst family / Jerry / John / Diane K. / Donna K. / Ken Keiser / Dorothy M. / John M. / Ron M. / Marody family / Ross / Roxane / Ryan / Kerry Thompson / 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*)

Monday ♦ May 4 ♦ Ezekiel 8:1-18 and John 14:15-216:30 pm **Centering Prayer** (*Prayer Room—Sanctuary level*)**Tuesday ♦ May 5 ♦ Ezekiel 10:1-22 and John 14:15-21**10:30 am **Bible Study w/ Augie Twigg** (*Lounge—lower level*)6:30 am **Bible Study w/ Augie Twigg** (*Lounge—lower level*)**Wednesday ♦ May 6 ♦ Ezekiel 11:14-25 and John 14:15-21**+++ **RSVP Deadline for Fella-Ship Men's Prayer Breakfast** +++**Thursday ♦ May 7 ♦ Ezekiel 36:1-15 and John 14:15-21**10 am-1 pm **NA 12-Step** (*Lounge—lower level*)1:30 pm **Food Pantry Set Up Team** (*Fellowship Hall—lower level*)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 ♦ May 8 ♦ Ezekiel 36:16-38 and John 14:15-21****Food Pantry Day** — 8:30 am truck arrives10:30 am distribution begins (*@ glass door on S. Maple*)**Saturday ♦ May 9 ♦ Ezekiel 37:1-28 and John 14:15-21**9:30 am **Fella-Ship Men's Prayer Breakfast** (*Fellowship Hall—lower level*)**Sunday ♦ May 10 ♦ Ezekiel 43:1-12**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**

- **Circuit Rider Deadline** is Friday, May 15, for articles/announcements for the June issue of our monthly newsletter. Please forward all information to the church office.
- **Pocket Change for a Purpose** on Sunday, May 17, will benefit the Rise Against Hunger
- **Board of Trustees** will meet Monday, May 18, at 6:30 pm in the Trustee Room.
- **Finance & Stewardship Committee** will meet Wednesday, May 20, 6:00 pm in Library.
- **Church Council** will meet Wednesday, May 20, 6:30 pm in the Church Lounge.
- **DATE CHANGE** for Chancel Choir Practice rehearsing on Wednesday, May 27, **NOT 28th** due to monthly Greensburg Thursday Night Market and extreme parking difficulties
- **Rummage Sale Set Up** on Friday, May 22, 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall...Join us!
- **Rummage Sale Event** on Saturday, May 23, 9:00 am thru 1:00 pm.
- **Church & Office CLOSED** on Monday, May 25, in honor of Memorial Day.

Eucharistic Ministry to Our Homebound At the Last Supper, Jesus shared His final Passover meal with the disciples and instituted Communion, or the Eucharist. The word "Eucharist" comes from Greek and means "thanksgiving," reflecting how Jesus gave thanks over the bread and wine. In spring 2025, during the interim period, Pastor Aimée partnered with volunteers to bring home visits and Communion to our homebound members. There is now a renewed desire to offer these Eucharistic visits on a regular basis, perhaps two to four times a year, with Pastor Clint's support. Please prayerfully consider being part of this Eucharistic Ministers Team. Once we have a list of volunteers, more details will be shared. If you are interested, contact the church office at 724-834-3111 by Sunday, May 10, or speak with Pastor Aimée Twigg.

Mother's Day Blanket Sponsorship May 10 is Mother's Day. It's the Sunday we take part in our annual blanket sponsorship through Church World Service. For just \$10, you can sponsor a blanket that can be sent anywhere in the world where there is a need for warmth, weather protection, or even carrying belongings. Plan to stop by the display in Sanctuary Hall to see samples of the blankets and prayerfully consider sponsoring a blanket or two. To participate, simply mark your check or envelope "BLANKET."

Sight and Sound "Joshua" Bus Trip We're offering a one-day bus trip to see Joshua at Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. This production tells the story of Israel's journey from the Jordan River to the walls of Jericho. The trip includes transportation, time for lunch and shopping, the afternoon show, and dinner. Pick up a flyer in the Sanctuary Hall media rack for details, cost, and sign-up information. **Deadline Sunday, June 14.**

Rummage Sale ♦ May 23 ♦ 9:00am-1:00pm WE NEED YOUR STUFF

Donations of gently-used housewares and clothing items are now being gathered. (*please NO large furniture or appliances*). You may drop off your **STUFF** in North Hall (*lower level inside glass doors on right*) on Sunday mornings or during the *weekdays* (*call 724-834-3111 to gain access*). Though Sherry Miller will organize these activities, please call the church office at 724-834-3111 with any questions.