



First
United Methodist
Church
of Greensburg, PA

August 6, 2017 8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship
9th Sunday after Pentecost- Communion
"Representing Christ as a Light within the City"



* Indicates where you may stand if you are able.

** Four-digit hymns are from *The Faith We Sing Hymnal*.

WE GATHER AS A CHURCH FAMILY

PRELUDE

Praeludium II

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the Welcome Tablets, pass them across your pew and back to the outside aisle.)

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

No. 126

**Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst*

*OPENING PRAYER

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world: through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*THE PEACE

As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Jesus Christ, let us be reconciled to each other. Please greet one another and share the peace of Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 71

**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.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Affirmation From Romans 8:35, 37-39

No. 887

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

“O Rest in the Lord”
Felix Mendelssohn

Br. James Caffrey Jr. OSL

CALL TO PRAYER

“Lead Me, Lord”

No. 473

**Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain
before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.**
(You are invited to come forward and kneel at the altar rail.)

MORNING PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

WE HEAR THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 32:22-31

PSALTER

UMH 749

Psalms 17:1-7,15

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:13-21

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

I Waited for the Lord

Felix Mendelssohn

*DOXOLOGY

No. 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 OF FAITH

“ If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”
(Children are invited to come forward during the last verse.)

No. 142

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, you caused all Scripture to be written for our learning. May your holy teaching be food and nourishment for our soul, light to guide and protect our path, and life and health to all who love your name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

(Page 159 in the New Testament Pew Bible)
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Roman 9:1-5

SERMON

“BIG AND BROKENHEARTED”

Rev. Jill Croushore, preaching

WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 20

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Now Let Us from This Table Rise”

No. 634

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION **“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name” (Stanza 1)** No. 663
Savior, again to thy dear name we raise with one accord our parting hymn of praise; guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame, that in this house have called upon thy name.

*POSTLUDE

Allegro Moderato Maestoso
“The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin”

Felix Mendelssohn

THE BULLETIN is given in memory of Azel Meadows by Ed and Sue Meadows.



EKKLESIA -- A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG

SATURDAY - 7 PM - AUGUST 12

FEATURES: DREW DECREASE, BANJO

WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:

- LITURGIST: - Br. James Caffrey, Jr., OSL
ACOLYTE: - Anthony Peila
ALTAR GUILD: - Tracy Barr
LEMONADE ON PORCH: - Jacquelyn Hebrank and the Hirst Family
NEXT WEEK: Sharon Bronson
GREETERS: - Ginny & Dave Grandey **NEXT WEEK:** Sharon & Bill Bronson
SOUND SYSTEM: - Jordan Hirst
TECH TEAM: - (8:30) Jan Stewart (10:45) Cheryl Lennert
USHERS: - (8:30) Bill Conrad and John Weaver
-(10:45) Bob Bloom, Sam Detar, Harry Fox, Tim Willcox

Please lift our friends and church family in prayers:

Our shut-ins, those in military service and all with special needs: (Please write prayer concerns on the cards in the pews and place them in the offering plate—requests left on for three weeks, unless renewed.)

Prayer & Health Concerns: Sharon Detar, Melonie; Sue Meadows; Jim Rule

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND, NURSING HOME AND CARE CENTER MEMBERS:

Paramount Sr. Living Charles (Dick) Smith
Brookdale Latrobe: Allan Pierce, Carlita Reed, Dorothy Rutter
Greensburg Care Center: Alice Murphy
RNC: Art Faust
Weatherwood Manor: Helen Wolfgang
HOME: Charleen Ringler

LISTENING DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT COPIES OF THE SERVICE MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE ASK AN USHER.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8 AM-12:00 PM and 12:30-4:00 PM

- Sun. 8/6 **Read - Colossians 1:24-2:5**
8:30 & 10:45 AM - Worship-Sanctuary-Communion
9:30 AM - ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: Among Friends-Heritage Room;
Genesis/Vanguard Class-Library
12:00 PM - Lemonade on the Porch
- Mon. 8/7 **Read - Colossians 2:6-19**
6:00 PM - Women Supporting Women Bible Study-Lounge
7:00 PM - Trustees-Library
7:00 PM - Centering Prayer-PR
- Tues. 8/8 **Read - Colossians 2:20-3:17**
- Wed. 8/9 **Read - Colossians 4:2-18**
- Thurs. 8/10 **Read - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**
11:30 AM - 12 Step Meeting-FH
6:30 PM - Crèche Show Committee-Library
- Fri. 8/11 **Read - 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16**
- Sat. 8/12 **Read - 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13**
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service-Sanctuary-Drew Decrease, banjo

NEXT SUNDAY 8/13/2017:

8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship Services - 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Read: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS for the month of August is **MISSION**.

ALL CHURCH SWIM PARTY will be held at Veterans Memorial Pool at Lynch Field on Sunday, August 13th from 6-8 PM. All families are invited to attend. There is no charge for this event.

FOOD BANK PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS are needed by our Food Pantry clients. Items such as shampoo, soap, deodorant and toothpaste cannot be purchased through the SNAP program (food stamps). We will gladly accept donations of the above products through August 27. Please place them in the Food Bank Cart. Thank you for your generosity to those in need.

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS are needed for set-up on the Thursday evening before Food Bank. Set-up begins at 5:30 PM and only takes about an hour or so. August set-up is the 10th.

CIRCUIT RIDER INFORMATION for the September issue is due on August 15.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY is this Friday, August 11. Please place your donations in the Food Bank cart in the hall through August 10.

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING - there is still an opportunity for training this summer on Sunday, August 27, from 9:30-10:30 AM. Any adult who is employed by the church, works with children or youth, has keys to the church building or works with the Welcome Home shelter is required to attend this training class. Please call the church office to register.

HAPPY FEET-The Outreach Committee is participating in the Happy Feet Project again this year. Look for the “shoes” in the back of the sanctuary each Sunday in August. All donations go toward purchasing new school shoes for needy children in our school districts.

Welcome to Greensburg First United Methodist Church

We are so glad that you chose to worship at Greensburg First UMC this morning. Greensburg First is a place for real people with real lives to develop and nurture a real faith. We have authentic relationships, relevant messages, and are committed to raising up the next generation as disciples of Jesus Christ. We want you to know that you are loved and accepted here. Feel free to worship with us regularly and to fully participate in all our activities. If you are new to our community or are looking for a church home, please make it a point to meet one of the pastors before you leave the building. Also, help us get to know you by signing the welcome tablet. We will be happy to help you learn more about Greensburg First UMC.

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**A SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE
CONCERNING THE SALE OF THE PARSONAGE
WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 13,
AT 9:30 AM IN THE SANCTUARY.
ALL CHURCH LEADERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO
ATTEND.**

ALL CHURCH SWIM PARTY

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Lynch Field
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