



First
United Methodist
Church
of Greensburg, PA

October 1, 2017 8:30 - 10:45 AM Worship
17th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
"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 All People That on Earth Do Dwell David Cherwien

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT (10:45 AM) "Pentecost" GF Pershing

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Long ago, God led the Israelites through the desert—
by fiery pillar at night, and by cloud during the day.

**We come to worship today, searching for God,
wondering if the Holy One is among us or not.**

God split the rocks open in the wilderness, causing water to flow down like rivers,
to save people from thirst.

**We come hungry and thirsty for compassion,
wondering if anyone cares about our lives.**

Jesus said that outcasts and sinners would be welcome in heaven,
Because they believe in the good news of God's love.

We come today, longing to believe.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

No. 155

**Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst*

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy Giver of life and love, you work in us and around us and through us. As you traveled among the Israelites on their way from slavery to freedom, you gave them water from the rock when they were thirsty. As you walked among the people in Jerusalem, you healed the sick and taught through parables and stories. As you move in and through our worship today, you offer yourself to us and all the world. Unites us in love and service, that we may bless the world in the name of Jesus, who teaches us what it means to do your will. 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

The Apostles’ Creed

No. 881

MINISTRY IN MUSIC (10:45 AM)

“Let All The World”
Chancel Choir - Charlotte Long-Soloist

Eric Thiman

CALL TO PRAYER

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

No. 2193

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.
(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

Exodus 17:1-7

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 2:1-13

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Walter L. Pelz

*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

“ Victory in Jesus”

No. 370

(Children are invited to come forward during the last verse.)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (10:45 AM)

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

(Pages 23-24 in the Old Testament Pew Bible)

Matthew 21:23-32

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Net Gerber, preaching

WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

“O Lamb of God ” (Agnus Dei)
Chancel Chanters

Dean B. McIntyre

CONSECRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

No. 618

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION **“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”** (Stanza 1) No. 664

Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God’s grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God’s kingdom and answer the call.

*POSTLUDE

In Christ There Is No East Or West

Robert J. Powell

“The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin”



EKKLESIA -- A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG

SATURDAY - 7 PM - October 7, 2017

FEATURES: FORREST MOORE, PIANO

THE CARNATION ON THE ALTAR IS IN MEMORY OF
JODIE MILLER, GRANDDAUGHTER OF DIANE MILLER,
WHO WENT TO BE WITH THE LORD ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017.

THE BULLETIN IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD.

WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:

LITURGIST: - **BR. JAMES CAFFREY, JR. OSL**
ACOLYTE: - **LUKE FLOCK**
ALTAR GUILD: - **CATHY WILLCOX & LOIS REED**
COFFEE HOUR: - **WINNIE JO WILSON** **NEXT WEEK: SHARON BRONSON**
GREETERS: - **(8:30) ED MEADOWS & LAUREL SEDLACKO**
 - **(10:45) CATHY WILLCOX**
NURSERY - **GLENDIA MILLER**
SOUND SYSTEM: - **JORDAN HIRST**
TECH TEAM: - **(8:30) KELLY WICHROWSKI** **(10:45) CHERYL LENNERT**
USHERS: - **(8:30) BILL CONRAD AND GEORGE FAGERT**
 - **(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: Sue Meadows; Holly; Mildred Stubbs; Lynn; Mallory Baker; Ken Keiser; Tammy Hay; Carolyn “Sis” Twigg; Chuck Daniel; Mel Zchetti; Jim; Eileen Trout; Melonie, Micah and Jeff; David Grandey; Joann Miller; Carleigh Kozain; the Exon family; all those affected by Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma, & Hurricane Maria.

Please continue to pray for our homebound, nursing home and care center members:

Paramount Sr. Living:	Charles (Dick) Smith
Brookdale Latrobe:	Allan Pierce, Dorothy Rutter
Greensburg Care Center:	Alice Murphy
RNC:	Ann Redd
Weatherwood Manor:	Helen Wolfgang
Home:	Art Faust, 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. 10/1** Read - 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
8:30 & 10:45 AM - Worship-Sanctuary - Communion
9:00 AM - Children's Chimes
9:30 AM - Children & Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM - Coffee Hour - Sanctuary Hall
6:00-8:00 PM - Youth Group - Youth Rooms
- Mon. 10/2** Read - Psalm 7
6:30 PM - Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM - Centering Prayer - Prayer Room
- Tues. 10/3** Read - Psalm 9
9:30 AM - Bible Study - The Book of Leviticus - Library
- Wed. 10/4** Read - Psalm 10
6:00 PM - Bible Study - Library
 "Making Sense of the Bible"
7:30 PM - Nominations & Leadership Development
 Meeting - Library
- Thurs. 10/5** Read - Psalm 12
8:30 AM - Circuit Rider Assembly - Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM - 12 Step Meeting-Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM - Transformer Children's Choir - North Hall
6:00 PM - Halos (Youth Choir) - Choir Room
6:00 PM - Chancel Chanters - Sanctuary
6:30 PM - Kids Rock - North Hall
6:30 PM - Youth Bible Study - Library
6:30 PM - Bonnie Ross Ringers - Bell Room
7:30 PM - Chancel Choir - Choir Room
- Fri. 10/6** Read - Psalm 15
5:30 PM - Wedding Rehearsal
- Sat. 10/7** Read - Psalm 17
3:00 PM - Wedding
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service-Sanctuary-
 Revs. Aimeé & August Twigg, Voice & Guitar

NEXT SUNDAY 10/08/2017:

8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship Services - 18th Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS for the month of October is **STEWARDSHIP**.

2018 BUDGET REQUEST FORMS have been distributed. If you did not receive a form in your mailbox, please pick one up in the Church Office. Budget request forms are due in the Church Treasurer's mailbox no later than Sunday, October 1st.

THE NEXT CRÈCHE SHOW meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2017 in the Library. There is much work that needs to be done before the show on November 30 - December 2. If you are interested in assisting this committee, please feel welcome to attend this meeting. If you want to assist but cannot attend the meeting, call Mary Stillman at 724-834-6547.

SPARK MISSION TEAM is once again collecting new or very gently used hats, gloves, and scarves. We also are collecting new socks (any size). These items will be distributed during the cold weather months to those in need. A box has been provided in the hallway to collect these items.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS is today, Sunday, October 1st at 3:00 PM on the front lawn. All animals and owners/families are welcome.

IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY to put the ordering of poinsettias on your calendar. The deadline for ordering poinsettias is December 6th. Form are available in the media rack.

ADDRESS CHANGES OR UPDATES: Please notify the Church Office of any change or updates to your address. This will allow us to keep our records current and eliminate extra postage costs.

BEAUTIFUL REFINISHED PIANO free to the asking. If you would like to add this piano to your home, please contact Betty Guyer at 703-209-7844. The piano belongs to her mother who is moving out of state. It was totally refinished by her father who specialized in woodworking.

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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**2017 Bible Studies meet Tuesdays at 9:30 AM and
Wednesdays at 6:00 PM
in the Library.**



MOVIE NIGHT with a S.P.A.R.K.

Sunday, October 8th at 6:00 PM

Pastor Jill's House:

314 Ridgeway St, Greensburg

Fellowship – Learning – Food – Refreshments



A S.P.A.R.K. Mission Team Huddle