



First
United Methodist
Church
of Greensburg, PA

October 15, 2017 8:30 - 10:45 AM Worship
19th Sunday after Pentecost
"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 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing arr. David N. Johnson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT (10:45 AM) "Pentecost" G. F. Pershing

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Rejoice, Ye Pure of Heart" No. 160

**Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst*

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such faithfulness of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish desire may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness in doing it. In your light may we see life more clearly and in your service find perfect freedom. 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.

**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

Steven Garnaas-Holmes

We are God's. We belong to The One who creates all things, in whose image all people are made.

We are Christ's. He has loved us, healed us, called us and anointed us with his Spirit. We belong to his death and resurrection and ministry.

We are the Spirit's. We belong to the church, the Body of Christ. God gives us the gifts of forgiveness, resurrection, and eternal life, and the gift of participating in the healing of the world by God's grace.

As God's beloved, we devote ourselves to God and to God's will, wholly, joyfully and with the help of Christ. Amen.

MINISTRY IN MUSIC (10:45 AM)

“Seek Ye The Lord”
Chancel Choir

Benjamin Harlan

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.

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

“How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings”
Bill Hensel, Soloist

Samuel Liddle

WE HEAR THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 32:1-14

PSALTER

UMH 754, Response 1

Psalms 23

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 4:1-9

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Timothy Albrecht

*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

“Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast”
(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza)

No. 339

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (10:45 AM)

Pocket Change for a Purpose

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 24 in the New Testament Pew Bible) Matthew 22:1-14
This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“RSVP, PLEASE!” Rev. Net Gerber, preaching

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” No. 427

*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

Rejoice, the Lord Is King arr. Timothy Albrecht
“The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin”



**EKKLESIA -- A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG
SATURDAY - 7 PM - October 21, 2017
FEATURES: JANET LORD, PIANO**

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and
in honor of Peter & Katherine Hamill, grandchildren of Pam Hamill.

THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God. and
in memory of the parents of Winnie Jo & Jack Wilson.

WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:

- LITURGIST:** - JUDY MOLTER
ACOLYTE: - REGAN LENNERT
ALTAR GUILD: - CATHY WILLCOX
COFFEE HOUR: - JILL CROUSHORE **NEXT WEEK: RANDI WICHROWSKI**
GREETERS: - (8:30) ED MEADOWS & LAUREL SEDLACKO
- (10:45) BILL CONRAD **NEXT WEEK: CAROL JEAN ALBAUGH**
SOUND SYSTEM: - TIM WILLCOX
TECH TEAM: - (8:30) JAN STEWART (10:45) CHERYL LENNERT
USHERS: - (8:30) BILL CONRAD AND GEORGE FAGERT
- (10:45) CAROL JEAN ALBAUGH; BARB TUCCI; CATHY WILLCOX;
MICHELLE SAVAGE; MARSHA ZABROSKY

Please lift our friends and church family in prayer:

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: Gerry Enlow; Virginia S.; Becky; Bob McKnight; Diane Miller & family; Amelia Marody; Rilla Nash; Lynn; Ken Keiser; Tammy Hay; Peggy Edwards; all those affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria; and those affected by the shooting in Las Vegas.

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
Presbyterian Senior Care: Clara Lou Kern
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. 10/15 Read - Psalm 85
8:30 & 10:45 AM - Worship-Sanctuary
9:00 AM- Children's Chimes - Chapel
9:30 AM- Children & Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM - Coffee Hour - Sanctuary Hall
12:00 PM - SPRC Meeting - Library
6:00-8:00 PM- Youth Group - Youth Rooms
- Mon. 10/16 Read - Leviticus 25:1-22
- Tues. 10/17 Read- Leviticus 25:23-38
9:30 AM- **NO Bible Study**
- Wed. 10/18 Read - Leviticus 25:39-55
6:00 PM- Bible Study - Library
 "Making Sense of the Bible"
7:30 PM- Finance Committee Meeting - Library
7:30 PM - Christian Education Committee Meeting - North Hall
- Thurs. 10/19 Read - Numbers 27:1-11
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. 10/20 Read - Numbers 36:1-13
- Sat. 10/21 Read - Deuteronomy 1:1-18
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service-Sanctuary- Janet Lord, Piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

POCKET CHANGE FOR A PURPOSE collection today benefits the United Methodist Women's Bereavement Fund, a ministry providing luncheons for families following funerals.

THE CRÈCHE SHOW: 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 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.

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

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

PUMPKIN ROLL SALE: South Greensburg United Methodist Church \$9.00 Pumpkin Roll Sale. All orders must be placed by Sunday, October 22. Please sign the order sheet located in the Narthex. Payment is due when ordered. Please see Pastor Net. Orders will be ready for pick-up the week of November 6. You will be called when your order is ready.

CPR RECERTIFICATION: To all interested in CPR Recertification, we will again be hosting Jeff Giddy, a Paramedic Instructor from Mutual Aid Ambulance Service for our CPR card renewal. After a short discussion and practice, he will see that cards are renewed even if past due. The course will be offered on Saturday or Sunday at 1:00 PM...to be determined by consensus of those who are planning on attending, October 21 or 22 or 28 or 29. Please note your preference on the sign-up sheet located on the small podium inside the front door. JEFF IS DONATING HIS TIME FOR US!!! I'm hoping for a "nice" turnout. MAAS, Inc. charged \$5 last year for the use of their equipment. If you missed the sign-up sheet, please call my home, 724-834-7794 and leave a message. God loves you and so do I! Laurel Sedlacko



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 weekly in the Library.
Tuesdays at 9:30 AM - The Book of Leviticus
Wednesdays at 6:00 PM - Making Sense of the Bible





VALERIE STIPCAK

organ recital

OCTOBER 20TH 7PM

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
LATROBE, PA