



First
United Methodist
Church
of Greensburg, PA

Reformation Sunday - October 29, 2017
8:30 - 10:45 AM Worship
21st 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 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Setting by Michael Praetorius

CALL TO WORSHIP 1517 R.C. Sproul

*HYMN OF PRAISE "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" No. 110

**Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst*

*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.

*GLORI 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 A Statement of Faith of the Korean Methodist Church No. 884

MINISTRY IN MUSIC “Brethren We Have Met to Worship” arr. Kevin McChesney
Bonnie Ross Ringers

CALL TO PRAYER **“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”** (stanza 1) No. 500
Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.
(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 (10:45 AM) “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J S Bach
Chancel Choir

WE HEAR THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34

PSALTER **UMH 780, Response 1** Psalm 46

GOSPEL LESSON John 8:31-36

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory The Church’s One Foundation Setting by Allan Mahnke

*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 **“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”** (See Back of Bulletin)
(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

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 (Page 154 in the New Testament Pew Bible) Romans 3:19-28
This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON **"IF I HAD A HAMMER"** Rev. Jill Croushore, preaching

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT **"The Church of Christ, in Every Age"** No. 589

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION **"A Charge to Keep I Have"** (stanza 2) No. 413
To Serve the present age, my calling to fulfill; O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!

*POSTLUDE **Built On a Rock the Church Will Stand** Setting by Robert A. Hobby
"The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin"



EKKLESIA -- A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG
SATURDAY - 7 PM - November 4, 2017
FEATURES: REV. DEAN ZIEGLER, PIANO

THE CARNATION ON THE ALTAR is in memory of Clara Lou Kern,
who went to be with the Lord on Friday, October 20, 2017.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and
in honor of Pastor Net's October 28th birthday by the congregation..

THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God and in memory of
Samuel and Flora Jones, Dr. J.M. Jones and Jessie Cuddy, A.E. & Bertha Shupe,
and Lucille Shupe by Samuel Jones and Family.

WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:

LITURGIST:	- DENNIS KENNEDY	
ACOLYTE:	- RILEY HIRST	
ALTAR GUILD:	- CATHY WILLCOX	
COFFEE HOUR:	- DIANE MILLER	NEXT WEEK: SCOTT MCWALTER
GREETERS:	- (8:30) ED MEADOWS & LAUREL SEDLACKO	
	- (10:45) LAUREL SEDLACKO	
SOUND SYSTEM:	- TIM WILLCOX	
TECH TEAM:	- (8:30) KELLY FULLMAN	(10:45) CHERYL LENNERT
USHERS:	- (8:30) BILL CONRAD AND GEORGE FAGERT	
	- (10:45) ONE USHER FROM EACH TEAM	

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; Lynn; Ken Keiser; Tammy Hay; Steve; all those affected by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria; those affected by the shooting in Las Vegas; and Our country.

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. 10/29 Read - Isaiah 33:10-24
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
6:00 PM - Martin Luther Book Study - North Hall
6:00 -8:00 PM- Youth Group - Youth Rooms
- Mon. 10/30 Read - Ezekiel 34:1-31
- Tues. 10/31 Read- Psalm 46
9:30 AM- Bible Study (Book of Leviticus) - Library
- Wed. 11/1 Read - Psalm 48
6:00 PM- **NO Bible Study**
6:00 PM- SPRC Meeting - Heritage Room
7:00 PM- Church Conference - Sanctuary
- Thurs. 11/2 Read - Psalm 65
11:00 AM - 12 Step Meeting-Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM - Transformer Children's Choir - North Hall
6:00 PM - Halo 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. 11/3 Read - Psalm 66
- Sat. 11/4 Read - Psalm 67
1:00 PM- CPR Training - Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service-Sanctuary- Rev. Dean Ziegler, Piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE is Wednesday 1, at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. The SPRC Committee will meet prior to Church Conference at 6:00 PM in the Heritage Room.

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

POCKET CHANGE FOR A PURPOSE for the month of October, benefiting the UMW Funeral Meal Ministry was \$650.50. Praise be to God for the generosity of this congregation.

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.

HALLOWEEN PRETZEL SALE is today after each service. Two Halloween chocolate covered pretzels are \$1.50 and benefits the Holiday Dinner Ministry.

PLEASE REMEMBER to mark your calendar to order poinsettias. 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.

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Volunteers needed to help decorate the church on Sunday, November 26 after services. Please let the church office know if you are available to help, 724-834-3111.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN: Residences are asked to provide their opinion via a survey which may be obtained on the website <https://westmorelandtdp.metroquest.com/> Your input is important to the future of the County Transit System. Everyone's voice matters!

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



Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

*Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1545; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829-1878, alt.
Tune: J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543*

Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from your Son
And bring to nought all he has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
For you are Lord of lords alone;
Defend your holy Church, that we
May sing your praise triumphantly.

O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

JOYCE JENKINS SLYMAN STUDY & LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS “OCTOBER 31, 1517: MARTIN LUTHER AND THE DAY THAT CHANGED THE WORLD”

On October 31st, 2017, the Protestant community will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of his 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. In commemoration of the act that began the Protestant Reformation, the *Joyce Jenkins Slyman Study & Lecture Series* will present a study of the book authored by Martin E. Marty titled “October 31, 1517: Martin Luther and the Day that Changed the World”. Brother Jim Caffrey, O.S.L. will explain why the Reformation is relevant today and how the Reformation impacts us devotionally as Christians of any denomination. The book is not an historical narrative of Reformation events, but an explanation of the issues that led to Luther's posting of the 95 Theses and their implications for the Church and the world.

The Luther study will begin **Sunday, October 29, 2017 at 6:00 PM** in North Hall. Participants will watch a movie on Martin Luther that evening, and the study will continue the following three Sundays – **November 5th, 12th, & 19th** – meeting in the Lounge at **6:00 PM**. Please register for the study by signing the clipboard in the church Narthex or by calling, texting, or emailing Pastor Jill at (724) 420-4154 or jcroushore@greensburgfirst.org so that a book will be available for you.