



First  
United Methodist  
Church  
of Greensburg, PA

November 12, 2017  
8:30 - 10:45 AM Worship  
23<sup>rd</sup> 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                      Prelude on "Morning Has Broken"                      arr. Gilbert Martin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT (10:45 AM)                      "Now Thank We All Our God"                      Johann Crüger

\*HYMN OF PRAISE                      **"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"**                      No. 66  
*\*Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst*

\*OPENING PRAYER

**O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through 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.

\*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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT      Thanksgiving      Rev. Robert C. Wilson

MINISTRY IN MUSIC (10:45 AM)      “Keep Your Lamps”      arr. Andre Thomas  
Chancel Choir with Riley Hirst-Alto Orff

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      “ Blessings“      Laura Story  
Kathy McLay, Soloist

### **WE HEAR THE WORD**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON      1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

PSALTER      **UMH 799**      Psalm 78

GOSPEL LESSON      Matthew 25:1-13

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory      Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness      Johannes Brahms

\*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      “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”      No. 358  
(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:45 AM)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee;  
let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee,  
by thy teachings sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE (Page 215 in the Old Testament Pew Bible) Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25  
This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON **"CHOOSE THIS DAY WHOM YOU WILL SERVE"** Rev. Jill Croushore

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT **"O Young and Fearless Prophet"** No. 444

\*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 Psalm of Glory Dorothy Wells  
**"The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin"**



**EKKLESIA -- A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG  
SATURDAY - 7 PM - November 18, 2017  
FEATURES: PATTY FITZPATRICK, PIANO**

THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God .

**WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:**

- LITURGIST:** - SAM DETAR  
**ACOLYTE:** - JAYDEN MOLTER  
**ALTAR GUILD:** - CATHY WILLCOX  
**COFFEE HOUR:** - PAM SWANK                   **NEXT WEEK: KASEY STORKEL**  
**GREETERS:** - (8:30) ED MEADOWS & LAUREL SEDLACKO  
                  - (10:45) PAM SWANK           **NEXT WEEK: SHIRLEY NEILL**  
**SOUND SYSTEM:** - AIDAN HARTMAN  
**TECH TEAM:** - (8:30) JAN STEWART                   **(10:45) CHERYL LENNERT**  
**USHERS:** - (8:30) BILL CONRAD AND GEORGE FAGERT  
                  - (10:45) BRUCE BLACKSON; ED MIKITA; KERRY THOMPSON  
**NURSERY:** - MARLENE SKIAVO

**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:** Paul B.; Bill Bronson; Larry Flock, Sr.; Michael Troutner; Melonie; Bob; Jeff; Micah; Holly; Rocco; Mouse; Linda Turin; Ken Keiser; Tammy Hay; Steven; those affected by acts of violence in our country; 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. 11/12            Read - Ezra 7:11-28  
8:30 & 10:45 AM- Worship-Sanctuary  
                          **Advent Calendar Sale for Crèche Show**  
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 #3 - Lounge  
6:00 -8:00 PM- Youth Group - Youth Rooms
- Mon. 11/13            Read - Nehemiah 8:1-18  
6-7:30 PM - Daisies / Brownies - North Hall  
6:30 PM - Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall  
7:00 PM - Centering Prayer - Prayer Room  
7:00 PM - **NO SPRC Meeting**
- Tues. 11/14            Read- Nehemiah 12:27-47  
9:30 AM- Bible Study (Book of Leviticus) - Library  
6:30 PM- Crèche Show Meeting - Library  
7:00 PM- Outreach Meeting - Lounge
- Wed. 11/15            Read - Esther 9:20-32  
6:00 PM- Bible Study - Library  
                          "Making Sense of the Bible"  
7:30 PM- **NO Finance Meeting**
- Thurs. 11/16            Read - Job 42:1-17  
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  
6:30-7:30 PM - Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
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. 11/17            Read - Psalm 21
- Sat. 11/18            Read - Psalm 24  
                          **Advent Calendars Sale for Crèche Show**  
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service-Sanctuary - Patty Fitzpatrick, *Piano*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**STEWARDSHIP FOCUS** for the month of November is **THANKSGIVING**.  
“**Think on these things.**” Philippians 4:8-9

**POCKET CHANGE FOR A PURPOSE** for the month of November will benefit the Pastor’s Discretionary Account, helping those in our community get through difficult times.

**ADVENT CALENDARS** are available for purchase for \$2.00 from the Crèche Show Committee. Calendars will be on sale through November 19. Please see Ed Meadows with any questions.

**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.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to mark your calendar to order poinsettias. The deadline for ordering poinsettias is December 6th. Forms are available in the media rack.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS:** Volunteers are 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.

**MARTIN LUTHER BOOK STUDY** will meet Sunday, November 12th and 19th in the Lounge at 6:00 PM. A special guest will be present during the study on November 12th. Don’t miss it! All are invited to attend.

## 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**



**2017**  
**CHRISTMAS CRÈCHE SHOW**  
**All Are Invited! No Charge!**



**An Inspirational Display of Nativities  
in All Sizes, Shapes, and Materials**

**Refreshments & Children's Activities**

**When? Nov. 30 (Thursday) — 4 to 8 PM**

**Dec. 1 (Friday) — 4 to 8 PM**

**Dec. 2 (Saturday) — 11 AM to 3 PM**