



\*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 Nicene Creed

No. 880

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

“Lord, Here Am I”  
Chancel Choir

John Ness Beck

CALL TO PRAYER

**“Seek Ye First”** (stanza 1)  
Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness, and all these  
things shall be added unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia!

No. 405

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

“The Great Gate of Kiev”  
Bonnie Ross Ringers

Composer: Modeste Mussorgsky

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

PSALTER

**UMH 821** (Response 1)

Psalms 100

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 17:11-19

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

Come, O Almighty King

arr. Allan Mahnke

**\*DOXOLOGY     Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored;  
Thy creatures bless, and grant that we may feast in paradise with thee. Amen.**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN OF FAITH             “The Head that Once Was Crowned in Thorns”** No. 326

**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 28 in the New Testament Pew Bible)                     Matthew 25:31-46**  
**This is the word of God for the people of God.     Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON                                     “DIVERSION”                                     Rev. Jill Croushore**

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT             “Rejoice, the Lord is King”** No. 715

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION     “Jesus Shall Reign” (stanza 1)                     No. 157**  
**Jesus shall reign where're the sun the sun does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom spread from shore to shore, until moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**\*POSTLUDE                             Lead On, O King Eternal                     arr. Michael Helman**  
**“The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin”**



**EKKLESIA -- A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG**  
**SATURDAY - 7 PM     -     December 2, 2017**  
**FEATURES: VALERIE STIPEAK, ORGAN & PIANO**

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given in memory of John S. McWalter III's 34th birthday and in honor of Jean & John McWalter's 71st anniversary.

**THE BULLETIN** is given to the glory of God .

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

- LITURGIST:** - DENNIS KENNEDY  
**ACOLYTE:** - KEVIN SAVAGE  
**ALTAR GUILD:** - CATHY WILLCOX  
**COFFEE HOUR:** - MARILYN MCSPARRIN      **NEXT WEEK: KAREN PERSHING**  
**GREETERS:** - (8:30) ED MEADOWS & LAUREL SEDLACKO  
- (10:45) TIM & CATHY WILLCOX      **NEXT WEEK: KEVIN SAVAGE**  
**SOUND SYSTEM:** - RIELY HIRST  
**TECH TEAM:** - (8:30) JAN STEWART      (10:45) TRACY BARR  
**USHERS:** - (8:30) BILL CONRAD AND GEORGE FAGERT  
- (10:45) RYAN BARR; CALLYSTA FONTANAZZA,;  
CHLOE FONTANAZZA; AIDAN HARTMAN; KEVIN SAVAGE;  
ANGEL SINICK; KASEY STORKEL  
**NURSERY:** - KRISTIN LABIN

**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; Steven Long; Rilla Nash; Ken Keiser; Tammy Hay; Amy DeAugustine; Steven; Michelle Perkins; Mario Perkins; Spouse; children; grandchildren and 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. 11/26

Read - Psalm 106  
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  
**NO Youth Group**

Mon. 11/27

Read - Psalm 113  
7:00 PM -Centering Prayer - Prayer Room

Tues. 11/28 Read- Psalm 115  
**NO BIBLE STUDY**

Wed. 11/29

Read - Psalm 116  
6:00 PM-Chancel Chanters  
6:30 PM-Bonnie Ross Ringers  
7:30 PM-Chancel Choir  
**NO EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

Thurs. 11/30

Read - Psalm 118  
9:00 AM-12:00 Noon-SPARK & Shelter Christmas Shopping Trip  
4:00 AM-8:00 PM -Crèche Show  
11:00 AM-12 Step Meeting-Fellowship Hall  
**NO YOUTH/CHILDREN ACTIVITIES**

Fri. 12/1

Read - Mark 1:1-8  
11:00 AM- 3:00 PM Crèche Show

Sat. 12/2

Read - Mark 1:9-20  
11:00 AM-3:00 PM-Crèche Show  
7:00 PM-Ekklesia Service-Sanctuary - Valerie Stipeak, *Organ & 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.

**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.

**ANGEL TREE:** There are still angels on the Angel Tree, please find it in your heart to provide a special gift to someone less fortunate. All gifts or monetary gifts are due back here by December 3rd. Wrapping supplies (gifts bags, boxes, wrapping paper, bows, ribbon, tape, gift tags) are also needed for the wrapping party on Tuesday, December 19th.

**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:** In need of volunteers today after the 10:45 AM service to help decorate the church. Please consider joining in the fellowship and decorating.

**CHURCH SECURITY TRAINING COURSE:** At 6 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, the Bolivar church will host a three-hour church security training course by Rodney Smith of the Georgia Firearms and Security Training Academy (<https://psmag.com/news/church-shootings-are-becoming-much-more-common>). Donations will be accepted. The course, which is open to other churches, pastors and lay members, will cover such aspects as situational awareness, less-than-lethal defense and active threat. A second date for this course is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 9, at Fairfield VFD from 6 to 9 PM..

## 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**



**First United Methodist Church of Greensburg**

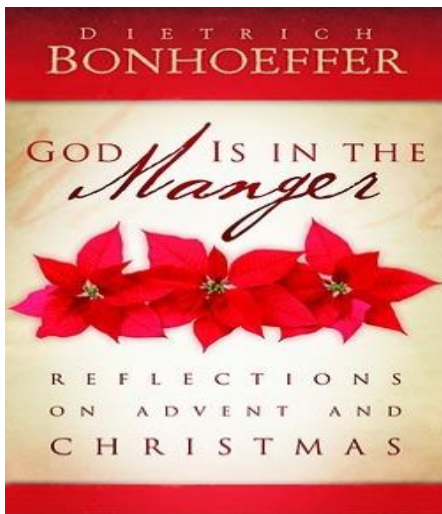
**Nov. 30 (Thursday) — 4 to 8 PM**

**Dec. 1 (Friday) — 4 to 8 PM**

**Dec. 2 (Saturday) — 11 AM to 3 PM**

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**God is in the Manger Advent Devotional**



**Any opportunity to journey together during the season of Advent**

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