



First
United Methodist
Church
of Greensburg, PA

December 10, 2017
8:30 - 10:45 AM Worship
2nd Sunday of Advent - Peace
"Representing Christ as a Light within the City"

Come, LORD JESUS, Come

Second Sunday of Advent

PEACE

* 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

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

PRELUDE On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry arr. Malcolm Archer

INTROIT (10:45 AM) Let All Mortal Flesh arr. G. F. Pershing

*HYMN OF PRAISE **Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates** No. 213
**Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst*

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Words by
CHARLES WESLEY

Music by
JOEL RANEY

Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus,
born_ to set thy peo - ple free; from our
sins and fears re - lease us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Advent is marked by a spirit of yearning for peace.

May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.

We long today for peace among nations.

May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.

We long today for peace among races.

May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.

We long today for peace in our hearts and in our lives.

May the world be filled with the peace of Christ.

*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we thank you for your promise of peace, and we know that because of Christ, peace is possible. We pray today for the nations of the world, that we could find a way to live together in peace. We pray for our brothers and sisters everywhere, that we could become more forgiving, more understanding, and more loving to one another. Flood our hearts with the light of peace today so that we might take that light and spread your love to the whole world. 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

Affirmation From 1 Timothy

No. 889

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

World Peace

Rev. Robert Wilson

CALL TO PRAYER

Psalm 24

No. 212

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts! Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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)

Advent, Coventry Carol
Chancel Choir

Arr. Heather Sorenson

WE HEAR THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 40:1-11

PSALTER

UMH 806

Psalm 85

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Peter 3:8-15a

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory (8:30 AM) Comfort Ye My People & Every Valley from "Messiah"
Fred Pershing, Soloist

GF Handel

The Offertory (10:45 AM)

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child
Children's Chimes

arr. John Behnke

*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

All Earth Is Waiting

No. 210

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:45 AM)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, make ready our hearts in the hearing of your word for the brightness of your glory and the fullness of your blessing in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

(Page 34 in the New Testament Pew Bible)

Mark 1:1-8

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

People, Look East

No. 202

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (stanza 2)

No. 211

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

*POSTLUDE

O Day of Peace

arr. Charles Callahan

**The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin*

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in memory of our loving son *Jack Wesner* by John and Paula Wesner.

THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God .

WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:

- LITURGIST:** - Sam Detar
- ACOLYTE:** - Kasey Storkel
- ALTAR GUILD:** - Mary Lou Fitzgerald
- COFFEE HOUR:** - Ed & Sue Meadows NEXT WEEK: Barb Rutter
- GREETERS:** - Ed Meadows & Laurel Sedlacko (8:30)
- Tracy Barr (10:45)
- SOUND SYSTEM:** - Aidan Hartman
- TECH TEAM:** - Kelly Fullman (8:30) Tracy Barr (10:45)
- USHERS:** - Bill Conrad and George Fagert (8:30)
- Bruce Blackson; Ed Mikita; Kerry Thompson
- NURSERY** - Jean Faust

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: Amber; Lois Wise; Jaretta & husband; Brenda; Tyler; Jeff; Tigler; Ginny Grandey; Dave Grandey; Family of Joe DePrimio and Eileen Trout; Bob; Melonie; Micah; Mike; Steve Long; Rilla Nash; Ken Keiser; Tammy Hay; Spouse; children; grandchildren.

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

- Brookdale Latrobe: Allan Pierce, Dorothy Rutter
- Greensburg Care Center: Alice Murphy
- RNC: Ann Redd
- Weatherwood Manor: Helen Wolfgang
- Home: Art Faust, Charleen Ringler

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8 AM-12:00 PM and 12:30-4:00 PM

- Sun. 12/10 Read - Isaiah 51:1-16
8:30 & 10:45 AM - Worship-Sanctuary -Communion
9:00 AM - Children's Chimes-Chapel
9:30 AM - Children & Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM - Coffee Hour - Sanctuary
6-8 PM - Youth Group
- Mon. 12/11 Read - Isaiah 51:17-23
6:00-7:30 PM - Daisies/Brownies - North Hall
6:30 PM - Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM - Centering Prayer-Prayer Room
NO SPRC Meeting
- Tues. 12/12 Read- Isaiah 52:1-12
9:30 AM - Bible Study: *The Book of Leviticus* - Library
- Wed. 12/13 Read - Isaiah 55:1-13
12:00 PM - Advent Service and Lunch-Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM - Bible Study: *Making Sense of the Bible* -Library
- Thurs. 12/14 Read - Isaiah 56:1-8
11:00 AM - 12 Step Meeting-Fellowship Hall
6:30-7:30 PM - Christmas Pageant Practice - Sanctuary
6:00 PM - Chancel Chanters
6:30 PM - Bonnie Ross Ringers
7:30 PM - Chancel Choir
- Fri. 12/15 Read - Isaiah 60:1-22
7:00 PM - Organ Recital - Chaz Bowers
- Sat. 12/16 Read - Isaiah 61:1-11
1-4 PM - SPARK Shopping with Welcome Home & Safe Harbor
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Worship-Sanctuary - Rev. Janet Lord, *Piano*



EKKLESIA – A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG

SATURDAY - 7 PM - December 16, 2017

FEATURES: REV. JANET LORD, PIANO

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RADA CUTLERY makes a great Christmas gift! Please contact Mary Ann Herd to make a purchase (724-834-2732). The Rada Cutlery catalog may be viewed at the church office.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING: A signup sheet is available in the Sanctuary Hall for families who would like to light the Advent wreath during worship.

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS for the month of DECEMBER is WORLD PEACE.

ANGEL TREE: There are angels on the Angel Tree. Please find it in your heart to provide a special gift to someone less fortunate. Wrapping supplies (gifts bags, boxes, wrapping paper, bows, ribbon, tape, gift tags) are also needed for the wrapping party on Tuesday, December 19th. Thank you for your support of this mission.

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.

A **“BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE”** this year is offered Sunday afternoon, December 17, at 7:00 PM at First United Methodist Church of Greensburg where all are welcome.

Chaz Bowers Organ Recital

Friday, December 15

7:00 PM

First UMC of Greensburg



FREE TEACHER'S DESKS AND CHRISTMAS ITEMS are available in the Sanctuary Hall. Please contact John Craig (724-838-0384) for additional information.

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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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



HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE



MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES & LUNCHEONS WEDNESDAYS AT NOON

December 13th - FUMC Musicians

December 20th - Greensburg Salem High School Select Ensemble

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 17th - 10:45 AM

BLUE CHRISTMAS A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE

Sunday, December 17th - 7:00 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Saturday, December 23rd - 7:00 PM - A Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 24th - 10:00 AM - A Service of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 24th - 7:00 PM - Candlelight Family Service

Sunday, December 24th - 11:00 PM - Candlelight Communion Service

NEW YEAR'S WORSHIP

Saturday, December 30th - 7:00 PM - Wesley Covenant Service

Sunday, December 31st - 10:00 AM - Wesley Covenant Service