



First  
United Methodist  
Church  
of Greensburg, PA

January 7, 2018  
8:30 - 10:45 AM Worship  
Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord  
"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

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

PRELUDE	Baptized in Water	arr. Dale Wood
INTROIT (10:45 AM)	Praise to the Lord	arr. GF Pershing
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<b>We Three Kings</b>	No. 254

*\*Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst*

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

**Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, 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 **The Apostles' Creed** No. 881

MINISTRY IN MUSIC (10:45) Shall We Gather at the River arr. John Carter  
Chancel Choir with Jim Caffrey, Jr., soloist

CALL TO PRAYER **Love Came Down at Christmas** (stanza 3) No. 242  
**Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine;**  
**love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.**  
(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.**

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 1:1-5

PSALM 8 *Domine, Dominus noster* Ivor Keys  
Chancel Chanters

EPISTLE LESSON Acts 19:1-7

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory Brightest and Best arr. John Leavitt

\*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

**When Jesus Came to Jordan**  
(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

No. 252

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 34 in the New Testament Pew Bible)  
This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 1:4-11

SERMON

**ARE YOU SPIRITUALLY READY?**

Rev. Net Gerber

**WE RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT**

CONSECRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

THE BREAD AND THE CUP

**WE DEPART TO SERVE**

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

**I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry**

No. 2051

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

**We Would See Jesus** (stanza 5)

No. 256

**We would see Jesus, in the early morning, still as of old he calleth, "Follow me!"  
Let us arise, all meaner service scorning, Lord; we are thine, we give ourselves to thee.**

\*POSTLUDE

As with Gladness Men of Old

arr. David Laskey

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



**EKKLESIA -- A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG**

**SATURDAY - 7 PM - January 13, 2018**

**FEATURES: PATTY FITZPATRICK, *PIANO***

**THE CARNATION ON THE ALTAR** is in celebration of the birth of Elijah Matthew Gerber, grandson of Pastors Net & John Gerber, born Sunday, December 31, 2017.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ethel Garris, Mary Willcox, and Mary Pollock, mothers and grandmother of Tim and Cathy Willcox.

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

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

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|---------------|--|-----------------------------|
| ACOLYTE:      | - Riley Hirst  |                             |
| ALTAR GUILD:  | - Mary Lou Fitzgerald                                  |                             |
| COFFEE HOUR:  | - David Grandey  | <b>NEXT WEEK:</b> Pam Swank |
| GREETERS:     | - Ed Meadows & Laurel Sedlacko                         |                             |
| LITURGIST:    | - Br. James Caffrey, Jr. OSL                           |                             |
| SOUND SYSTEM: | - Jordan Hirst   |                             |
| TECH TEAM:    | - (8:30) Jan Stewart                                   | (10:45) Cheryl Lennert      |
| USHERS:       | - (10:45) Bob Bloom; Sam Detar; Harry Fox; Tim Willcox |                             |

**Please lift our friends and church family in prayers:**

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:** Kirk; Nancy; Miki; Melonie; Micah; Mike, Jr.; Bob; Holly; Sandy Zimmerman; Robin Booker; Neil; Julie; Robin; Lucy; Ellen Grubb; Rilla Nash; Ken Keiser; Tammy, Charles & Megan Hay; Kathy, Matthew & Steven

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

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Paramount Sr. Living:</b>   | Charles (Dick) Smith         |
| <b>Brookdale Latrobe:</b>      | Allan Pierce, Dorothy Rutter |
| <b>Greensburg Care Center:</b> | Alice Murphy                 |
| <b>RNC:</b>                    | Art Faust                    |
| <b>Weatherwood Manor:</b>      | Helen Wolfgang               |
| <b>HOME:</b>                   | 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. 1/7            **Read - Ephesians 5:1-20**  
8:30 & 10:45 AM - Worship - Sanctuary  
9:30 AM - Coffee Hour - Sanctuary Hall
- Mon. 1/8            **Read - Ephesians 6:10-24**  
6:00 PM - Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM - Daisies Troop - North Hall  
7:00 PM - SPRC - Library  
7:00 PM - Centering Prayer - Prayer Room
- Tues. 1/9           **Read - Mark 1:21-45**  
9:30 AM - **NO BIBLE STUDY**  
6:30 PM - Crèche Committee Wrap-up Meeting - Library
- Wed. 1/10          **Read - Mark 2:1-17**  
6:30 PM - **NO BIBLE STUDY**
- Thurs. 1/11        **Read - Mark 3:1-19**  
11:30 AM - 12 Step Meeting - Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM - Food Bank Set up - Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM - Halo Choir-Choir Room  
6:00 PM - Transformer Choir - North Hall  
6:00 PM - Chancel Chanters-Sanctuary  
6:30 PM - Kids Rock - North Hall  
6:30 PM - Bonnie Ross Ringers-Bell Room  
6:30 PM - Youth Bible Study-Library.  
7:30 PM - Chancel Choir-Choir Room
- Fri. 1/12           **Read - Mark 3:20-35**  
8:00 AM - Food Bank-Fellowship Hall
- Sat. 1/13           **Read - Mark 4:35--5:20**  
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service - Sanctuary - *Patty Fitzpatrick, Piano*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Pastors Net and John on the birth of their new grandson, Elijah Matthew Gerber on Sunday, December 31st. What a true blessing a new life brings into our family, may God continue to bless them.

**HE IS KING OF KINGS! LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET** devotionals are due by Sunday, January 14th. Please contact Pastor Jill, Judy Molter or Ruth Hughes if you are willing to write a devotional.

**2018 BIBLE READING GUIDES** are available in the media rack in the Sanctuary Hall.

**SOUP SALE** - Christian Ed Committee will be selling a variety of soups after services on Saturday, January 20 and Sunday, January 21. Proceeds from this sale will be used to provide camperships for the youth. Cost is \$7.00/quart.

**CALLING ALL SOUP CHEFS** - If you can help by donating ingredients or can help in the kitchen, please contact Kathy Griffith to help. Soup making is on Friday, January 19 & Saturday, January 20 starting at 8 AM in the church kitchen. Thank you.

**CIRCUIT RIDER ARTICLES** are due in the church office Tuesday, January 16.

**NEW TO FIRST UMC GREENSBURG?** Join us for “Prelude: Lunch with the Pastors” on Sunday, January 14th at 12:15 PM in the Fellowship Area. To register please call the church office at 724-834-3111 or email [pastornet@greensburgfirst.org](mailto:pastornet@greensburgfirst.org).

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** begin Tuesday, January 30th at 7:00 PM in the Library and continue through March 6th. To register please call the church office at 724-834-3111 or email [pastornet@greensburgfirst.org](mailto:pastornet@greensburgfirst.org).

**2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available for pick up in the church hallway. If you need envelopes, please sign the provided yellow sheet.

**2018 SIGN-UP SHEETS** are on the table in the sanctuary hall for *Greeters, Chancel Flowers and the Weekly Bulletin*. If you would like to sponsor a bulletin, please sign up on the sheet provided **AND** fill out the “purple form” and return it to the office. If you would like to sponsor the Altar Flowers, please sign up on the sheet **AND** fill out the “green form” and return it to the office. Cost is \$20 for *Bulletin* sponsor; \$30 for *Flower* sponsors.

## Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Greensburg

We are so glad that you chose to worship at Greensburg First UMC. 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**



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## FUND THE FREEZER



**\$5 - \$50**