



**First
United Methodist
Church
of Greensburg, PA**

*January 21, 2018
8:30 - 10:45 AM Worship
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Ecumenical Sunday
"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 Rock of Ages arr. Rulon Christiansen

INTROIT (10:45) Praise to the Lord arr. G. F. Pershing

*HYMN OF PRAISE **God of Love and God of Power** No. 578
Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst

*OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, 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.

*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 Apostles' Creed** No. 881

MINISTRY IN MUSIC (10:45)

God of Grace and God of Glory
Chancel Choir

arr. Paul Langston

CALL TO PRAYER

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (stanza 4)

No. 358

**Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.**

(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

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

PSALTER

Psalm 62:5-12

New Britain (Amazing Grace)

- 5 Find rest, my soul, in God alone, for my hope comes from Him.
In silence wait for God, my soul; and only look to Him.
- 6 He only is my fortress, rock, and my salvation sure;
I'll not be shaken, for He is my stronghold evermore.
- 7 For my salvation, honor, too, depend on God alone.
He is my mighty rock of strength, my refuge – He alone.
- 8 O people, trust in Him always; at all times, all day long;
Pour out your hearts before Him for God is our refuge strong.
- 9 For lowborn men are but a breath, and highborn men a lie;
When on the balance they are weighed, they're only a breath's sigh.
- 10 Trust not in greed, oppression, nor put hope in robbery;
If wealth increase, don't set your heart upon its vanity.
- 11 One thing God spoke, two things I've heard: that You, O God, are strong,
And loving, too, Lord – You reward each one

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

Patapan
Bonnie Ross Ringers

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

*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

O Jesus, I Have Promised

No. 396

(Children are invited to come forward during the last stanza.)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (10:45)

Pocket Change for a Purpose

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 LESSON

(Page 860-861 in the Old Testament Pew Bible)

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Net Gerber

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

O Zion Haste

No. 573

*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

God of Grace and God of Glory
The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin

arr. Wilbur Held

THE ROSE ON THE ALTAR is in celebration of the birth of Madison Ann, granddaughter of Sherry Miller and daughter of Wendy and Jess Shallenberger, who was born Saturday, January 6, 2018.

THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God.

WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:

ACOLYTE:	- Regan Lennert	
ALTAR GUILD:	- Mary Lou Fitzgerald	
COFFEE HOUR:	- David Wichrowski	NEXT WEEK: Cathy Willcox
GREETERS:	- Pam Swank	NEXT WEEK: Sherry Miller
LITURGIST:	- Dennis Kennedy	
SOUND SYSTEM:	- Tim Willcox	
TECH TEAM:	- (8:30) Kelly Fullman	(10:45) Cheryl Lennert
USHERS:	- (8:30) Bill Conrad & George Fagert	
	- (10:45) Carol Jean Albaugh; Barb Tucci; Cathy Willcox;	
	Michelle Savage; Marsha Zabrosky	

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: John and Dorothy M. and family; Robin Booker; Sandy Zimmerman; Lucy; Rilla Nash; Ken Keiser; Susan, Tom Poppelritter & family

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

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



EKKLESIA -- A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG

SATURDAY - 7 PM - January 27, 2018

FEATURES: VALERIE STIPCAK *ORGAN & PIANO*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

- Sun. 1/21 **Read - Mark 10:13-31**
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
Soup Sale and Youth Craft & Bake Sale after services
6:00 PM - Youth Group - 3rd floor
- Mon. 1/22 **Read - Mark 10:32-52**
6:00 PM - Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM - Daisies/Brownies - North Hall
7:00 PM - Centering Prayer - Prayer Room
- Tues. 1/23 **Read - John 12:20-36a**
9:30 AM - Bible Study: *The Book of Leviticus* - Library
- Wed. 1/24 **Read - John 12:36b-50**
6:00 PM - Bible Study: *Making Sense of the Bible* - Library
7:30 PM - Church Council - Lounge
- Thurs. 1/25 **Read - Acts 9:1-25**
8:30 AM - Circuit Rider Assembly - Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM - 12 Step Meeting - 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. 1/26 **Read - Acts 9:26-43**
- Sat. 1/27 **Read - Acts 12:1-25**
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service - Sanctuary, *Valerie Stipcak* - Organ & Piano

LISTENING DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT COPIES OF THE SERVICE MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE ASK AN USHER.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU to all those who sponsored our 2018 Food Bank Trucks, new wagons and gave donations towards the new freezer. Your generosity is a true blessing.

SOUP SALE: Christian Ed Committee will be selling a variety of soups after services today. Proceeds from this sale will be used to provide camperships for children, youth and adults. Cost is \$7.00/quart or \$20.00/3 quarts.

YOUTH CRAFT AND BAKE SALE: Check out our youth in action for tasty treats and homemade crafts after services today. All proceeds go towards the Camp Allegheny Winter Retreat. In addition to today's sale another one will be held on February 25th.

CAMP ALLEGHENY WINTER RETREAT: The Winter Retreat for Youth grades 6-12 is March 2-4. To register, please fill out the form located in the media rack in the Narthex, and return it to Laramie Cowan as soon as possible.

TODAY'S POCKET CHANGE FOR A PURPOSE will support *Dollar on the District*, the Greensburg District's programming fund.

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS are due **March 22**. Please send your order form and check to MaryAnn Herd (address is on the form) or drop in the offering plate. Forms are currently in the media rack and will be in a upcoming bulletin. Please make checks payable to "UMW" with Easter Flowers on the memo line.

HE IS KING OF KINGS! LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET - Please submit devotions as soon as possible to Pastor Jill at jcroushore@greensburgfirst.org or Ruth Hughes at music@greensburgfirst.org. Thank you to all those who have already submitted devotionals.

A variety of **2018 BIBLE READING GUIDES** are available on the table in the Narthex.

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.

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

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 .



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SOUP SALE

- ◆ Tortellini
- ◆ Stuffed Pepper
- ◆ Chicken Rice
- ◆ White Chile (with zing)
- ◆ Potato
- ◆ Beef Vegetable
- ◆ Ham, Green Bean, and Potato



**\$7.00 per quart
or
\$20.00 / 3 quarts**

**Proceeds benefit the Campership Ministry for
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