



\*OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty and most merciful God, we give thanks that you know us and love us. Help us, through the power of your Holy Spirit, grow deeper, wider, and fuller in our knowledge and understanding of your ways. Help us, through the bestowal of your divine wisdom, bring others closer to you and to your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in Whose name we pray. Amen.**

\*THE PEACE

In meeting Christ, we become new creations. As we share the peace of Christ with each other, we share the newness of life he brings. Come, enter into new life in 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)

Speak to me, Lord  
Chancel Choir

arr. John Ness Beck

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.**

**TO HEAR THE WORD ...**

\*HYMN OF INVITATION

**Spirit Song**

No. 347

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:45)

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:21-28

(Page 35 in the New Testament Pew Bible)

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

**ON WHOSE AUTHORITY?**

Rev. Net Gerber

**TO RESPOND TO THE WORD ...**

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory O For a Thousand Tongue to Sing/All Creatures of Our God and King arr. Craig Duncan  
Valerie Uschock, Flute

\*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

**AND DEPART FOR SERVICE.**

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

**Forward Through the Ages**

No. 555

\*BENEDICTION

Go on! Get out of here!

God's prophet, God's Son calls us to teach others of God's power and might!

**From this worshipping fellowship, we go into the community,  
seeking to tell others our stories.**

Go on! Get out of here!

Share how God has transformed you. Invite others to become disciples of this Teacher.

**We will invite others to share our journey, even if it scares us to death.**

Go on, I mean it; get out of here!

Share how God has brought you to knowledge and wisdom of new ways,  
new opportunities, new ways of being.

**We go in joy. We leave with peace. Amen.**

\*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

O Love, How Deep

arr. Paul Manz

*The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin*



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

- Sun. 1/28           **Read - Acts 13:1-12**  
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  
6:00 PM - Youth Group - 3rd floor
- Mon. 1/29           **Read - Acts 13:13-25**  
6:00 PM - Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM - Daisies/Brownies - North Hall
- Tues. 1/30           **Read - Acts 13:26-41**  
9:30 AM - Bible Study: *The Book of Leviticus* - Library  
7:00 PM - Membership Classes - Library
- Wed. 1/31           **Read - Acts 13:42-52**  
6:00 PM - Bible Study: *Making Sense of the Bible* - Library
- Thurs. 2/1           **Read - Genesis 37:1-36**  
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. 2/2             **Read - Genesis 39:1-23**
- Sat. 2/3             **Read - Genesis 40:1-23**  
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Service - Sanctuary, *Nikeshia Moore - Voice & 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**

**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!** The church will be celebrating Mardi Gras (French for “Fat Tuesday”) on Tuesday, February 13th with a breakfast-style dinner at 6:15 pm. We’ll crown a King and Queen and get beads in a family-friendly manner. Please sign up by February 11th on the Mardi Gras sign up sheet located in the Sanctuary hallway.

**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).

**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.

**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 an 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 [Croushore@greensburgfirst.org](mailto:Croushore@greensburgfirst.org) or Ruth Hughes at [music@greensburgfirst.org](mailto:music@greensburgfirst.org). Thank you to all those who have already submitted devotions.

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

**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 .**





**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
OF GREENSBURG**

**MARDI GRAS**

**Food, Fellowship and Fun!**

**Tuesday, February 13th**

**6:15 PM - Breakfast-style Dinner**

**Fellowship Hall**



**If attending, please sign the  
sign up sheet in the Narthex.**