



*April 15, 2018
8:30 - 10:45 AM Worship*

*3rd Sunday of Easter
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.*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE Partita on “This Joyful Eastertide” Paul Bouman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the welcome tablets, pass them across your pew and back to the outside aisle where they will be collected during the Children’s Message.)

INTROIT (10:45) Alleluia

*LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin of death.
Christ is our Light!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come with your doubts and fears.

This is scary.

Call on God who will answer you.

God is hard to hear these days.

Come to One who will give your souls peace.

It is so hard to believe.

Come, claim your identity as beloved children of God.

We come, uncertain, but longing to hear God speak to us this morning.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Thine Be the Glory
Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst

No. 308

*OPENING PRAYER

O God, who chased the gloom of the disciples with the gospel of Easter and drowned their desert of despair in a sea of grace, surprise us this day. Take from us the presumption that leans on our strength instead of yours, that mistakes our wisdom for yours, and equates our will with yours. Assure us once again that our Lord's promise to be with us always still holds good. And be present with us now, as in the days of Jesus, to make us whole and to make us holy. Amen.

*THE PEACE

As we pass the peace of Christ, say to each other: "Peace. Do not fear. Believe!"

*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.

*MINISTRY IN MUSIC

Unredeemed
Kathy McLay, Soloist

Selah

CALL TO PRAYER

Like a Child (stanza 3)

No. 2092

**Like a child born to pray and to show us the way, like a child here to stay, Jesus comes.
Like a child we receive all that love can conceive, like a child we believe, Jesus comes.**
(You are invited to come forward and kneel or stand 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

'Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus

No. 462

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:45)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, by your Spirit tell us what we need to hear and show us what we ought to do to obey Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 John 3:1-7

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

Easter Aria & Chorale
Chancel Choir with
Fred Pershing, Soloist

J. S. Bach/Haberlen

GOSPEL LESSON (Page 91 New Testament Pew Bible)

Luke 24:36b-48

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Anette V. Gerber

TO RESPOND TO THE WORD

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT 2 (10:45)

P. 39

Nash William Turkalj

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

Christ Is Arisen

arr. Wilbur Held

*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

Lord of the Dance

No. 261

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

Precious Name

No. 536

Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe;
It will joy and comfort give you; take it then when're you go.
Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.
Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heaven.

*POSTLUDE

The Strife Is O'er

arr. Janet Linker

The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are in honor of the baptism of Nash William Turkalj given by the Turkalj family and the Emberg family.

THE CARNATION ON THE ALTAR is in memory of Laura Jean Ruffner who entered into eternal life on Thursday, April 5, 2018 and Charlene Ringler who joined the church triumphant on Sunday, April 8, 2018.

THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God.

WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:

ACOLYTE:	- Ryan Barr	
ALTAR GUILD:	- Pam Swank	
COFFEE HOUR:	- Val Uschock	NEXT WEEK: Cheryl Hines
GREETERS:	- Pam Swank	NEXT WEEK: Brian Kleber
LITURGIST:	- Helen Turkalj	
SOUND SYSTEM:	- Tim Willcox	
TECH TEAM:	- (8:30) Jan Stewart	(10:45) Tracy Barr
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: Aubrey F.; Mary Stillman; Brenda; David; Mark; Liz; K.P.; Penny Bacasca; Mike; Trey; Melonie; Micah; Mchelle; Slade; Alexis; Ryan Exton; Sue Meadows; Celeste Cindric-Gray; Lee Malloy; Ken Keiser; Tammy Hay & 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
Westmoreland Manor:	Charlotte Sonafelt, Norma Gump
Home:	Art Faust



EKKLESIA -- A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG

SATURDAY - 7 PM - April 21, 2018

FEATURES: CHELSEA RITENOUR, *SOPRANO*

VALERIE STIPCAK, *PIANO*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Sun. 4/15

Read -

2 Peter 3:1-18

8:30 & 10:45 AM - Worship - Sanctuary - Pocket Change Collection
9:00 AM Children's Chimes - Chapel
9:30 AM Children & Adult Sunday School
9:30 AM Coffee Hour - Sanctuary Hall
Baby Boomer Seminar at Delmont
6:00 PM Youth Group - 3rd floor

Mon. 4/16

Read - Jude 1:25

6:00 PM Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM Daisies/Brownies - North Hall
7:00 PM Centering Prayer - Prayer Room

Tues. 4/17

Read - Isaiah 19:16-25

9:30 AM Bible Study - Library
1-2:00 PM SPHS Support Group - Lounge

Wed. 4/18

Read - Isaiah 25:1-19

5-6:00 PM SPHS Support Group - Lounge

Thurs. 4/19

Read - Isaiah 26:20-27:13

11:00 AM 12 Step Meeting - Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM Chancel Chanters - Sanctuary
6:00 PM Transformer Choir - North Hall
6:30 PM Bonnie Ross Ringers - Bell Room
6:30 PM Kids Rock - North Hall
6:30 PM Youth Bible Study - Library
7:30 PM Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Fri. 4/20

Read - Isaiah 40:1-31

Sat. 4/21

Read - Isaiah 41:1-20

9:00 AM District Conference - Faith UMC, Delmont
7:00 PM Ekklesia Worship-Sanctuary

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY is today. Envelopes are available in the Sanctuary Hall.

POCKET CHANGE FOR A PURPOSE collection is **TODAY** and it will benefit the Redeemer Christian Foundation. Redeemer Christian Foundation, Inc. provides the opportunity for a Christian education to orphans and children in an impoverished area.

CARD SHOWER FOR BRADY HUNKER: Brady Hunker is a high school student who attends New Stanton UMC and is a member of the Conference Ministry Team. He is battling a rare form of cancer that was believed to be in remission and could use some encouragement! Please send cards of encouragement to:

Brady Hunker
201 Windy Hill Court
Mount Pleasant, PA 14555

GREENSBURG DISTRICT UMW SPRING MEETING (Circleville UMC)
Speaker: Rev. Pam Gardner. There will be a Memorial Service for departed sisters. RSVP by April 20th by contacting Cindy Carasia or Sandy Errett at 878-295-2308 or by email at *crocxpres@comcast.net*.

SAVE THE DATES: The UNITED METHODIST WOMEN and/or OUTREACH will be sponsoring the following events:

Spring Salad Supper - Tuesday, May 1, 6:00 pm

Rummage Sale - Saturday, May 19, 9:00 am - 12 noon

All Church Picnic - Sunday, July 22, Mt. Odin - 10:45 Church Service

Pancake Breakfast - Saturday, September 22, 9:00 am - 12 noon

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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GRADUATION
Sunday
June 3rd

Graduating from high school, college, or technical school? Please call the church (724-834-3111) with your student's name, their relationship, school name, type of degree and future plans.

Please submit by May 19. The graduates will be recognized during the 10:45 worship service on June 3.

THANKS

Congregation Appreciation Event and Dinner

Sunday, April 22, 2018 • 4:00 PM

Please RSVP by signing the clipboard
in the Sanctuary Hall.



STUFFED PORK CHOP DINNER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 2018

5-7 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
GREENSBURG

ADULTS - \$10.00

CHILDREN UNDER 10 - \$5.00

**Tickets available from Outreach Committee Members
and the church office.**

**Sponsored by the Outreach Committee and UMW.
Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity and Outreach Projects.**