



GREENSBURG *First*
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 29, 2018

8:30 - 10:45 AM Worship

5th 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 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful arr. David Cherwien

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 G. F. Pershing

*LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The Light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

Christ is our Light!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Joanna Harader

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

We gather for worship now to the glory of One God:

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Fairest Lord Jesus

No. 189

Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst

*OPENING PRAYER

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

*THE PEACE

As Christ Jesus has shared his peace with each of us,
let us now share that peace with each other.

*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 Nicene Creed

No. 880

*MINISTRY IN MUSIC

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Bonnie Ross Ringers

arr. Hart Morris

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

I Need Thee Every Hour

No. 397

(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 4:7-21

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

Love Is Come Again
Chancel Choir with bell ensemble

arr. John Erickson

GOSPEL LESSON

(Page 109 New Testament Pew Bible)

John 15:1-8

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

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

There in God's Garden

arr. David Cherwien

*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

The Summons

No. 2130

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

Precious Name (stanza 1)

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 where'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

We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus
The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin

John JIvisaker

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: - Mallory Baker NEXT WEEK: Ellen Grubb
GREETERS: - Barb Tucci & Bob Bloom NEXT WEEK: Laurel Sedlacko
LITURGIST: - Judy Molter
SOUND SYSTEM: - Tim Willcox
TECH TEAM: - (8:30) Kelly Fullman (10:45) Tracy Barr
USHERS: - (8:30) Bill Conrad & George Fagert
 - (10:45) One usher from each team.

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: Julie Miller; Aubrey F.; Brenda; David; Mark; Liz; K.P.; Penny Bacasca; Celeste; Lee Malloy; Mike; Trey; Melonie; Micah; Michelle; Slade; 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: Pearl Crowell, Alice Murphy
Westmoreland Manor: Norma Gump, Charlotte Sonafelt
Home: Art Faust



EKKLESIA -- A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG

SATURDAY - 7 PM - May 5, 2018

FEATURES: NIKESHA MOORE, VOICE & PIANO

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Sun. 4/29

Read - Jeremiah 32:16-44

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
3:00 PM Clergy Gift Event - Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM Youth Group - 3rd floor

Mon. 4/30

Read - Jeremiah 33:1-26

6:00 PM Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM Daisies/Brownies - North Hall
Information for Care Packages for College Students due in office.

Tues. 5/1

Read - John 14:1-14

9:30 AM Bible Study - Library
1:00 PM SPHS Support Group - Lounge
6:00 AM UMW Spring Salad Supper - Fellowship Hall

Wed. 5/2

Read - John 14:15-31

5:00 PM SPHS Support Group - Lounge

Thurs. 5/3

Read - John 15:1-17 National Day of Prayer

1:00 AM 12 Step Meeting - Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM Chancel Chanters - Sanctuary
NO Transformer Choir or Halo Choir
NO Kids Rock
6:30 PM Bonnie Ross Ringers - Bell Room
NO Youth Bible Study
7:30 PM Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Fri. 5/4

Read - John 15:18-16.15

6:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal

Sat. 5/5

Read - John 16:16-33

2:30 PM Wedding
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

OPEN DATES FOR ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETIN SPONSORS: There are open dates for both Altar Flowers and Bulletin sponsors. If you would like to sign up for a particular date, please check the clipboard in the sanctuary hall. Cost is \$30 for altar flowers and \$20 to sponsor the bulletin. Please fill out the form and return it to the office or drop it in the offering plate. Thank you!

CARE PACKAGES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS: We are planning to send *Sheetz* gift cards to our college students. Please contact the church office by **April 30** with your student's name and address. Also, a collection box is in the back of the church for your donations to help keep this program going.

DONATIONS NEEDED for Jeannette fire victims. If you have items to contribute, please bring them to the church office. For monetary donations, please make checks payable to FUMC with Jeannette Fire on the memo line.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SALAD SUPPER is Tuesday, May 1 at 6:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. Join us for an evening of fellowship and a chance to get to know other women of the church. Please bring a salad to share. Supper will be followed by a brief meeting.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - UMW RUMMAGE SALE is **May 19** from 9 AM to 12 Noon. As you do your "spring cleaning", please remember we will take clothing, books, housewares, games, etc. Items can be dropped off at the church the week of May 13. We can use help on Friday, May 18 to set up and price and on Saturday, May 19 to sell and clean up! Please contact Sherry Miller at 724-537-9366 if you can volunteer.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY begins Wednesday, June 13 at 7:00 PM. For more information or to register please contact Pastor Jill at 724-420-4154 or jcroushore@greensburgfirst.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SUNDAY, JULY 22, which will be the All-Church Picnic at Mt. Odin Park in the Heather Lund Pavilion. Watch for details.

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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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.

JOYCE JENKINS SLYMAN
STUDY & LECTURE SERIES

Pentecost Sunday

May 20, 2018 • 6:00 PM

**We Believe Because It Is True:
Standing for the Faith**

Lecture by Dr. Allyn Ricketts



The Rev. Dr. Allyn Ricketts is Professor of Apologetics and Philosophy at the Biblical Life Institute near Freeport. His fields of instruction also include world religions, cults, and ethics. Dr. Ricketts' interests in the relationship of faith to reason and in fantasy and fiction as ways to communicate truth led to his fascination with the theology and writing of J. R. R. Tolkien, as well as C. S. Lewis. Allyn is a retired elder in the United Methodist Church. He and his wife Rachel have two children and five grandchildren and currently live in Latrobe.