

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Almighty King
Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst

No. 61

*OPENING PRAYER

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. 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

Glorify 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

Gloria in Excelsis

Chancel Chanters

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

No. 138

(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.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

GOSPEL LESSON

(Page 109 New Testament Pew Bible)

John 15:9-17

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Jill Croushore

TO RESPOND TO THE WORD

HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Allan Mahnke

*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

Joyful, Joyful, We adore Thee

No. 89

*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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin

arr. Alfred V. Fedak

THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God.

WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:

ACOLYTE: - Brandon Flock
ALTAR GUILD: - Brandie Hirst
COFFEE HOUR: - Ellen Grubb NEXT WEEK: Mother's Day
GREETERS: - Laurel Sedlacko NEXT WEEK: Mother's Day
LITURGIST: - Br. James Caffrey, Jr. OSL
SOUND SYSTEM: - Jordan Hirst
TECH TEAM: - (8:30) Jan Stewart (10:45) Tracy Barr
USHERS: - (8:30) Bill Conrad & George Fagert
- (10:45) Bob Bloom, Sam Detar, Harry Fox, Tim Willcox

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: Kay Guy; Jim Enlow; Mike Olbeter, Randy K. & family; Celeste; Lee Malloy; Penny; Tom Paterson; Julie Miller; 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 12, 2018

FEATURES: IRWIN MALE CHORUS

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Sun. 5/6

Read - Revelation 1:1-20

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
12:15 PM SPRC meeting after second service.

NO Youth Group

Mon. 5/7

Read - Revelation 2:1-29

6:00 PM Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Trustees Meeting - Library
7:00 PM Centering Prayer - Prayer Room

Tues. 5/8

Read - Revelation 3:1-22

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

Wed. 5/9

Read - Revelation 4:1-11

5:00 PM SPHS Support Group - Lounge

Thurs. 5/10

Read - Acts 1:1-26

11:00 AM 12 Step Meeting - Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM Food Bank Setup - Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM Chancel Chanters - Sanctuary
6:30 PM Bonnie Ross Ringers - Bell Room
7:30 PM Chancel Choir - Choir Room

Fri. 5/11

Read - Ezekiel 1:1-2:1

8:00 AM Food Bank - Fellowship Hall

Sat. 5/12

Read - Ezekiel 2:2-3:15

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

JUMONVILLE is hiring for summer camp help. They are looking for young people to fill positions of snack shop worker, office help, cabin counselor, nurse, and food service helper. Some positions require that you be at least sixteen years of age and others eighteen years of age. These are live-in positions for ten to twelve weeks in the summer with one day off during the week and a week off for vacation. For more information go to www.applyatjville.com or call 724-439-4912.

SUMMER SCHEDULE: Please note the *Halo Choir*, *Youth Bible Study*, *Transformer Choir* and *Kids Rock* will not meet on Thursday evenings during the months of May, June, July and August. They will resume meeting after Labor Day.

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.

SUNDAY, MAY 13, is Mother's Day and also the Church World Service blanket event. For a \$10 donation, you can sponsor a blanket that can be sent anywhere in the world where there is a disaster or a need. You can sponsor in honor or in memory of family or friends if you like. This project allows us to participate in global mission when a disaster happens or evacuation is necessary. We might not think that a blanket could mean much but to those who have nothing it can be shelter, warmth or a means to carry belongings. We hope you'll join with us to support this ministry.

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.

HISTORIC HANNA'S TOWN PRESENTS FRONTIER COURT REENACTMENT - Saturday, June 23 and Sunday, June 24, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Admission: Adults \$10.00 Children \$5.00 Under 5 Free.

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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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.

JOYCE JENKINS SLYMAN
STUDY & LECTURE SERIES

Pentecost Sunday

May 20, 2018 • 6:00 PM

First United Methodist Church of Greensburg - Fellowship Hall

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.