

July 15, 2018

8:30 - 10:45 AM Worship

8th Sunday after Pentecost

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

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Robert A. Hobby

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.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hope in Christ!

Hear the word of truth, the good news of our salvation.

Believe in Christ!

We are sealed with the mark of the Holy Spirit.

Live in Christ!

We embrace our heritage as the children of God.

Live to the glory of Christ!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

How Great Thou Art

No. 77

Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst

*OPENING PRAYER

God of signs and wonders, bless us this day with your many and varied blessings. Through your love and overflowing grace, adopt us as your children, that we may embrace our glorious inheritance. As we worship this day, call us once more to reflect your glory, and seal us in the promise of your Spirit, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*THE PEACE

*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

We believe in God, Creator of all that is and all that is to come. In God's house are many rooms, and God prepares a place for us, so that where God is we may be also. We believe in God; we believe also in Christ who is our Way, our Truth and our Life. Through him we have seen God, who lived and worked through him. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who lives and works in us, so that we may do the works Jesus does and even greater works, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son, through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

CALL TO PRAYER

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (stanza 1)

No. 500

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth; through all its pulses move; stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

(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

Grace Greater than Our Sin

No. 365

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:45)

Pocket Change For A Purpose

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

Kathy McLay and Renee' Bonari

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Since we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth, O God, make us hunger for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

(Pew Bible: Page 192 New Testament)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Anette V. Gerber

TO RESPOND TO THE WORD

BAPTISMAL COVENANT II (10:45)

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Landon Carl Steeves

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

How Can I Keep From Singing

Robert Lowry

*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

Victory in Jesus

No. 370

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION **Go, Make of All Disciples** (stanza 4)

No. 571

“Go, make of all disciples.” We welcome thy command.

“Lo, I am with you always.” We take thy guiding hand.

**The task looms large before us; we follow without fear;
in heaven and earth thy power shall bring God's kingdom here.**

*POSTLUDE

When in Our Music God is Glorified
The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin

arr. Robert A. Hobby

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and
in memory of our son Jack Wesner by John and Paula Wesner.

THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God .

WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:

ACOLYTE:	- Kasey Storkel	
ALTAR GUILD:	- Ellen Briggs	
LEMONADE ON THE PORCH	- Ed Meadows	NEXT WEEK: Church Picnic
GREETERS:	- Brian Kleber	
LITURGIST:	- Helen Turkalj	
NURSERY:	- Jean Faust	NEXT WEEK: No Nursery
SOUND SYSTEM:	- Tim Willcox	
TECH TEAM:	- (8:30) Jan Stewart	(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 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: The Yeskey family, Melanie Marody, Joanne Wass, Mike Olbeter and Dorcas Brown

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

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8:00 AM- 12:00 PM

Sun. 7/15

Read - Hosea 1:1-2:1

8:30 & 10:45 AM Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 AM Adult Sunday School

12:00 PM Lemonade on the Porch

2:00 PM Greensburg Youth District Picnic-Keystone Park

Mon. 7/16

Read - Hosea 2:2-23

9:30 AM Zumba - Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Centering Prayer - Prayer Room

Tues. 7/17

Read - Hosea 3:1-4:10

1:00 PM SPHS -Lounge

Wed. 7/18

Read - Hosea 5:4-15

9:30 AM Staff Meeting-Library

9:30 AM Zumba - Fellowship Hall

3:30 PM Congregational Care Meeting - Library

5:00 PM SPHS - Lounge

7:00 PM Finance and Stewardship - Lounge

7:00 PM FPU Class 4- Library

Thurs. 7/19

Read - Hosea 6:1-7:2

11:00 AM 12 Step Meeting - Fellowship Hall

Fri. 7/20

Read - Hosea 7:3-16

Sat. 7/21

Read - Hosea 9:17-10:15

12:30 PM Baby Shower-Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM Ekklesia Worship - Sanctuary



EKKLESIA -- A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG

SATURDAY - 7 PM - July 21, 2018

FEATURES: PATTY FITZPATRICK - PIANO

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLERICALLY STAFFED on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00 AM until Noon. Jackie Tepper will be filling in as secretary for the month of July.

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC is next Sunday, July 22, at Mt. Odin Park in the Heather Lund Pavilion beginning with worship at 10:45 AM and followed by our picnic and time of fellowship. The 8:30 AM worship will be held in the Sanctuary as usual.

THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will meet on at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 24, in the Library to discuss funeral meals. Team leaders will be identified and team members put on a list for the leaders to call when the need arises. No cooking is necessary. The meals will be catered; but set up, serving and clean up will be needed. We encourage anyone who would like to be a part of this ministry of the church to attend.

FLY ON OVER TO THE FUN AT VBS!!! Vacation Bible School begins Sunday, July 29, through Thursday, August 2, 2018. Dinner is served daily at 5:00 PM. “Castaway Sing & Play” begins at 6:00 PM. Parents should arrive at 8:00 PM to enjoy “Sail Away Sendoff.” Register now--call the church office at 724-834-3111.

HELP NEEDED AT WESTMORELAND COUNTY FAIR: The Greensburg District will serve the community by hosting the Hospitality Center (old country store in the center of the fairgrounds). Greensburg First United Methodist Church’s day is Tuesday, August 21. Please call Pastor Net at 724-834-3111 or email pastornet@greensburgfirst.org, if you are able to work a two to four hour shift.

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.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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.

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY
SUMMER CLASS**

Join the *Financial Peace University* summer class at First UMC. Memberships may be purchased at a discounted rate of \$45 per family through the church. For additional information, please contact Pastor Jill at jcroushore@greensburgfirst.org or 724-420-4154. Register online at: greensburgfirst.org.

Classes meet Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 PM.

July 18 **Lesson 4: Dumping Debt**





CodeRED – Keeping Citizens Informed

*Sign-up for
Emergency and Non-emergency
Alerts at County Website*

Westmoreland County Department of Public Safety is encouraging all residents to sign up for a new mass notification system known as CodeRED that allows county officials to quickly deliver alert messages regarding emergency situations and/or severe weather.

All can sign up for the notification system through the county's website at:
www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/CodeRED

The notifications can be sent to a cell phone, landline, or email address.

If you would like assistance to sign up for CodeRED, please complete the following information and return this form to the church office or place in the offering plate.

Name: _____

Phone number: _____



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