



*Indicates where you may stand if you are able.

**Four-digit hymns are from *The Faith We Sing* hymnal.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

O God, Thou Faithful God

Johannes Brahms

Welcoming the Light of Christ into our midst

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

based on Psalm 45; James 1; Song of Solomon 2

Receive life as a gift from God.

We will give generously to others from the gift of our lives.

Hear the words of your faith and rise to act.

We will be doers of the word, acting out of faith and love.

Arise and come away.

We rise to serve with hearts overflowing with love.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

No. 92

***OPENING PRAYER**

Creating God, Giver of life and love, open our hearts to your loving call, that we may hear your voice and rise to follow you. We give you thanks for the gift of life, and pledge to live this gift with love and gratitude. Guide us, Holy One, to respond to those in need: the widows and the orphans, the tired and the weary, the lost and the lonely. We pray in the name of Christ, who taught us how to love. Amen.

***THE PEACE**

You are God's beloved children.
Look into one another's face to see the beauty of God's presence.
Share the Lord's peace with gladness.

***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

CALL TO PRAYER

Open My Eyes, That I May See (refrain)

No. 454

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

(You are invited to come forward and kneel or stand at the altar rail)

PASTORAL 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 Want a Principle Within"

No. 410

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:45)

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 way of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

In Remembrance
Fred Pershing

Burl Red

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

(Pew Bible: Page 42, New Testament)

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Inside & Out

Rev. Anette V. Gerber

TO RESPOND TO THE WORD

HOLY COMMUNION

P. 15

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

Just As I Am

arr. Timothy Albrecht

*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

“Take Our Bread”

No. 640

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

Sent Forth by God’s Blessing (stanza 1)

No. 664

**Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.**

The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all.

God’s grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God’s kingdom and answer the call.

*POSTLUDE

Awake, Awake to Love and Work

arr. Wilbur Held

The Meeting is Over, Let the Service Begin

This Week’s Scriptures:

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Next Week’s Scriptures:

Psalm 125

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

THE CARNATION ON THE ALTAR is in loving memory
of Robert A. Gaither who joined the Church Eternal and Triumphant on August 23, 2018.

THE BULLETIN is given to the glory of God

WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE:	Aidan Hartman
ALTAR GUILD:	Cathy Willcox
COFFEE HOUR:	Carol Fletcher
COFFEE HOUR NEXT WEEK:	Dave & Ginny Grandey
GREETERS:	(8:30) Ed Meadows, Laurel Sedlacko, Marilyn McSparrin (10:45) Laurel Sedlacko & Barb Tucci
GREETERS NEXT WEEK:	(8:30) Ed Meadows, Laurel Sedlacko, Marilyn McSparrin (10:45)
LITURGIST:	Br. James Caffrey, Jr. OSL
NURSERY:	Jean Faust
NURSERY NEXT WEEK:	
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: Sam Allen and his dad, Carol Delissio, Ervin Boyce and Mike Olbeter.

Please continue to pray for our homebound, nursing home and care center members:

Brookdale Latrobe:	Allan Pierce, Dorothy Rutter
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-Friday 8 AM-12:00 PM and 12:30-4:00 PM

Sun. 9/2

Read - Mark 4:1-20

8:30 AM Worship - Sanctuary

9:30 AM Coffee Hour

10:45 AM Worship - Sanctuary

Mon. 9/3

Read - Mark 4:21-34

Holiday - Church & Church Office closed

Tues. 9/4

Read - Mark 7:1-23

9:30 AM Book Study - Library

1:00 PM SPHS - Lounge

7:00 PM Trustees Meeting - Library

Wed. 9/5

Read - Psalm 1

5:00 PM SPHS - Lounge

6:00 PM Book Study - Library

Thurs. 9/6

Read - Psalm 2

11:00 AM 12 Step Meeting - Fellowship Hall

6:00 PM Chancel Chanters

6:30 PM Bonnie Ross Ringers

7:30 PM Chancel Choir

Fri. 9/7

Read - Psalm 19

Sat. 9/8

Read - Psalm 25

7:00 PM Ekklesia Worship - Sanctuary



EKKLESIA -- A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG

SATURDAY - 7 PM - September 8, 2018

FEATURES: NIKESHA MOORE - VOICE AND PIANO

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Labor Day, Monday, September 3, the church and church offices will be closed.

Sunday school classes for all ages will begin next Sunday: Preschool (Nursery), Children's Sunday School (3rd floor), Youth (3rd floor), Among Friends (Heritage Room), Genesis/Vanguard class (Library).

The Circuit Rider was mailed out last week...did you get it? If not, contact the church office to confirm your US mail address or your email address.

Youth Group begins next Sunday, September 9, at 6:00 PM in the Café.

Church choir rehearsals will begin Thursday, September 6, 6:00 PM-Chancel Chanters, 6:30 PM-Bonnie Ross Ringers, 7:30 PM-Chancel Choir. New members are always welcome. Call the church office if you are interested.

Encounter the life and ministry of Jesus in a fresh and exciting new way. In *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus*, author and pastor Adam Hamilton explores the earthly ministry of Jesus to help you hear his teaching and view his actions anew by drawing upon insights from history, archaeology, and the geography of the Holy Land. Hamilton uses his knowledge from extensive travel in Israel to enrich many episodes from Jesus' three years of ministry. Travel to the Jordan River, where Jesus was baptized and the Judean wilderness where he was tempted. Climb the mountain where Jesus gave his most famous sermon, and take a boat ride into the Sea of Galilee. This journey, into the heart of the land where Jesus walked, will deepen your understanding of his life, while also increasing your love and faith in him.

Starting September 4th, Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am.

Starting September 5th, Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm.

Celebrating Christian Education Sunday, September 9, 2018

THE PURPOSE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Through Christian education we invite people and communities of faith to be transformed as they are inspired and challenged to: Know and experience God through Jesus Christ, Claim and live God's promises, and Grow and serve as Christian disciples.

"Day Apart" presented by Greensburg District United Methodist Women Wednesday, September 5, 9:45 AM to 2:00 PM (sign-in begins at 9:00 AM) at Camp Allegheny **Speaker: Luella Krieger** presents visitors from the past "Mary, Mother of Jesus" **Cost: \$12 per person** (includes breakfast rolls/breads and coffee/tea, as well as beverage, soup, grilled chicken sandwich, and salad bar luncheon) **Registration contact:** Diane Helms 724-454-1883 or email geebeeof4@gmail.com

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 the pastor 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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PLEASE MAKE NOTE...the email for sforeman has been disconnected.
Please direct all office correspondence through the newly created
churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org

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!

FOOD BANK

DESPERATELY NEEDED: Helping Hands -- Servant's Hearts -- Warm Smiles

Set up on Thursday, Sept. 13 at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall

Distribution on Friday, Sept. 14 at 8 AM in Fellowship Hall

We currently have 80 clients that we serve through this ministry. We need your help.

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EDUCATION AND MUSIC PROGRAMS FOR FALL 2018



There are many opportunities at Greensburg First in our education and music departments. Please check them out and find one suited for you and your family.

Sunday

9:30 - 10:30 AM - Sunday School classes for age 3 thru adult_(beginning September 9)
6:00 - 8:00 PM – Youth Group (beginning September 9)

Tuesday

9:30 AM - Adult Bible Study (The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus)

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6:00 PM - Adult Bible Study (The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus)

Thursday

Children Age 4 thru 5th grade (beginning September 13)

6:00 - 6:20 PM - Children's Chimes (age 6 and up)
6:20 - 6:40 PM - Transformer Choir (vocal choir for children)
6:40 - 7:30 PM - Kids Rock (active learning program involving Bible stories, crafts, games, plays, snacks and most importantly the love of God and his son, Jesus.)

Youth Grades 6 - 12 (beginning September 13)

6:00 - 6:20 PM - Meet with Kids Rock teacher to plan Kids Rock session and service projects
6:20 - 6:40 PM - Halo Choir (vocal choir for youth)
6:40 - 7:30 PM Assist with the Kids Rock program. We hope to also provide the youth with an opportunity to complete service projects during this time.

Adults (beginning September 6)

6:00 - 6:30 PM - Chancel Chanters
6:30 - 7:30 PM - Bonnie Ross Ringers (handbell choir)
7:30 - 8:30 PM - Chancel Choir

