



\*Indicates where you may stand if you are able.

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

### THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

Healer of Our Every Ill

arr. Jeffrey Honoré

*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.)

INTROIT

My Lord, What a Morning

G.F.Pershing

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 125; James 2; Proverbs 22

Those who trust in the Lord shall never be shaken.

**Those who place their faith in God stand on firm foundations.**

Just as the mountains surround Jerusalem, God's love and mercy surround God's peoples.

**Just as rivers flow through mountain ravines, God's mercy and compassion flow through us.**

Come! Let us worship the One who brings us peace!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

**"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"**

No. 89

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Holy One of Peace, truly you show no partiality, for you treat all people equally. You have chosen the poor to be rich in faith. You have chosen the downtrodden to be heirs of your kingdom. May our time of worship fill us with the desire to love our neighbors as ourselves, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**\*THE PEACE**

When our hearts are pure and when our lives reflect God's goodness, we find peace.  
Let us share this peace with one another as we exchange signs  
of Christ's presence in our lives.

**\*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

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

Thank you, God, for this church

Lani Linhart

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC (Choir)**

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

**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**

**"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

No. 526

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:45)**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION RECOGNITION (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.**



**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God  
and in honor of the 40th wedding anniversary of Tim & Cathy Willcox  
and in honor of the 72nd birthday of Ginny Grandey  
and in honor of the wedding anniversary of Mike and Joan Sweeney

**THE BULLETIN** is given to the glory of God

## **WE THANK THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY**

ACOLYTE:	Riley Hirst
ALTAR GUILD:	Cathy Willcox
COFFEE HOUR:	Dave & Ginny Grandey
COFFEE HOUR NEXT WEEK:	Jacquie Hebrank
GREETERS:	(8:30) Ed Meadows, Laurel Sedlacko, Marilyn McSparrin (10:45) Carol Jean Albaugh
GREETERS NEXT WEEK:	(8:30) Ed Meadows, Laurel Sedlacko, Marilyn McSparrin (10:45) Bill Conrad
LITURGIST:	Sam Detar
NURSERY:	Jean Faust
NURSERY NEXT WEEK:	
SOUND SYSTEM:	Aidan Hartman
TECH TEAM:	(8:30) Kelly Fullman (10:45) Tracy Barr
USHERS:	(8:30) Bill Conrad & George Fagert (10:45) Nevin Baker, Bruce Blackson, Ken Keiser, Bill Shope Jr., Rich Shula, Kerry Thompson

**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, Ervin Boyce and Mike Olbeter.

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

<b>Brookdale Latrobe:</b>	Allan Pierce, Dorothy Rutter
<b>Westmoreland Manor:</b>	Norma Gump, Charlotte Sonafelt
<b>Home:</b>	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

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8 AM-4 PM (12-12:30 lunch)

- Sun. 9/9 **Read - Proverbs 1:1-33**  
8:30 AM - Worship (Sanctuary)  
9:30 AM - Preschool (Nursery), Children's Sunday School (3rd fl.),  
Youth (3rd fl.), Among Friends (Heritage room),  
Genesis/Vanguard Class (Library).  
9:30 AM - Coffee Hour (Sanctuary Hall)  
10:45 AM - Worship (Sanctuary)  
6:00 PM - Youth (Café)
- Mon. 9/10 **Read - Proverbs 3:1-35**  
6:15 PM - Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 PM - Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)
- Tues. 9/11 **Read - Proverbs 4:1-27**  
9:30 AM - Book Study (Library)  
1:00 PM - SPHS (Lounge)  
7:00 PM - Nominations & Lay Leadership Meeting (Library)
- Wed. 9/12 **Read - Proverbs 14:1-35**  
5:00 PM - SPHS (Lounge)  
6:00 PM - Book Study (Library)  
7:00 PM - Christian Education Meeting (North Hall)
- Thurs. 9/13 **Read - Proverbs 15:1-33**  
11:00 AM - 12 Step Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 PM - Food Bank Set Up (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 PM - Children's Chimes (Chapel)  
6:00 PM - Youth Leadership Training  
6:00 PM - Chancel Chanters (Sanctuary)  
6:20 PM - Halo Choir (Choir Room)  
6:20 PM - Transformer Choir (North Hall)  
6:30 PM - Bonnie Ross Ringers (Bell Room)  
6:40 PM - Kids Rock (North Hall)  
6:40 PM - Youth assist with Kids Rock  
7:30 PM - Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
- Fri. 9/14 **Read - Proverbs 16:1-33**  
8:00 AM - Food Bank (Fellowship Hall)
- Sat. 9/15 **Read - Proverbs 17:1-28**  
7:00 PM Ekklesia Worship (Sanctuary)



**EKKLESIA -- A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG**  
**SATURDAY - 7 PM - September 15, 2018**  
**FEATURES: FORREST MOORE - PIANO**

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

## **Celebrating Christian Education Sunday, TODAY**

**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.

**Youth Group begins TONIGHT,** September 9, at 6:00 PM in the Café.

## **Deadline for information to be included in the October Circuit Rider is September 15.**

Please contact the church office with any information, announcements, meetings, etc.

**Circuit Rider assemblers desperately needed.** If you have a couple of hours on the last Thursday of every month, then we have just the ministry for you. The Circuit Rider monthly newsletter is folded, tabbed and labeled for mailing. Please contact the church office.

## **All the Church choir rehearsals and Kids Rock begin this week...see page 5 for details.**

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.

**Tuesday mornings at 9:30 AM and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM.**

**Boy Scouts begin another season,** meeting every Monday beginning September 10th from 6:15-8:15 PM in the fellowship hall. This is for young men ages 11 to 17.

Contact Bob Gardner with any questions at 724-837-0137

**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](mailto: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 TODAY)  
6:00 - 8:00 PM - Youth Group (beginning TODAY)

### **Tuesday**

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

### **Wednesday**

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 - Youth Leadership Training  
(Join Kids Rock teacher to plan Kids Rock session & 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**

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

