



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

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

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

The Heavens Are Telling

Beethoven/Wells

*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 Proverbs 1, Mark 8

Wisdom cries out in the streets.

**We hear and struggle to understand.**

Come and listen to the words of life and love.

**We hear and proclaim our faith in the one who brings life.**

Let us worship the God of life and wisdom

Whose words guide our life on the right paths.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

**"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"**

No. 152

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Loving and caring God, we come this morning seeking wisdom and guidance for our lives. Open us to your words of life and love and truth. May we proclaim with our tongues what we know in our hearts. In this time of worship, help us more fully understand what it means to truly be a disciple, a follower of the way of Jesus, a follower of the path of wisdom. May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

**\*THE PEACE**

God's peace is more desirable than gold and is sweeter than honey.  
Greet one another with signs of God's peace in Jesus Christ.

**\*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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (Chancel Choir) Morning Has Broken Harry Simeone

**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**

**"Where He Leads Me"**

No. 338

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

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

**POCKET CHANGE FOR A PURPOSE:**

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

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.**

GOSPEL LESSON (Pew Bible: Pages 43-44, New Testament)

Mark 8:27-38

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Christ-like”

Rev. Anette V. Gerber

**TO RESPOND TO THE WORD**

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

How Great Thou Art  
Riley Hirst playing the marimba

by Stuart K. Hine

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

Christ, for the World We Sing

arr. Allan Mahnke

\*DOXOLOGY

**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!**

No. 94

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**AND DEPART FOR SERVICE**

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

“Lift High the Cross”

No. 159

\*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

Psalm XIX

Benedetto Marcello

*The meeting is over. Let the service begin.*

**The Chancel Flowers** are given to the Glory of God

by Dave & Ginny Grandey in loving memory of their daughter, Lisa Marie Grandey Peat  
and by Betty Daverse in loving memory of Jean & Edwin Mason

**The Bulletin** is given to the Glory of God

by Deborah Dunlap Weinstein in loving memory of Norman Weinstein at Yom Kippur

**We Thank Those Who Are Serving Today**

ACOLYTE:	Regan Lennert
ALTAR GUILD:	Cathy Willcox
COFFEE HOUR:	Jacque Hebrank
COFFEE HOUR (next week):	Mallory Baker
GREETERS:	(8:30) Marilyn McSparrin, Ed Meadows, Laurel Sedlacko, (10:45) Bill Conrad
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LITURGIST:	Helen Turkalj
NURSERY:	Mallory Baker
NURSERY (next week):	_____
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, Michelle Savage, Barb Tucci, Cathy Willcox, Marsha Zabrosky

**Please lift up our friends and church family in prayer:** Our shut-ins, those in military service, those facing fires and flooding, and all with special needs:

*(Please write prayer concerns on the pink cards in the pews and place them in the offering plate—requests are left on for three weeks, unless renewed.)*

**Prayer & Health Concerns:**

Sam Allen & his dad, Mike Olbeter, Melonie, Ben, Reggie, Mike and Alexis

**Please continue to pray for our homebound, nursing home & care center**

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

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

- Sunday 9/16**     **Read - Proverbs 18:1-24**  
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)
- Monday 9/17**     **Read - Proverbs 22:1-29**  
6:15 PM - Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30 PM - Healing Hearts (Lounge)  
7:00 PM - Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)
- Tuesday 9/18**     **Read - Proverbs 23:1-35**  
9:30 AM - Book Study (Library)  
1:00 PM - SPHS (Lounge)  
7:00 PM - Finance & Stewardship Meeting (Library)
- Wednesday 9/19**     **Read - Proverbs 24:1-34**  
5:00 PM - SPHS (Lounge)  
6:00 PM - Book Study (Library)
- Thursday 9/20**     **Read - Ecclesiastes 1:1-18**  
11:00 AM - 12 Step Meeting (Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 PM - Children's Chimes (Chapel), Youth Leadership Training (NH),  
Chancel Chanters (Sanctuary)  
6:20 PM - Halo Choir (Choir Room), Transformer Choir (North Hall)  
6:30 PM - Bonnie Ross Ringers (Bell Room)  
6:40 PM - Kids Rock (North Hall), Youth assist with Kids Rock  
7:30 PM - Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
- Friday 9/21**     **Read - Ecclesiastes 2:1-26**
- Saturday 9/22**     **Read - Ecclesiastes 3:1-22**  
9:00 AM - 12 Noon - UMW Pancake Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)  
7:00 PM - Ekklesia Worship (Sanctuary)



### **A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG**

**SATURDAY - September 22, 2018 - 7 PM**

**FEATURES: AMANDA SAGE - FLUTE**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pocket Change for a Purpose is TODAY...** Please give generously as our children walk around with their collection cups. Today's proceeds will benefit the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

**Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 22, 9 AM to 12 Noon** in our Fellowship Hall (\$8 Adult / \$4 Children under 10). All proceeds to benefit the ministry and many missions of the United Methodist Women. **SPREAD THE WORD!!!**

**Sunday school classes for all ages during the 9:30 hour:** See the weekly calendar on page 5 for choices and locations.

**Youth Group meets** every Sunday at 6:00 PM in the Café on the 3rd floor.

**Deadline for information to be included in the October Circuit Rider was YESTERDAY, Saturday, September 15.** Please contact the church office with any information, announcements, meetings, etc. as soon as possible.

**Circuit Rider assemblers desperately needed.** If you have a couple of hours on the last Thursday of every month (Sept. 27) 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.

**Our many fall ministries and choirs have begun.** See page 5 calendar for details. New members are always welcome. Call the church office if you are interested.

**Book/Bible Study with Pastor Net continues** on *The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus* Tuesday mornings at 9:30 AM & Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM. Join us to encounter the life and ministry of Jesus in a fresh and exciting new way.

**Boy Scouts continue meeting** every Monday from 6:15-8:15 PM (Fellowship Hall). This is for young men ages 11 to 17. Questions? Contact Bob Gardner 724-837-0137.

**Open dates for 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.

**Thanks so much for your help with the food bank distribution last Friday!**  
Every pair of hands make the mission so much easier.

## 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.

### **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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### **PLEASE MAKE NOTE...**

the email for sforeman will soon be disconnected.  
Please direct all office correspondence through the newly created  
**[churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org](mailto:churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org)**

#### **This Week's Scriptures:**

Proverbs 1:20-33  
Psalm 19  
James 3:1-12  
Mark 8:27-38

#### **Next Week's Scriptures:**

Proverbs 31:10-31  
Psalm 1  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37



## ***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 (**began Sept. 9**)

6:00 - 8:00 PM - Youth Group (**began Sept. 9**)

### **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 (**began Sept. 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 (**began Sept. 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