



GREENSBURG *First*
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 23, 2018

8:30 - 10:45 AM Worship

18th 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

God Himself Is Present

arr. David Cherwien

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 Psalms 1, James 3

Draw near to God, and grow strong in God's presence.

Seek God's wisdom, and know joy as God draws near.

Live as trees planted by living waters, and Christ will give you peace.

Rest in the shade of the Tree of Life, and Christ will lead you home.

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"To God be the Glory"

No. 98

***OPENING PRAYER**

We draw near to you, O God, Source of all understanding, and ask you to draw near to us. Teach us your wisdom from above, that we may bear good fruit in our lives. Root us beside the streams of your wisdom, that the green leaves of our goodness, fed by your insight, may not wither. Amen.

***THE PEACE** Jesus came to bring peace among us.

Let us sow the seeds for peace in our world by sharing the peace of Christ with one another, stranger and friend alike.

***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**
881

The Apostles' Creed

No.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC (Chancel Choir)

Blessed Is The Man

Jane Marshall

CALL TO PRAYER
454

Open My Eyes, That I May See (refrain)

No.

**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**

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

No. 358

(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.

EPISTLE LESSON (Pew Bible: Pages 230-231, New Testament) James 3:13-4:13

GOSPEL LESSON (Pew Bible: Page 45, New Testament) Mark 9:30-37

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Kingdom's Notion of Greatness" Rev. Anette V. Gerber

TO RESPOND TO THE WORD

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Lift Your Light by M. McDonald

Rev. Aimee Twigg, Karen & Fred Pershing, James Caffrey, Jr.

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus arr. A.
Mahnke

*DOXOLOGY **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;** No.
94

**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 "Are Ye Able" No. 530

*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,**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8 AM-4 PM

Sunday 9/23

Read - Ecclesiastes 5:1-20

8:30 AM - Worship (Sanctuary)

9:30 AM - Preschool (Nursery), Children's Sunday School (3rd fl.),
Youth (3rd fl.), Genesis/Vanguard Class (Library)

9:30 AM - Coffee Hour (Sanctuary Hall)

10:45 AM - Worship (Sanctuary)

6:00 PM - Youth (Café)

Monday 9/24

Read - Ecclesiastes 7:1-25

6:00 PM - Girl Scouts (North Hall & 3rd floor Confirmation room)

6:15 PM - Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 PM - Hospitality/Membership meeting (Lounge)

7:00 PM - Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)

Tuesday 9/25

Read - Ecclesiastes 8:1-17

9:30 AM - Book Study (Library)

1:00 PM - SPHS (Lounge)

Wednesday 9/26 **Read - Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:20**

1:00 PM - Congregational Care (Library)

5:00 PM - SPHS (Lounge)

6:00 PM - Book Study (Library)

7:30 PM - Church Council (Lounge)

Thursday 9/27

Read - Ecclesiastes 12:1-14

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 (North Hall)

7:30 PM - Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

Friday 9/28

Read - 2 Kings 22:1-20



A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG

Saturday - September 29, 2018 - 7 PM

FEATURES: JACOB GRUSS - ORGAN

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

Saturday 9/29

Read - 2 Kings 23:21-30

7:00 PM - Ekklesia Worship (Sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks for your generous participation in our Pocket Change for a Purpose last week... We are pleased to announce a total of \$317.50 was collected that will go to benefit the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

Thanks for all those who came out yesterday to take part in the UMW Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser! All proceeds went to benefit the ministry and many missions of the United Methodist Women.

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.

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.

Hospitality and Membership will meet this Monday, September 24, at 6:30 PM in the lounge.

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.

Congregational Care will meet this Wednesday, September 26, at 1:00 PM in the Library

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.

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 green form (flowers) or the

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.

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Please direct all office correspondence through the newly created

This Week’s Scriptures:

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalms 1

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Next Week’s Scriptures:

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalms 124

James 5:13-20

The First United Methodist Church of Greensburg
and the Joyce Jenkins Slyman Memorial

Present

A Sunday Evening Study & Lecture Series



with Dr. Allyn Ricketts

October 28, 2018 • 6:00 PM

We Believe Because It Is True: The Divinity of Christ

November 4, 2018 • 6:00 PM

The Theology of C.S. Lewis

First United Methodist Church of Greensburg (Fellowship Hall)

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.