



Greensburg First United Methodist Church
Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
Monday, December 24, 2018
11:00 p.m. Worship

**“there was no room for them
in the inn.”**

(Luke 2:7)

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

PRELUDE Improvisation on Twelve Tunes of Christmas Dom Andrew Moore

CHORAL INTROIT Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming Praetorius

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN **O Come, All Ye Faithful** No. 234

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

“Gesù Bambino”
Music: Pietro Yon

Words and Arranged by
JOEL RANEY

O come, O come, Em-man-u-
el, and end this gloom of night. Bring
hope to the world, bring peace to the
earth, and fill us with love's pure light.

For those walking in darkness,
a new light has dawned.

**Christ is our light and
the source of everlasting hope.**

For those living in fear and dread,
a new light has dawned.

**Christ is our light and
the source of everlasting peace.**

For those living in hopelessness and
despair, a new light has dawned.

**Christ is our light and
the source of everlasting joy.**

For those living in loneliness,
a new light has dawned.

**Christ is our light and
the source of everlasting love.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever.

Amen.

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

INTRODUCTION TO SILENT NIGHT

Sam Tipton, Soloist

*HYMN AND CANDLE LIGHTING

Silent Night, Holy Night

No. 239

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

Joy to the World

No. 246

*POSTLUDE

Unto Us Is Born a Son

arr. Andrew Fletcher

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OF THE SERVICE MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS.
IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE ASK AN USHER.***

THE BULLETINS are given to the Glory of God by the United Methodist Women.

We Thank Those Who Are Serving This Evening:

ACOLYTES:

Ryan Barr, Anthony Peila

ALTAR GUILD:

Mary Lou Fitzgerald

LITURGIST:

Brother Jim Caffrey, Jr. OSL

SOUND SYSTEM:

Tim Willcox

TECH TEAM:

Tracy Barr

USHERS:

Bob Bloom, Ken Keiser, Cathy Willcox, Tim Willcox

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Sundays

8:30 a.m.	Worship - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages Preschool (age 3 thru kindergarten) - Nursery Elementary (grades 1 thru 5) - 3rd floor Youth (grades 6 thru 12) - 3rd floor Genesis/Vanguard class (adults) - Library
9:30 a.m.	Coffee hour - Sanctuary Hall
10:45 a.m.	Worship - Sanctuary

Mondays

7:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer - Prayer Room
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Tuesdays

6:00 p.m.	Congregational Care Team meeting - Library
7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry training - Library

Thursdays

6:00-6:20 p.m.	Children's Chimes (age 6 & up) Youth Leadership Training (youth prep to assist Kids Rock)
6:00-6:30 p.m.	Chancel Chanters (adult vocal ensemble)
6:20-6:40 p.m.	Transformer Choir (vocal choir for children) Halo Choir (vocal choir for youth)
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Bonnie Ross Ringers (adult handbell choir)
6:40-7:30 p.m.	Kids Rock (age 5 thru 5th grade) An active learning program involving Bible stories, crafts, games, plays, snacks and, most importantly, the love of God and his son, Jesus.
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir (adult vocal choir)

Saturdays

7:00 p.m.	Ekklesia Worship (a communion service of word & song)
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Contact the Church Office at 724-834-3111 for information about any of the following:

The Circuit Rider Stay informed of church activities by receiving our monthly newsletter, the Circuit Rider. You can receive a black and white copy through the mail or experience it in full color via email. Contact the church office to provide your mailing address or email.

Healing Hearts Support Group Losing someone you love is devastating and life changing. Join with other people who have been there and who understand. You are not alone! We meet monthly on the 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m. in our lounge.

Centering Prayer One may believe that all prayer requires words. Based on Psalm 46:10 "*Be still and know that I am God...*", we learn to create interior silence in which the Holy Spirit helps guide us to our true self. Join us on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in our Prayer Room.



A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG (SATURDAYS @ 7 PM)

We invite you to come away to a quieter place.

Each worship service includes: *scripture and a homily (sermon), the sacrament of Holy Communion and one featured musical instrumentalist or ensemble. Then, we gather for a light snack and a time of fellowship.*

Now taking reservations for 2019 Chancel Flowers and Bulletin Sponsors.

Remember that 2018 reserved dates WILL NOT carry over to 2019.
Please use the green form for flowers and the purple form for bulletins. Both are located in the media rack.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2018

Given by

Jones Memorial Fund

Bill & Carole Beam

Carolyn & William Brown

Bill Conrad

Betty Daverse

Sam Detar

Wife, Jean & Son, Arthur

JoAnn & Larry Flock, Sr.

Patricia Redd Fordyce & Will Swartz

His Family

Pam Hamill

In Memory of

Samuel & Flora Jones
Dr. J.M. Jones & Jessie Cuddy
A.E. & Bertha Shupe
Lucille Shupe

Our Parents:
William & Mary Ellen Beam
Ralph & Alyce James

Our Loved Ones

Myrt Conrad

Edwin & Jean Mason

Sharon Detar

Husband & Father: Craig Faust

Our Son Mark & Our Parents

Ann Redd

Robert A. Gaither

James, Ella & Robert Reese
Philip, Maxine and Mary Hamill



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2018

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Given by

Family

Son, Aidan

MaryAnn & Rick Herd

MaryAnn Herd

Paulette Hood & Family

Ruth Hughes

The Platos Family

Kerry & Evelyn

Sue & Ed Meadows

Rev. Michael & Cathy Milinovich

Diane Miller

Daughters, Son & Grandchildren

Miller Family

Wife, Sherry & Family

Daughter, Linda Sampsell

Joan & Mike Sweeney

Libbie Williams

In Memory of

Howard & Dorothy Hartman Sr.
and Howard Hartman Jr.

Rebecca Hartman

Our Parents:
Richard & Arlene Herd
Truman J. Fisher

Siblings: Amanda Brugbacher & Lance Fisher

James S. Hood & Mildred Hood
Paul & Sally Wendt

Martha Nash
My Parents: John C. & Florence M. King
My Brother: John T. King

Albert & Jean Platos
Martha Nash

Mary Vahal
Mildred Stubbs
Paul & Lila McDowell

Azel Meadows
Bernice Meadows

Rhelda Graham McCollum
Michael & Anne Marie Milinovich, Sr.

Jake Miller
Jodie Miller

Gladys Mough

Bill & Isabelle Miller

Ray Miller

Mom & Dad: Mary & Albert Sampsell

Lela & Wayne Roland
Linda Roland

My Parents & Grandparents



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Given by

Greg & Tracy Barr

Bill & Carole Beam

Sam Detar

JoAnn & Larry Flock, Sr.

Rev. Anette Gerber

Rick & MaryAnn Herd

The Platos Family

Evelyn & Kerry

In Honor of

Our Children: Rachel & Ryan

Our Children: Randy & Gail Beam, Brian & Marge Beam and Jill & Edward Lint

Our Grandchildren: Kristin, Jared, Zachary, Erin, Elicia, Gabrielle, Alex and Christian

My Grandchildren:
Aden, Tyler, Maddie, Emily & John

Our Children & Grandchildren

Our Family

My Mom: AnnaMary Fisher
Our Children: Megan & Joe Melichar and Kaitlyn & Joe Lewis
Our Grandchildren: Margot Melichar and Brady & Evan Lewis

Ed & Sue Meadows 50th Anniversary

Helen Harrison



We Welcome You

We are so glad that you chose to worship at Greensburg First United Methodist Church. 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 we 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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Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Rev. Anette V. Gerber....Senior Pastor.....(pastornet@greensburgfirst.org)
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Ruth K. Hughes.....Organist

*Church and office will be closed
Dec. 25 & 26 and Jan. 1*