



GREENSBURG *First*
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 6, 2019
8:30 and 10:45 AM Worship

Epiphany of the Lord

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

Caravan of the Three Kings

Richard Purvis

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 (10:45)

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Isaiah 60, Ephesians 3, Matthew 2)

Arise and shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of God's goodness and grace has risen upon you.

We come like the Magi, following the star of the Christ child.

Arise and shine for your moment has come,
and the glory of God's love and mercy through you into the world.

We come like Paul, to share the good news that Christ lives among us.

Arise and shine, for you are called to be God's people,
and to bring good news and great joy for a world
that longs for wholeness and peace.

Let us worship the God Who calls us.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

There's a Song in the Air

No. 249

**OPENING PRAYER: Bright shining Maker of visions and dreams,
the good news of your love lights up the world with radiant glory.
We see you in rain and snow, in sunrise and sunset, in the smiles and hugs
that greet the new year. Like the Magi who followed a star to welcome
the newborn Christ, help us to follow the star of your love and bring gifts
of wholeness and peace to a world that is broken and in pain.
Share with us the boundless riches of your grace
that we might be bearers of your goodness, in the name of Jesus,
Who is the Christ, now and in the days to come. Amen.**

THE PEACE: Rejoicing in the brightness of God's blessings, let us share signs of peace.

*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.**

MINISTRY IN MUSIC (Chancel Choir 10:45)

Adoration of the Wise Men
arr. C. R. Thoburn

CALL TO PRAYER

(stanza 1) No. 206

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.
(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

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Pew Bible: Page 690 Old Testament)

Isaiah 60:1-6

*HYMN OF INVITATION

We Three Kings

No. 254

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:45)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**May we hear the challenge and the promise of these words, O God,
and may they transform our lives and the world. Amen.**

GOSPEL READING (Pew Bible: Page 2 New Testament)

Matthew 2:1-12

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“What Are You Looking For?”

Rev. Anette V. Gerber

TO RESPOND TO THE WORD

MINISTRY IN MUSIC (Chancel Chanters 8:30 & 10:45)

Psalm 150

C. V. Stanford

HOLY COMMUNION

P. 15

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

Brightest and Best

arr. John Leavitt

*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

We Would See Jesus

No. 256

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

(stanza 3) No. 219

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; come, peasant king to own him;

The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary

*POSTLUDE

Let All Together Praise Our God

Johann Walther

The meeting is over. Let the service begin.

The chancel flowers

are given to the Glory of God by Tim and Cathy Willcox, in loving memory of our mothers and grandmother: Ethel Garris, Mary Willcox and Mary Pollock.

The bulletins are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Craig Faust by his children: Iris and Arthur.

We Thank Those Who Are Serving Today

- ACOLYTE: Luke Flock
- ALTAR GUILD: Mary Lou Fitzgerald
- COFFEE HOUR:
- COFFEE HOUR (next week): Carole Beam
- GREETERS: (8:30) Marilyn McSparrin, Ed Meadows,
Laurel Sedlacko
(10:45) _____
- LITURGIST: Br. James Caffrey Jr. OSL
- NURSERY: Mallory Baker
- NURSERY (next week): Kristin Labian
- SOUND SYSTEM: Tim Willcox
- TECH TEAM: (8:30) Jan Stewart
(10:45) Cheryl Lennert
- USHERS: (8:30) Bill Conrad & George Fagert
(10:45) Bob Bloom, Sam Detar,
Harry Fox, Tim Willcox

Please lift up 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 pink cards in the pews, check a box and place them in the offering plate. Requests are left on for three weeks unless renewed.

Prayer & Health Concerns: Mike, Marc, Michelle, parents, Melonie, Micah, Jeff, and the Croushore family, the Shean family and Duane G.

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

- Brookdale Latrobe:** Allan Pierce, Dorothy Rutter
Marge Trumbetta
- Westmoreland Manor:** Norma Gump, Christine Shank,
Charlotte Sonafelt
- Home:** Art Faust

PLEASE NOTE...Hospitals and care centers no longer contact churches to let them know that members may be a patient there. **Please contact the church office with information.**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Sunday, January 6** **Read - Matthew 2:1-12** **“Epiphany of the Lord”**
8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
9:30 a.m. Preschool (Nursery), Children’s Sunday School (3rd floor),
Youth (3rd floor), Genesis/Vanguard class (Library)
9:30 a.m. Coffee hour (Sanctuary Hall)
10:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
~~6:00 p.m.~~ ~~Youth (CANCELLED)~~
- Monday, January 7** **Read - Matthew 2:13-23**
6:15 p.m. Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)
7:00 p.m. Trustees meeting (Library)
- Tuesday, January 8** **Read - Luke 4:1-15**
9:30 a.m. Book study (Library)
1:00 p.m. SPSHS (Lounge)
6:00 p.m. Congregational Care Team meeting (Library)
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry meeting (Library)
- Wednesday, January 9** **Read - Luke 4:16-30**
TIME???
- 5:00 p.m. SPSHS (Lounge)
6:30 p.m. Book study (Library)
- Thursday, January 10** **Read - Luke 4:31-44**
11:00 a.m. 12 Step Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 p.m. Food bank set up (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Children’s Chimes (Chapel), Youth Leadership Training (NH),
Chancel Chanters (Sanctuary)
6:20 p.m. Halo Choir (Choir Room), Transformer Choir (North Hall)
6:30 p.m. Bonnie Ross Ringers (Bell Room)
6:40 p.m. Kids Rock (North Hall), Youth assist with Kids Rock (N. Hall)
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir (Choir Room)
- Friday, January 11** **Read - Luke 5:1-16**
8:00 a.m. Food bank supply organization
10:00 a.m. Food bank distribution
- Saturday, January 12** **Read - Luke 5:17-32**
7:00 p.m. Ekklesia Worship (Sanctuary)



A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG

Saturday - Jan. 12, 2019 - 7 p.m.

Featured Musician: Jill & Joy Procida, Glass City Swing Band
saxophone & trumpet

Worship Leader: Rev. Anette Gerber

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE pick up your 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES in the sanctuary hall. If you don't have them and need envelopes to make giving easier, please sign up on the clipboard.

Poinsettias in need of good home...please take one or more of the lovely poinsettias to enjoy at home or for someone you may know that needs a little cheer in this post-Christmas drear.

Upper Room daily devotionals for Jan./Feb. AND 2019 Bible Reading Guides are now available in the media rack in the sanctuary hall.

One last Food Bank 2019 "Truck of the Month" sponsorship is ready and waiting for you in the sanctuary hall. Hurry...today will probably be your last chance!

February Circuit Rider monthly newsletter article/announcement deadline is Jan. 15.

Regular weekly Youth Group WILL NOT meet on Sunday evenings until further notice. Watch for special monthly activities coming up!

Centering Prayer will meet on Monday, Jan. 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room.

The Trustees will meet on Monday, Jan. 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

Tuesday morning Book/Bible Study with Pastor Net will meet Jan. 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Library.

Congregational Care Team and Stephen Ministry will meet Tuesday, Jan. 8, in the Library at 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. respectively.

Wednesday evening Book/Bible Study with Pastor Net will meet Jan. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

Life Line Screenings will be here on Wednesday, Jan. 9, in the Fellowship Hall. You must register and schedule an appointment by calling 688-229-0469 or go online at www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle.

Food Bank pantry supplies set up will take place at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, Jan. 10. Please consider coming out to help.

All regular Thursday evening activities begin this week on Jan. 10. Refer to the weekly calendar on page 5 for complete details.

The Food Bank truck arrives at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, Jan 11. This ministry depends on volunteers, and we really could use more hands to make the work lighter and quicker to unload & organize a truckload of food for the 10:00 AM distribution. Please contact Rhonda at 412-651-4951 or via rhondarlt@yahoo.com for more information.

The SPARK Mission Team will have a planning meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 15, in the Library. This meeting is for EVERYONE, whether you would like to get involved or if you just have an idea or suggestion to offer. We plan to reorganize this ministry into more manageable segments of participation, so even those with very little available time will be able to take part.



In January, in keeping with the winter weather, we ask that if you can do so, please donate canned soup for our Food Pantry share table. Our Food Pantry clients appreciate soup during the winter months and we do not generally receive soup on the food truck. As always, toiletry items are also appreciated as these are not provided or able to be purchased with the ACCESS cards.

Please remember...ALL DONATIONS are very important and greatly appreciated.
Thanks for placing all items in the wagon in the sanctuary hall or in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

This Week's Scriptures (1/6/19)

Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
 Ephesians 3:1-12
 Matthew 2:1-12

Next Week's Scriptures (1/13/19)

Genesis 1:1-5
 Psalm 29
 Acts 19:1-7
 Mark 1:4-11

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

Behold

I make
all things

➤ *new* ➤

Revelation 21:5

May God bless you
this New Year!

