



GREENSBURG *First*
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 3, 2019

8:30 and 10:45 AM Worship

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Representing Christ as a Light within the city

It is not jealous
it does not seek its own interests It bears all things
1 Corinthians 13 endures
is not pompous
Love is patient believes all things
believes it does not brood
but rejoices
Love is kind hopes all things
it is not rude
it is not quick tempered Love never fails
rejoice it does not rejoice over wrongdoing
with the truth it is not inflated
all things

*Indicates where you may stand if you are able.

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

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

He Comes to Us as One Unknown

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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)

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

arr. G. F. Pershing

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 71)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

We are here to offer God our worship and praise.

Before God formed you in your mother's womb, God knew you.

Before we drew our first breath, God consecrated us in holy love.

Let us worship the One who knows and loves us.

**Let us worship the One who is our rock and our fortress
in times of trouble.**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

We are here to offer God our worship and praise.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

This Is My Father's World

No. 144

*OPENING PRAYER

**Wrap us in the arms of your love, Holy One, as we gather in worship this day.
Teach us to be patient and kind in our actions, and humble of heart in all our ways.
Help us see and know ourselves as well as you see and know us,
that our words may be true and our love may be pure.
Build us into a community that bears all things, believes all things,
and hopes all things in the name of Love, which never ends. Amen.**

THE PEACE: Now faith, hope and love abide as signs of God's care for us.
Let us share these signs with one another as we pass the peace of 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.**

COVENANT OF BAPTISM (10:45)

Emelia Quinn Anderson

No. 39

MINISTRY IN MUSIC (Chancel Choir 10:45)

The Gift of Love

Hal Hopson

CALL TO PRAYER

(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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:45)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul.
Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding
that our hearts and minds may be opened. Amen.**

EPISTLE READING (Pew Bible: Page 175 New Testament) 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Anette V. Gerber

TO RESPOND TO THE WORD

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

Psalm 71 In Te, Domine, Speravi

John Goss

HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

arr. Donald Rotermund

*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

The Gift of Love

No. 408

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

(stanza 1) No. 671

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;

Fill our hearts with joy and peace;

Let us each, thy love possessing,

Triumph in redeeming grace.

**O refresh us, O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.**

*POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Robert A. Hobby

The meeting is over. Let the service begin.

The white carnation on the altar is placed in loving memory of Marian Wright who joined the Church Eternal and Triumphant on January 29, 2019.

The Chancel flowers

are given to the Glory of God and by a friend in memory of Al Platos.

We Thank Those Who Are Serving Today

ACOLYTE:	Kasey Storkel
ALTAR GUILD:	Pat Ebert
COFFEE HOUR:	Cindy Yenerall
COFFEE HOUR (next week):	Sharon Bronson
GREETERS:	(8:30) Marilyn McSparrin, Ed Meadows, Laurel Sedlacko (10:45) Barb & Bob Bloom
LITURGIST:	Br. James Caffrey Jr. OSL
NURSERY:	Kristin Labian
NURSERY (next week):	Pam Swank
SOUND SYSTEM:	Tim Willcox
TECH TEAM:	(8:30) Kelly Fullman (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 the box(es) and place them in the offering plate. Requests are left on for three weeks unless renewed.

Prayer & Health Concerns: Dave Grandey, Tracy, Nancy Yeskey

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 us know that members may be a patient there. **Please contact the church office with information.**

WEEKLY CALENDAR

<u>Sunday, February 3</u>	<u>Read - John 1:19-34</u>	“4th Sunday after the Epiphany”
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)	
<u>Monday, February 4</u>	<u>Read - John 1:35-51</u>	
6:15 p.m.	Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)	
7:00 p.m.	Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)	
7:00 p.m.	Trustees (Library)	
<u>Tuesday, February 5</u>	<u>Read - John 2:1-12</u>	
1:00 p.m.	SPHS (Lounge)	
6:00 p.m.	Congregational Care Team (Library)	
7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry meeting (Library)	
<u>Wednesday, February 6</u>	<u>Read - John 2:13-25</u>	
5:00 p.m.	SPHS (Lounge)	
<u>Thursday, February 7</u>	<u>Read - John 3:1-21</u>	
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 (NH)	
7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir (Choir Room)	
<u>Friday, February 8</u>	<u>Read - John 3:22-36</u>	(CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED)
8:00 a.m.	Food Bank supply organization	
10:00 a.m.	Food Bank distribution	
<u>Saturday, February 9</u>	<u>Read - John 5:1-18</u>	
7:00 p.m.	Ekklesia Worship (Sanctuary)	



A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG

Saturday ~ Feb. 9, 2019 ~ 7 p.m.

Featured Musicians: Bobbie & Friends
Worship Leader: Rev. Bobbie Hinline

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **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, Feb. 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room.
- * **Trustees will meet** on Monday, Feb. 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.
- * **Congregational Care Team will meet** Tuesday, Feb. 5, in the Library at 7:00 p.m.
- * **Stephen Ministry will meet** Tuesday, Feb. 5, in the Library at 7:00 p.m.
- * **Food Bank pantry supplies set up** will take place at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, Feb. 7. Please consider coming out to help.
- * **We have Chime Choirs for children and adults...**check out our regular Thursday evening activities on the weekly calendar on page 5 for details. Come on out & join the fun!
- * **It's time for Food Bank on Friday, Feb. 8,** *(always on the 2nd Friday of the month)*. The delivery truck arrives at 8:00 a.m. We could really 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 February Circuit Rider monthly newsletter** was mailed out last Friday...If you would like to experience it in full color via email or in black and white by US mail, contact the church office with your information, so we can keep you informed.
- * Please review the clipboards in the Sanctuary Hall and **sign up for chancel flowers, bulletin sponsorship, 2nd service greeters or providing Coffee Hour treats.**
- * **The Boy Scouts of America Trailblazer Award** is an honor awarded to young professionals, age 40 and under, who are active in service to the Westmoreland community. This year, we at Greensburg FUMC are honored to have four members selected to receive this award: **Mallory Baker, Kelly Fullman, Rev. Jonathan Hartland and Tom McDowell.** An award reception will be held at the Greensburg Garden & Civic Center on Thursday, Feb. 7, at 5:30 p.m. \$50 event tickets are available by calling the BSA office at 724-837-1630 or by contacting Frank Stillman.

Let's be safe...please consult the three local news networks for **Greensburg FUMC** or our Facebook page at **First United Methodist Church-Greensburg** to check for cancellations of any of our services due to weather. If Greensburg Otterbein and Greensburg Trinity are cancelled, then consider FUMC the same.



* **Our "Soup Sale" Fundraiser was a HUGE success!!!**

The Christian Ed committee wishes to thank all who donated supplies and their precious time to help make the soup AND to everyone who purchased soup quarts! Many children & youth will benefit from the proceeds for the campership program. Mark your calendars for the next soup making and sale weekend on February 15, 16 & 17.

* **Thank you for your very generous participation in the "Pocket Change for a Purpose"** last Sunday! We are pleased to announce that \$573.50 was collected to benefit rebuilding efforts of Jean Faust due to a recent fire that destroyed her entire kitchen.

* **Thanks to those who helped assemble the February Circuit Rider** monthly news letter last week! Many hands made easy work and special fellowship.



Special Food Pantry Request for February

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 (2/3/19)

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

Next Week's Scriptures (2/10/19)

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

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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.***

Christian Education Fundraiser Soup Sales

February 16 & 17 / March 16 & 17

The Christian Education committee will, once again, be selling a variety of soups following each of the three weekend services on the above dates. Proceeds will help provide camperships for children and youth next summer.

Suggested Donation: \$7/quart or \$20/3 quarts



Calling All Soup Chefs!!!

February 15 & 16 / March 15 & 16

We need your help with the soup-making process.

Can you cut or chop or cook or clean?

Friday and/or Saturday morning

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Questions? Please call Kathy Griffith at 412-613-8569.

All helpers will be most welcome!