

***OPENING PRAYER**

**Source of awe and mystery, as your presence caused Moses' face
to shine with your glory, may your presence
in our time of worship cause our lives to shine with your glory.
Reveal the glory of Christ to us this day, as you revealed it
to Peter, James and John on that mountaintop long ago.
Transform our worship with the light of discovery, that our souls
might shine the light of Christ into a world in need of your love. Amen.**

***THE PEACE** See the light of Christ shining in those around you, as you greet one
another with words of Christ's peace and signs of God's love.

***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) At Thy Feet J. S. Bach

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Pew Bible: Page 81) Exodus 34:29-35

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.**

GOSPEL READING (Pew Bible: Pages 69-70 New Testament) Luke 9:28-36

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Anette Gerber

TO RESPOND TO THE WORD

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

Gloria in Excelsis

HOLY COMMUNION

No. 15

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

The Offertory

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

arr. Malcolm Archer

*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

Take Our Bread

No. 640

*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

Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth

arr. Robert Powell

The meeting is over. Let the service begin.

The white carnations on the altar are placed in loving memory of

Dorothy Rutter (2/23/19) and Cecil Fitzgerald (2/24/19)
who joined the Church Eternal and Triumphant.

We Thank Those Who Are Serving Today

ACOLYTE:	Aidan Hartman
ALTAR GUILD:	Cathy Willcox
COFFEE HOUR:	Jessica Dudik
COFFEE HOUR (next week):	Winnie Jo Wilson
GREETERS:	(8:30) Marilyn McSparrin, Ed Meadows, Laurel Sedlacko (10:45) Jessica Dudik
LITURGIST:	Br. James Caffrey Jr. OSL
NURSERY:	Kristin Labian
NURSERY (next week):	Mallory Baker
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: John Bates, Cindy Eisaman, Becky Griffith,
Ed Meadows, Krystal Ruffner, Justin Smith

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

Brookdale Latrobe: Allan Pierce, Marge Trumbetta
Westmoreland Manor: Norma Gump, Christine Shank, Charlotte Sonafelt
At home (Latrobe): 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.**

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

- Sunday, March 3** **Read - Psalm 27** “Transfiguration Sunday”
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, March 4** **Read - Psalm 30**
6:15 p.m. Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 p.m. Centering Prayer (Prayer Room)
7:00 p.m. Trustees (Library)
- Tuesday, March 5** **Read - Psalm 31**
1:00 p.m. SPHS (Lounge)
6:15 p.m. Mardi Gras (Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesday, March 6** **Read - Psalm 32** ~ Ash Wednesday
5:00 p.m. SPHS (Lounge)
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
- Thursday, March 7** **Read - Psalm 35**
9:00 a.m. Food Bank Shop’n Save donation pick up
11:00 a.m. 12-Step Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 p.m. Food Bank Set-up
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)
- Friday, March 8** **Read - Psalm 38**
8:00 a.m. Food Bank supply organization
10:00 a.m. Food Bank distribution
- Saturday, March 9** **Read - Psalm 39**
9 a.m.-12 p.m. New Members Class (Library)
7:00 p.m. Ekklesia Worship (Sanctuary)



A COMMUNION SERVICE OF WORD & SONG

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

Featured Musician: Patricia Fitzpatrick, piano
Worship Leader: Rev. Anette Gerber

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Centering Prayer will meet on Monday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Prayer Room.

The Trustees will meet on Monday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

The Upper Room daily devotional for March/April is now available in the Media Rack.

Join us for Mardi Gras FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP with a breakfast-style dinner on **Tuesday, March 5, at 6:15 p.m.** Please sign up in Sanctuary Hall to help us prepare.

Stephen Ministry WILL NOT meet Tuesday, March 5, due to Mardi Gras activities.

Ash Wednesday service on March 6 at 7 p.m. A service of Word, Ashes & Eucharist.

Food Bank Shop'n Save donation pick up and organization will take place Thursday, March 7, at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Rhonda at 412-651-4951 with questions.

Food Bank pantry supplies set up will take place at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, March 7. Please consider coming out to help.

It's time for Food Bank on Friday, March 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 a.m. distribution. Please contact Rhonda at 412-651-4951 or via rhondarlt@yahoo.com for more information.

Remember...WE NEED PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS. Thanks so much.

Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening Bible studies will begin March 12 & 13. The topic book will be *24 Hours That Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton. Please sign up in Sanctuary Hall.

New Member Classes coming on Saturdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6, from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Sign up in Sanctuary Hall.

High school and college graduates will be recognized on Sunday, June 9. Please contact the church office to help us compile a complete list.

Debriefing session with Bishop Moore-KoiKoi will be Monday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Holiday Park UMC (81 Sandune Drive, Pittsburgh, 15239). **Please RSVP to District Office at 724-461-7178 by March 4.** The purpose: for lay and clergy members of UMC of Western PA to hear accurate information about the decisions made at the Special Called Session of General Conference and the process we, as an annual conference, will undertake in order to implement the legislation that is passed. There will be a question & answer & response time.



THANKS to all for participating in our Christian Ed "Soup Sale" fundraiser last week! Lots of children and youth will benefit from our campership program. Mark your calendars for the final soup making/sales weekend on March 15, 16 & 17.

Thanks to those who helped assemble the March Circuit Rider monthly newsletter last week! Many hands made easy work and special fellowship.

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.

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.

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This Week's Scriptures (3/3/19)

Exodus 34:19-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36

Next Week's Scriptures (3/10/19)

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

Scarf fundraiser

a mission sponsored by the youth of our church

Sunday, March 10 (suggested donation \$20)

These beautiful scarves were lovingly hand-sewn by a group of widows living in the slums near the Redeemer Christian School in Pakistan. **They provide a double blessing.** A portion of your donation will go directly to these widows to help them support their families and to foster a sense of pride and dignity in the beautiful work that they do. Another portion will go to the orphaned and impoverished children that this school serves by offering them a free Christian education, the love of Jesus, and a safe haven from the streets.

Did you know...

- 70% of women in Pakistan have not completed grade school
- Without an education, women are viewed as little more than property.
- Culturally, girls are discouraged from getting an education.

The Taliban (most active extremist group in Pakistan) forbids education for girls.

- Many orphaned and impoverished girls fall prey to human trafficking, prostitution, and slave labor.

- Redeemer Christian School is 50% female (all ages).

- Since they cannot afford schooling, we provide one of the few avenues to study alongside their male peers, to receive an education, and to ultimately have hope for the future. The school serves orphaned and impoverished children regardless of age, sex, race, or religious background.

