

Third Sunday of Advent



THE PRELUDE

Song of Hope ~Richard Warner

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

†CALL to WORSHIP and CAROL *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH 211

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver,
the Expected of the nations and their Savior:

Come and save us, O Lord our God!

*1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O Wisdom, who came forth from the mouth of the Most High,
reaching from end to end, and ordering all things mightily and sweetly:

Come, and teach us the way of prudence.

*2. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O Adonai and Leader of the house of Israel,
who appeared to Moses in the flames of the bush and gave him the law on Sinai:

Come, and with Your outstretched arm redeem us.

*3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times once gave the law in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O Root of Jesse, who stands for an ensign of the people, before whom kings
shall keep silence and to whom the Gentiles shall make their supplication:

Come, and deliver us and tarry not.

*4. O come, Thou Root of Jesse's tree, an ensign of Thy people be;
before Thee rulers silent fall; all peoples on Thy mercy call.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

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O Key of David and Scepter of the house of Israel, who opens and no one shuts, who shuts and no one opens:

Come, and bring forth from prison the captive who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death.

5. *O come, Thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home. The captives from their prison free, and conquer death's deep misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O Dayspring, Brightness of the light eternal and Sun of justice:

Come, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

6. *O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thy justice here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O King of the Gentiles and their Desired One, Cornerstone that makes both one:

Come, and deliver us whom You formed out of the dust of the earth.

7. *O come, Desire of nations bind all peoples in one heart and mind. From dust Thou brought us forth to life; deliver us from earthly strife. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

ADVENT WREATH *(responsively)*

Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth! Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel! In the beginning was the Word—spoken and breathed, a promise made and kept.

Persevere with joy, for God's promise is true!

The Word was in the beginning, and through Him, all things come into being.

Eternal God, Your promise is the foundation for our joy.

Keep going—persevere in joy, giving voice to God's presence with us!

The first, second and third candles are lighted...

CHORAL RESPONSE *(sung in unison)* *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* UMH 204

***Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.***

A READING from the OLD TESTAMENT

II Samuel 7:11b-13 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS *(see insert)*

MINISTRY in MUSIC *Come Child of Peace* ~Schram Fred & Karen Pershing, duet

- 1. It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near to earth, to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven’s all-gracious King!”
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.*
- 2. Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.*
- 3. And ye, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing!*
- 4. For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the song which now the angels sing.*

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†THE POSTLUDE

Prepare the Royal Highway ~arr. Wilbur Held

†GOING FORTH to SERVE

Please lift up our friends and church family in prayer

Those in military service, our shut-ins, those who are homebound or in nursing homes or care centers, and those with special needs.

Prayer & Health Concerns:

Larry & Joanne Flock / Pastor Kevin Haley /
Paulette Hood / Pat McGuire / Cole S. / Don Sedlacko /
Charlotte Sonafelt / Frank & Mary Stillman

Barnes Place (2021 James St., Latrobe, PA 15650)

Charles Blackburn

Brookdale (500 Brouwers Drive, Latrobe, PA 15650)

Allan Pierce, Marge Trumbetta

Mt. View Senior Living

Helen Harrison (132 Nature Park Road, Greensburg, PA 15601)

Ridgeview Residential Care Center

Connie Tinkey (122 Ridgeview St., Youngwood, PA 15697)

Westmoreland Manor (2480 S. Grande Blvd., Greensburg, PA 15601)

Donna Bush, Norma Gump, Christine Shank, Charlotte Sonafelt



Please write prayer concerns on attendance cards in the bulletin, check the box(es) and place them in the offering plate. Requests are listed in the bulletin for 3 weeks, unless renewed.

PLEASE NOTE: Hospitals and care centers no longer contact churches to let us know that members may be a resident or patient there.

WE DEPEND ON YOU
to contact the church
with information.

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Greensburg!

We are glad that you are with us in worship today! Greensburg First is a church where you can come to learn that God loves you just the way you are, but that God also loves you too much to let you stay this way. God wants you to become more like Jesus! If you do not have a church home of your own, we hope that you might prayerfully consider becoming a part of our church family, as we reach out with love and in the name of Jesus Christ!

**Also, please help us to get to know you,
or to be able to contact you in the case of an emergency/cancellation,
by filling out an Attendance Information Card** (inserted into this bulletin).

SOCKS and UNDERWEAR OUTREACH PROJECT



Throughout the month of December, we will be collecting brand new socks and underwear to be shared with local agencies for people in need.

Please bring your donations to the Christmas tree just inside the main entrance. Please place the new socks on the tree, hanging them carefully on the branches. Then place underwear, wrapped in a bag, underneath the tree in the bin located there.

Let's review: SOCKS are to be placed **ON** the tree;
UNDERWEAR is to be placed **UNDER** the tree. (Underwear? Under **there!**)

Chancel Flowers are given by Bill & Nancy Garvin,
to the glory of God and in loving memory of Polly Garvin.



Sunday, Dec. 27 10 a.m.



CLOSED Dec. 18, 25, 28, Jan. 1
CLOSING @ 12 NOON Dec. 24, 31

When to **pick up**
Poinsettias



After 11p.m. Christmas Eve service
After Sunday, Dec. 27, combined service
Tuesday, Dec. 29, 9a.m.-12noon

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, Dec. 13 **Read - Revelation 19:11-21** *3rd Sunday of Advent*

8:30 a.m. Worship (*Sanctuary*)
10:45 a.m. Worship (*Sanctuary & via Live Stream*)

Monday, Dec. 14 **Read - Malachi 1:1-14**

5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (*fellowship hall & north hall / lower level*)
6:30 p.m. Centering Prayer (*lounge / lower level*)
6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study (*library / lower level*)

Tuesday, Dec. 15 **Read - Malachi 2:1-17**

January Circuit Rider Article Deadline

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study (*library / lower level & via Live Stream*)
6:00 p.m. Finance & Stewardship Team (*fellowship hall / lower level*)

Wednesday, Dec. 16 **Read - Malachi 3:1-18**

10:00 a.m. Story Time with Rev Kev

Thursday, Dec. 17 **Read - Malachi 4:1-6**

11:00 a.m. 12-Step (*fellowship hall / lower level*)

Friday, Dec. 18 **Read - Isaiah 7:1-25**

~ ~ ~ *Church Office Closed* ~ ~ ~

Saturday, Dec. 19 **Read - Isaiah 8:1-20**

~ ~ ~ *Ekklesia services are SUSPENDED until further notice* ~ ~ ~

Now Available in Sanctuary Hall...



2021 Offering Envelope Booklets

Please save us a \$4 stamp...pick up your book and maybe help others get theirs too.

2021 Food Pantry **"Truck of the Month"** **Sponsorship**

Please help us fund the \$100 monthly delivery truck fee for the coming year.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

- **Poinsettia orders ARE DUE.** Pick up a yellow form in the media rack.
- **Visit Sanctuary hall & media rack** for many areas of interest, as outlined below...

THIS WEEK

- **Centering Prayer** meets every Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the lounge on the lower level.
- **The Youth Advent Bible Study** “*Christmas Experience*” continues on Mondays, Dec. 14 & 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the library on the lower level.
- **Pastor’s Advent Adult Bible Study** “*The Prophecy of Jesus’ Birth*” continues at 9:30 on Tuesday mornings, Dec. 15 & 22. It will continue to take place in the library on the lower level, and will also be made available via Live Stream.
- **Finance & Stewardship Team** will meet on Tuesday night, Dec 15, at 6:00 in the fellowship hall on the lower level.
- **Circuit Rider Article Deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 15, for the January edition.**
- Tune in, via Live Stream, to **Story Time with Rev Kev** every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY Dec. 20th

- **Super Sunday** activities begin at 12 noon...see insert for details.
- “**Pocket Change for a Purpose**” will be collected to benefit the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund.

LOOKING AHEAD

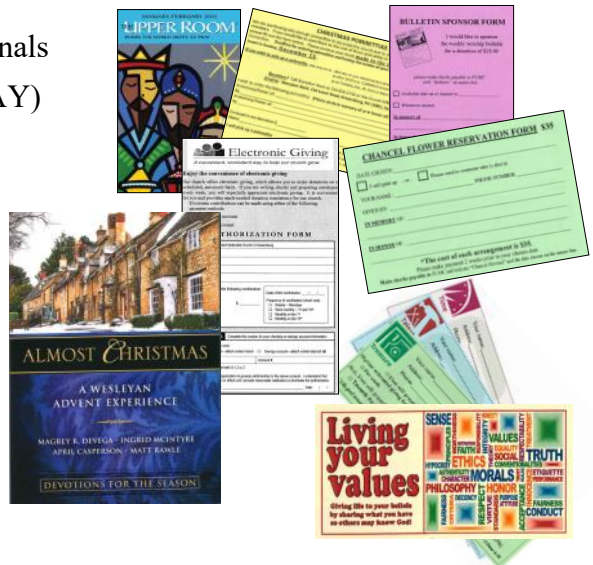
- **Church office will be CLOSED** on Fridays throughout December and Monday, Dec. 28.
- **Saturday evening Ekklesia worship is SUSPENDED until further notice.**

CONDOLENCES TO

- **Olive Marin**, at the Dec. 7th passing of her husband, Richard. Also uncle to Tim Willcox.

Now Available in the Media Rack...

- The 2021 Jan./Feb. **Upper Room** daily devotionals
- **Christmas Poinsettia** order forms (due TODAY)
- **2021 Chancel Flower** order forms
- **2021 Bulletin Sponsorship** forms
- Sign up for **Electronic Giving** by following the directions on this form
- Pick up a free Wesleyan Advent Experience **daily devotional booklet** *Almost Christmas*
- **Living Your Values: Stewardship** brochure with cards



Welcome home to First United Methodist Church!

Sunday morning Worship Services at 8:30 and 10:45 in the Sanctuary

(Live Stream continues at 10:45)

~ ~ ~ *Ekklesia Worship has been SUSPENDED until further notice* ~ ~ ~

Pastor's Advent Bible Study Schedule:

Youth Bible Study on Mondays, December 14 and 21 @ 6:30 p.m.

Adult Bible Study on Tuesdays, December 15 and 22 @ 9:30 a.m.

Please continue to check our church website (greensburgfirst.org) for more updates.

Let's be safe...Please consult the three local news networks for Greensburg FUMC, or check our church Facebook page at **First United Methodist Church-Greensburg** to check for cancellations of any of our services due to weather.

Weekday office hours cancellations...If Greensburg Salem school district ever cancels school because of snow or ice, the church office hours and all activities would also be cancelled.

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8 a.m.-4 p.m.

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