



**If you are a follower of Jesus,
before you post,
before you speak,
please remember-
the world at its worst
needs the Church at its best.**

THE PRELUDE

Partita on "At the River" ~Jon Spong

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

†CALL to WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Exalt the Lord, O heavens! Exalt the Lord, O earth!

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Worship the Lord with splendor, for the voice of the Lord is upon the water.

The voice of the Lord is powerful, full of majesty and awe.

Let us praise the name of the Lord!

†HYMN of PRAISE

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

- 1. God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;
crown Thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*
- 2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.*
- 3. Cure Thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to Thy control;
shame our wanton selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss Thy Kingdom's goal, lest we miss Thy Kingdom's goal.*
- 4. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for Thy salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving Thee whom we adore, serving Thee whom we adore!*

†PRAYER of CONFESSIO*N* (*unison*)

Living God, when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus at His baptism in the Jordan river, You revealed Him as Your own beloved Son. You anointed Him with Your Holy Spirit. Grant that all who are baptized into His name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, now and forever. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins to You...

†SILENT PRAYERS

†WORDS of AFFIRMATION

†CHORAL RESPONSE (*sung in unison*) **Glory Be to the Father** UMH 70

***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!***

A READING from the PSALMS Psalm 19:1-14 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

MINISTRY in MUSIC *Et In Terra Pax* ~Nygard, Jr. Chancel Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*) ***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!

†HYMN of INVITATION ***Open My Eyes, That I May See*** UMH 454

- 1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!***
- 2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!***
- 3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!***

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A READING from the GOSPELS
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Matthew 3:1-17 NIV

THE MESSAGE **“Be A Light”**

Rev. Kevin R. Haley

SHARING of OUR GIFTS and HIS TITHES

OFFERTORY *I've Just Come from the Fountain* ~arr. Richard Billingham

†DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!* UMH 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

†REAFFIRMATION of the BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, through the sacrament of baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

The Pastor symbolically sprinkles water onto the congregation...

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

†THE HYMN *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* TFWS 2051

- 1. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.*
- 2. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.*
- 3. When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.*
- 4. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.*
- 5. In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.*
- 6. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.*
- 7. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.*

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†THE POSTLUDE

When Jesus Came to Jordan ~arr. Carl Schalk

†GOING FORTH to SERVE

Welcome home to First United Methodist Church!

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

(LiveStream continues at 10:45; Ekklesia Worship is suspended until further notice)

Pastor's Bible Study Schedule:

Youth Bible Study on Monday, January 11 @ 7:00 p.m.

Adult Bible Study on Tuesday, January 12 @ 9:30 a.m.

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

Church Office hours ~ Monday thru Friday ~ 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Please note: days and times may change at a moment's notice, due to circumstances beyond our control. Call 724-834-3111 with any questions.

Let's be safe: Please consult the three local news networks for **Greensburg FUMC**, or check our church Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FUMCGreensburg 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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