

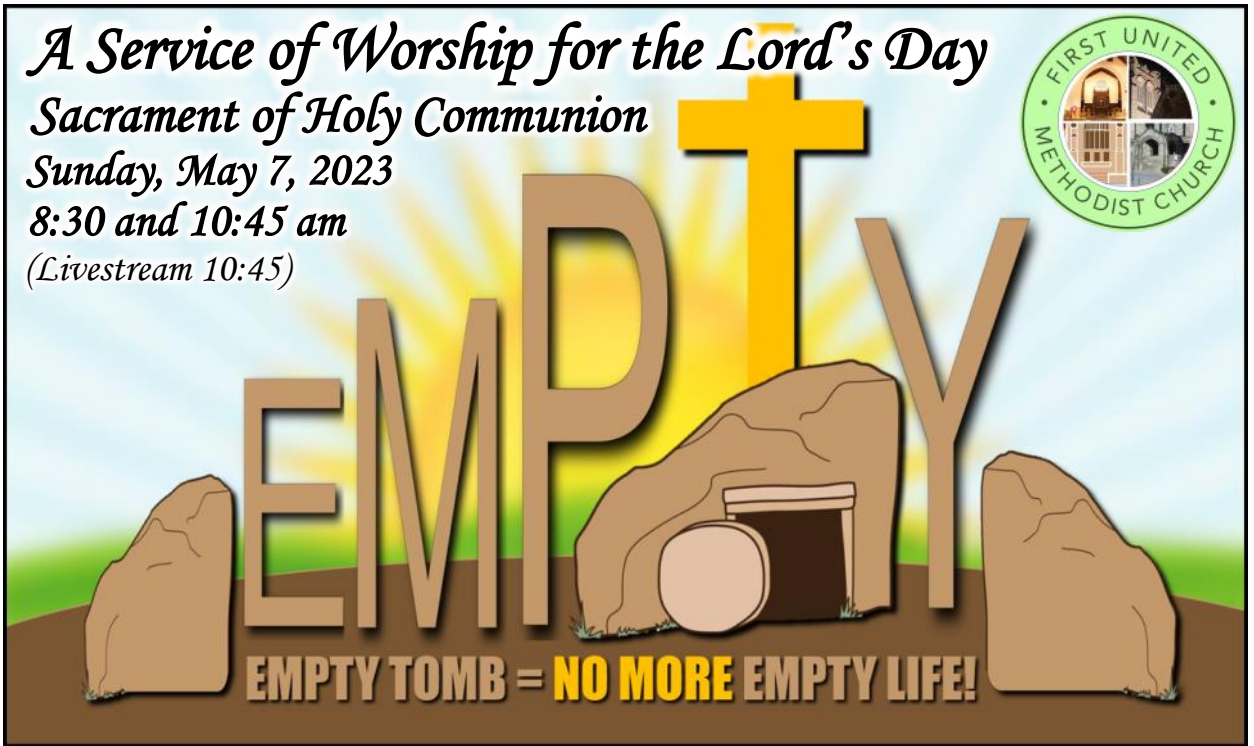
# *A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day*

*Sacrament of Holy Communion*

*Sunday, May 7, 2023*

*8:30 and 10:45 am*

*(Livestream 10:45)*



† *Indicates a time to stand, if you are able*

## **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE PRELUDE**

*“My Lord, What a Morning” ~arr. Richard Billingham*

### † **CALL to WORSHIP** *(responsively)*

In You, Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**Deliver me in Your righteousness.**

Turn Your ear to me; come quickly to my rescue.

**Be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.**

Since You are my rock and my fortress, lead and guide me,

**for the sake of Your name.**

Let Your face shine upon your servant.

**Save me in Your unfailing love!**

### † **HYMN of PRAISE**

*“Rejoice, the Lord is King”*

**UMH 715**

†**AFFIRMATION of FAITH: The Apostles' Creed** (*unison*) **UMH 881**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!**

†**GLORIA PATRI** ~means "Glory be to the Father" (*sung in unison*) **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 NEW TESTAMENT** **Philippians 2:5-8** NRSV

**The Word of God for the people of God.**

**Thanks be to God!**

**MINISTRY in MUSIC**

***Chancel Choir***  
***"O Living Bread"*** ~Lloyd Larson

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MINISTRY in MUSIC**

***Chancel Chanters***  
***"Psalm 31"*** ~Joseph Barnby

**PASTORAL and 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!**

**SHARING of HIS TITHES and OUR GIFTS**

**THE OFFERTORY**

***"All Earth Is Hopeful"*** ~arr. David Cherwien

†**THE DOXOLOGY** ~means “Praise be to God” (*sung in unison*)

**UMH 94**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow!*

*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**

†**HYMN of PRAYER**      “*As We Gather at Your Table*”      **TFWS 2268**

**A READING from the GOSPELS**

**Mark 14:43-52**NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**THE MESSAGE**

“*Running on Empty*”

**Pastor Kevin Haley**

*Spring theme: “EMPTY TOMB = NO MORE EMPTY LIFE!”*

**SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION**

◆**THE INVITATION and PRAYER of CONFESSION** (*responsively*)

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen!**

◆**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (*responsively*)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in Your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our Sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might!**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed Him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when You would save Your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection, You gave birth to Your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Holy Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, He promised to be with us always, in the power of Your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which He gave Himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

When the supper was over, He took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!**

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and the vine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood. By Your Holy Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at His heavenly banquet. Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy church, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever!

**Amen!**

◆ **GIVING of BREAD and CUP**

*~The ushers will distribute the communion elements (gluten free) where you are seated...*

◆ **PRAYER after COMMUNION** (*unison*)

**Eternal God, we give You thanks for this holy mystery in which You have given Yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of Your Holy Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen!**

† **HYMN of COMMITMENT**

**UMH 166**

*“All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine”*

† **DISMISSAL with BLESSING**

† **THE POSTLUDE**

*“Day of Joy” ~James Denton*

† **GOING FORTH to SERVE**

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**LITURGIST:** Jim Caffrey

**TECH TEAM:** Nevaeh Hirst, Cheyanne Miller

**ACOLYTE:** Shane Clawson

*The Chancel Flowers*

are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of  
Anna Marie Harrold, by her family, remembering her May 7<sup>th</sup> birthday.

*The White Carnation*

is placed in Loving Memory of church member, **Helen Harrison**,  
who joined the Church Eternal & Triumphant on Friday, April 28, 2023.

*Our Sincere Condolences* to the friends and family of Kathy McLay,  
at the May 4, 2023 passing of her father, **Sam Leccia, Sr.**

**Sunday Schedule ~ May 7** ~ Read Psalm 96, 100-101, 105, 132; 2 Samuel 6

- 8:30 a.m. Worship (*Sanctuary*)
- 9:30 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship (*Sanctuary Hall*)
- 9:40 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages!
- 10:45 a.m. Worship (*Sanctuary*)
- 3:00 p.m. Greensburg District Conference  
(*Faith UMC-Delmont*)
- 5:30 p.m. Halo Youth Choir (*Choir Room*)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth 180 (*Youth Café*)

**Elementary**

Age 4 (preschool) -Gr. 5  
(*rm. 304 upper level*)

**Youth Gr. 6-12**

(*rm. 302 upper level*)

**Genesis Adults**

(*Library lower level*)

**Monday ~ May 8** ~ Read 2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 17; Psalm 25, 29

- 6:30 p.m. Centering Prayer (*Prayer Room*)

**Tuesday ~ May 9** ~ Read Psalm 33, 36, 39; 2 Samuel 8-9; 1 Chronicles 18

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Kevin (*Library*)

**Wednesday ~ May 10** ~ Read Psalm 50, 53, 60, 75; 2 Samuel 10; 1 Chronicles 19

**Thursday ~ May 11** ~ Read Psalm 20, 65-67, 69-70; 2 Samuel 11

- 11:00 a.m. 12-Step (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 1:30 p.m. Food Pantry Set-up (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 5:00 p.m. Evening Women's 12-Step (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Chanters rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:30 p.m. Bonnie Ross Ringers Adult Bell Choir rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

**Friday ~ May 12** ~ Read 2 Samuel 12; 1 Chronicles 20; Psalm 32, 51

- 8:00 a.m. Food Pantry truck arrives (*S. Maple glass doors*)
- 10:00 a.m. Food Pantry distribution (*S. Maple glass doors*)

**Saturday ~ May 13** ~ Read Psalm 86, 122; 2 Samuel 13-14

- 9:00 a.m. Fella♦Ship (*Fellowship Hall*)

*Please write prayer concerns on attendance cards in the bulletin, **check the box(es)** and place them in offering.*

*Requests are listed in the bulletin for 3 weeks, unless renewed.*

**Prayer Requests:**

Sherry A. / Becky B. / Bob B. / Wayne Beam / Janet C. / Chris / Bob Garris /  
 Dave Grandey / Elaine H. / Pastor Kevin Haley / Diane Hall / John & Robin /  
 Ken Keiser / family of Sam Leccia, Sr. / baby Liv / John M. / Anthony McKenna /  
 Allan P. / Paul & Pam / Allan Pierce / Jack Reed / Jim S. / Don Sedlacko / Rick W.

Those who  
 wish to...  
 but cannot  
 be among us.

**Allan Pierce, Marge Trumbetta** Brookdale *Latrobe*

**Paulette Hood** Hempfield Manor *Greensburg, PA 15601*)

**Vivian Engel** Loyalhanna Care Sr. Suites *Latrobe*

**Donna Bush, Norma Gump,** Westmoreland Manor

**John Kovacevich, Charlotte Sonafelt** Westmoreland Manor

## TODAY

- **Sunday Morning Coffee/Fellowship Hour continues** every Sunday morning, between the Worship services, at the white tables in Sanctuary Hall.
- **Sunday school classes** for elementary, youth, and adults meet at 9:40 a.m.
- **Halo Youth Choir** rehearses at 5:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.
- **Youth 180** (grades 6-12) 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Café.
- **DEADLINE for Gift Card Party for Sean Hirst...** call church office with questions.

## THIS WEEK

- **Centering Prayer** meets weekly on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Prayer Room.
- **Adult Bible Study** with Pastor Kevin continues on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Library.  
See back page for complete details about this 12-week Bible Study.
- **Food Pantry “Set-Up” Team** meets in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, May 11, at 1:30 p.m. to prepare for distribution on Friday. **VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!!!**
- **Music Ministries continue...** *Contact Fred or Karen Pershing or Jim Caffrey for info.*
  - ~ **Chancel Chanters** ~ Thursdays ~ 6:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)
  - ~ **Bonnie Ross Ringers Handbell Choir** ~ Thursdays ~ 6:30 p.m. (Bell Room)
  - ~ **Chancel Choir** ~ Thursdays ~ 7:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
  - ~ **Chimes** ~ ***WILL RESUME IN THE FALL***
  - ~ **Halo Youth Choir** ~ Sundays ~ 5:30 p.m. (Choir Room)
- **Food Pantry “Distribution” Team** will meet Friday, May 12. The delivery truck arrives at 8 a.m. when we unload, organize, and prepare supplies in Fellowship Hall, with actual distribution at 10 a.m. at glass doors on S. Maple. Volunteers are ALWAYS most appreciated!
- All men and boys are invited to **FellaShip Prayer Breakfast** on Saturday, May 13, at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will gather together for a delicious breakfast, great conversations across the tables, a time of devotion and prayer...all to be wrapped up within an hour’s time.  
**Please RSVP to Pastor Kevin or the church office by Wednesday, May 10.**
- **CWS Mother’s Day BLANKET SALE/SPONSORSHIP ~ Only \$10**  
to honor your Mother and sponsor a BLANKET on May 14, “in loving memory” or “in honor of” your mother or those who were a godly, mothering influence in your life.  
**To participate, simply mark your envelope or check made out to FUMC with “BLANKET on the memo line.** Please help us reach our goal of at least 35 sponsorships to *Blanket the World with and spread the Love of God!*
- **RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE ~ Saturday, May 20 ~ 9am-1pm** (Fellowship Hall)  
Spring cleaning your garage, basement, attic, house? We need your gently-used stuff.  
(Please NO large appliances or furniture).  
**Drop-Off: NOW - May 18** (stored in left side door of Library)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

**Set-Up: May 19** (beginning at 9 am)

**During the Sale: May 20** (9am-1pm)

**Pack-up People: May 20** (beginning 1pm)



**If you can help, contact Sherry Miler at 724-537-9366.**

## LOOKING AHEAD

- **SPRC** (Staff/Parish Relations Committee) ~ Monday, May 15 ~ 6:00 p.m. (Lounge)
- **DEADLINE for June Circuit Rider** ~ Monday, May 15
- **Healing Hearts** (offsite) for dinner & a movie ~ call Sherry Miller for details 724-537-9366
- **Finance & Stewardship** ~ Tuesday, May 16 ~ 6:00 p.m. (Lounge)

# Welcome home to First United Methodist Church!

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

*(Livestream worship continues at 10:45)*

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 get to know you,**

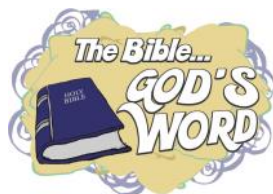
**or to be able to contact you in the case of an emergency/cancellation,**  
**by filling out an Attendance Information Card (inserted in this bulletin).**

## Adult Bible Study

Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. *(Library)*

Join Pastor Kevin as he leads us in a 12-week study that will help you stand on the definitive declarations of our mighty and loving God, who governs the world according to His great and precious promises.

This world has a tremble to it, for there are things that seem unsteady in this life. But when we follow Jesus, choosing to be people of the promise, that allows us to filter our problems through and build our lives on these promises of God, not the circumstances of life.



### Session Topics

5. God gives grace to the humble (May 9)
6. God gets you (May 16)
7. Jesus is praying for you (May 23)
8. Death has been defeated (May 30)
9. Joy is coming soon (June 6)

### Find us on FACEBOOK:

First United Methodist Church – Greensburg

### Regular Church Office Hours:

**Monday-Friday 8am-4pm**

*(May change without notice...thank you for your understanding & patience)*

### WiFi Network

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**Password: Jeremiah2911**



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