



A SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 **8:30 AND 10:45 AM**
LIVESTREAM @ 10:45 AM

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

“Awake, Awake to Love and Work” ~arr. Wilbur Held

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

God said, “Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord.”

Jesus said, “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.”

We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors,
Let us worship the Lord this day together!

† **HYMN of PRAISE**

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

UMH 61

† **AN AFFIRMATION of FAITH** *(responsively)*

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church,
apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all His works, and whose will is ever directed
to His children’s good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the divine presence of God in our lives, whereby we are enabled to know the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love, as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, that the Kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen!

†SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

†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 PSALMS

Psalm 103:8-19 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MINISTRY in MUSIC

***Kathy McLay, soloist
“At This Table”*** ~Idina Menzel

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 ***“Our Father Who from Heaven Above”*** ~arr. Donald Rotermund

†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

“Open Our Eyes”

TFWS 2086

A READING from the GOSPELS

Matthew 6:5-15 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

THE MESSAGE “Kingdom Membership!” Pastor Kevin Haley

Worship theme: “BASIC TRAINING—Equipped(2)Engage!”

HYMN of COMMUNION “Take Our Bread” UMH 640

(We will remain seated during this hymn)

SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

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.

It is a good and fruitful work to give thanks to You, Almighty God, in all places, at all times, and in all our labors. You are our Lord in our cars, our homes, our offices, our fields, and our kitchens; at our tables, our desks, our telephones, and at our computers; when we are resting or waiting, laboring or supervising, following or leading. All these we do with all Your people now on earth and all the multitude of heaven, praising Your name and joining in 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 holy is Your work among us in Jesus Christ, who came to be born in the home of a carpenter, a trade He learned and practiced, a laborer in our midst. He called fishermen and advocates. He healed the servant of a centurion. He received the support of resourceful women. He delegated His ministry to His disciples, and empowered all His followers to do His divine work in this world. By His suffering, His death, and His resurrection, You gave birth to Your church, delivered us from the bondage of sin and the power of death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the 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, as a baptized and commissioned people, remembering Your mighty work in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves, our daily lives, and all of our unique locations for ministry in the world—homes and hospitals, parks and stores, prisons and concert halls—as a living and holy 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 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 the BREAD and CUP

The ushers will distribute communion to you where you are seated.

As you pass the tray of bread (gluten-free), please take one and hold it, waiting to eat together at the direction of the Pastor (likewise with the cups).

A PRAYER after COMMUNION (*unison*)

O Lord, we come before You today with praise and thanksgiving. Having received the bread and the cup, our hearts overflow with gratefulness for Your love and sacrifice. Your desire to have a relationship with us was so great that You made a way for us to be with You. Thank You for Your love for us which You lavish upon us. In all of our ways, we thank You!

Thank You for enduring the pain and humiliation of the cross in our place, and then declaring us as righteous before our Heavenly Father. We don’t deserve Your grace, but You have extended it to us freely. Help us to receive that grace each day. For this we thank You, in Your blessed name we pray. Amen!

†HYMN of COMMITMENT

TFWS 2223

“They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love”

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†THE POSTLUDE *“All You Works of God, Bless the Lord”* ~arr. John Behnke

†GOING FORTH to SERVE

LITURGIST: Jim Caffrey
TECH TEAM: Nevaeh Hirst
ACOLYTE: Shane Clawson



KidsRock launches again next Sunday, September 10 at 12 Noon (right after the 10:45 worship service). Kids aged 4 through Grade 5 will meet in North Hall (lower level) for fun, food and fellowship. Lunch will be served, as well as making a craft, hearing a Bible story, games, etc. See Pastor Kevin or Chloe Fontanazza for more information!



Sunday, Sept. 10

Our Christian education ministries will “rally” together, as we start the fall season at Greensburg: First Church. Our fall worship and education theme will be **BASIC TRAINING: EQUIPPED{2}ENGAGE!**

Sunday School for all ages will be held at 9:40 am.

Youth 180 (youth group) will meet on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30 pm in our Youth Café.

KidsRock returns for elementary-aged children (age 4-grade 5) on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 12 noon... then meeting monthly. Watch for more exciting details! meeting in North Hall (lower level of the church).

Adult Bible Study continues on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday ~ September 3 ~ Read Ezekiel 15-16

8:30 a.m. Worship (*Sanctuary*)

9:30 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship (*Sanctuary Hall*)

9:40 a.m. Adult Sunday School (*Genesis Class, Library*)

10:45 a.m. Worship (*Sanctuary*)

Monday ~ September 4 ~ Read Ezekiel 17-19

Labor Day ~ Church and office are closed (no evening activities)

Tuesday ~ September 5 ~ Read Ezekiel 20-21

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

6:00 p.m. UMW Gathering for all women (*Fellowship Hall*)

6:30 p.m. Board of Trustees (*Trustees Room, lower level*)

Wednesday ~ September 6 ~ Read Ezekiel 22-23

Thursday ~ September 7 ~ Read Ezekiel 24-26

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. 12-Step (*Fellowship Hall*)

6:00 p.m. Chancel Chanters rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)

6:30 p.m. Bonnie Ross Ringers Adult Bell Choir rehearsal (*Bell Room*)

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

6:30-8:30 p.m. Evening Women's 12-Step (*Fellowship Hall*)

Friday ~ September 8 ~ Read Ezekiel 27-28

Saturday ~ September 9 ~ Read Ezekiel 29-31

Food Bank
Distribution
MOVED
to Friday,
Sept. 15th

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:

Bob B. / Diane Hall / Heather /

Ruth Hughes & family / Jordana / Diane K. / Eric K. / Ken Keiser / John M. /

Dorothy M. / Evelyn Makarsky / Melanie / Amanda Page / Ruth S. / Don Sedlacko /

Joe W. & Ruth S. / Wanda / Libby Williams / Richard & Maggie Young

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 tables in Sanctuary Hall.
- **Genesis Sunday School Class** for adults meets at 9:40 a.m. in the Library.

THIS WEEK

- **Church CLOSED with no evening activities** on Monday, Sept. 4, for Labor Day.
- **Adult Bible Study with Pastor Kevin** continues on Tuesdays, at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library. See back cover for full details about this late-summer study.
- **UMW Potluck Dinner Gathering for all women** on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a side dish to share, as UMW will provide the meat.
- **Board of Trustees** will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Trustee Room/lower level.
- **Adult Music Ministries** resume for the fall. See page 6 under Thursday, Sept. 7 for choirs, times, and locations.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 ~ RALLY DAY (see page 5 for complete details)

- **KidsRock** ~ 12 noon (North Hall / lower level)
- **Youth 180** ~ 6-7:30 p.m. (Youth Café / upper level)

LOOKING AHEAD

- **Centering Prayer** resumes meeting weekly ~ Monday, Sept. 11, 6:30 p.m. (Prayer Room)
- **Nominations/Leadership Development Committee** ~ Monday, Sept. 11 ~ 6:30 p.m. (Library)
- **Staff Meeting** ~ Thursday, Sept. 14 ~ 10:00 a.m. (Church Office)
- **Food Pantry Set-Up** ~ Thursday, Sept. 14 ~ 1:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- **Food Pantry Distribution Day ~ Friday, Sept. 15** ~ 8:30 a.m. Food Truck arrives ~ 10:00 a.m. Distribution begins

- **Fella♦Ship Prayer Breakfast** ~ Saturday, Sept. 16 ~ 9:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- **Usher Appreciation/Training** ~ Saturday, Sept. 16 ~ 10:00 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Ushers (men and women) **are also invited** to join us for breakfast at 9:00 am, as guests of FELLA♦SHIP!

- **Children & Youth Music Ministries resume** ~ Sunday, Sept. 17
9:00 a.m. Children's Chimes (Chapel)
5:30 p.m. Youth Halo Choir (Choir Room)
- **Healing Hearts** ~ Monday, Sept. 18 ~ 6:30 p.m. (Lounge)
- **Finance & Stewardship** ~ Tuesday, Sept. 19 ~ 6:00 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
- **Upper Room** devotional booklets (September/October) ~ available in media rack.

The Chancel Flowers are given by Jim & Holly Kauffman,
to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of **David Beam**.

The Worship Bulletins are sponsored by Betty Daverse
in Loving Memory of **Edwin & Jean Mason**.

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).

Pastor's Bible Study



Join Pastor Kevin, as he continues a late-summer Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday mornings, in the Church Library.

This will be an 8-week study, exploring the gospel according to Matthew—the former tax collector, chosen by Jesus, to be a part of His disciples.

Bring your Bible and bring a friend!

Please note: if we become too large of a group to meet in the Library (which is a good problem!) then we will gather in the Church Lounge.

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)

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