



**A Service of Worship
for the Lord's Day
Sunday, October 22, 2023
8:30 and 10:45 am**



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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

“Today Your Mercy Calls Us” ~arr. Donald Rotermund

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

~Romans 12:9-13 (The Voice paraphrase)

Love others well, and don't hide behind a mask; love authentically.

Despise evil; pursue what is good as if your life depends on it.

Live in true devotion to one another, loving each other as brothers and sisters.

Be first to honor others by putting them first.

Do not slack in your faithfulness and hard work. Let your spirit be on fire, bubbling up and boiling over, as you serve the Lord.

Do not forget to rejoice, for hope is always just around the corner.

Hold up through the hard times that are coming; devote yourselves to prayer. Share what you have with the saints, so they lack nothing.

Take every opportunity to open your life and home to others.

† **HYMN of PRAISE** ***“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”*** **UMH 75**

† **OPENING PRAYER for PEACE** (*unison*)

Loving God, You have reconciled us in Christ Jesus, and You have given us the ministry of reconciliation. We pray for all those from whom we are estranged. Bring healing to strained or broken relationships. Forgive us for the times we have wronged others, whether by ignorance, neglect, or intention. Grant us the courage and the grace to seek their forgiveness. Where others have wronged us, grant us a gracious spirit, that we might forgive, even as we have been forgiven in Jesus Christ. Hear us now as we silently pray for peace in our world and in our lives...

† **SILENT PRAYERS**

† **WORDS of ASSURANCE**

† **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 NEW TESTAMENT

I Thessalonians 1:1-10 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

MINISTRY in MUSIC (*10:45*)

Chancel Choir

“We, The People of God” ~J. A. Shafferman

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MINISTRY in MUSIC

Halo Youth Choir

“10,000 Reasons” ~arr. Heather Sorenson

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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 PRAYER**

“A Charge to Keep I Have”

UMH 413

A READING from the GOSPELS

Matthew 22:15-22 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

THE MESSAGE

“Loyalty”

The Rev. Richard Markle

SHARING of HIS TITHES and OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

“In Thee, Lord, Have I Put My Trust” ~J. C. Bach

†**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!

†**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

MINISTRY in MUSIC

Children’s Chimes

“Lord, I Want to be a Christian” ~arr. Frances Callahan

†**HYMN of COMMITMENT** “*O Jesus, I Have Promised*” **UMH 396**

†**DISMISSAL with BLESSING**

†**THE POSTLUDE**

“Hope Eternal” ~Edward Broughton

†**GOING FORTH to SERVE**

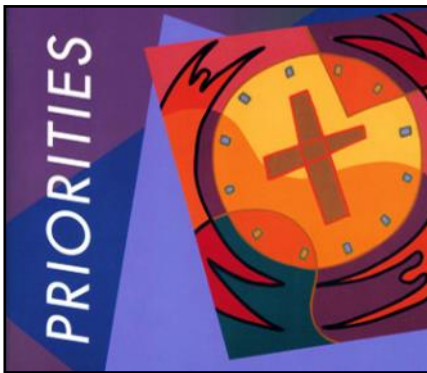
LITURGIST: **Jim Swank**
TECH TEAM: **Nevaeh Hirst, Cheyanne Miller**
ACOLYTE: **Cheyenne Miller**

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. *(Church Library)*

Join Pastor Kevin as he leads this new six-week Bible Study that will go beyond discussion and reflection. We will explore different Bible passages relevant to our priorities, thought-provoking questions, ways to apply what we discover, all intended to encourage you to take your understanding of God's Word and put it into action through your life's priorities.

Bring your Bible & bring a friend!

Mark your calendars...

(NO classes on Oct. 24 or 31) November 7, 14 & 21

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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