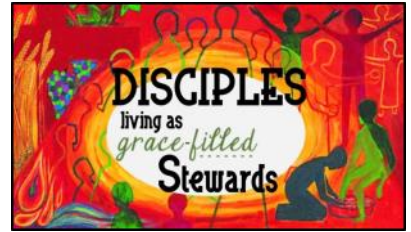




**A Service of Worship  
for the Lord's Day  
Sunday, November 12, 2023  
8:30 and 10:45 a.m.**



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

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE PRELUDE**

*“Simple Gifts” ~arr. Rulon Christiansen*

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

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

**We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.**

Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

**We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.**

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

**We long to live lives of holiness and grace.**

Come near, people of God!

**Let us worship the Lord in wisdom and truth!**

† **HYMN of PRAISE**

*“O Worship the King”*

**UMH 73**

† **A PRAYER of GRATITUDE for OUR HERITAGE** (*responsively*)

Eternal and loving God, today we give thanks to You for Your goodness through all the years of worship and witness in this place. For Your grace in calling us to be Your people; for Your love revealed to us in Christ Jesus; for Your gift of Your Holy Spirit and the joy of salvation:

**We give You thanks and praise!**

For those who established this congregation back in 1799;  
for their faith and vision, for their gifts and abilities:

**We give You thanks and praise!**

For all who have been a part of this congregation—this church family—  
over the years; for all those who have given freely of their time and money;  
for those whose wisdom guided our congregation:

**We give You thanks and praise!**

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For all who have preached and taught here; for all who have confessed here that Jesus is Lord; for all who today lead in worship, witness, and service:

**We give You thanks and praise!**

Give us the assurance that we belong to that great company, and that we also may find Your peace that passes understanding, through Christ the Lord.

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 OLD TESTAMENT** **Proverbs 11:22-25** NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

## MINISTRY in MUSIC

*Chancel Choir*

*“With Contrite Hearts” ~arr. George Brandon*

## SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

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 Holy Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

I present Bryce James Murphy for baptism.

*The Pastor addresses the parents...*

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,  
reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Parents: I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil,  
injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Parents: I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in His grace,  
and promise to serve Him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ  
has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Parents: I do.

Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example, he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

Parents: I will.

*The Pastor addresses the congregation...*

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life, and include these people now before you in your care?

**With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these people with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

*The Pastor pours and blesses the water of baptism...*

The Lord be with you!

**And also with you!**

Let us pray: Eternal Father, when nothing existed but chaos, You swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah, You saved those on the ark through water. After the flood, You set in the clouds a rainbow. When You saw Your people as slaves in Egypt, You led them to freedom through the sea. Their children, You brought through the Jordan to the land which You promised.

**Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of God's mercy each day!**

In the fullness of time You sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John, and He was anointed by Your Spirit. He called His disciples to share in the baptism of His death and resurrection, and to make disciples of all nations.

**Declare Christ's works to the nations, His glory among all the people!**

Pour out Your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and he who receives it, to wash away his sin and clothe him in righteousness throughout his life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, he may share in His final victory.

**All praise to You, Eternal Father, through Your Son Jesus Christ, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever! Amen!**

*The Pastor now baptizes the child...*

Bryce James Murphy, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and I place upon you the sign of the cross to remind us that Jesus died for our sins. Let us pray silently for Bryce...

*The Pastor and his parents place a hand on Bryce's head...*

Bryce James Murphy, may the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen!

*The Pastor then addresses the congregation...*

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ!

**Through baptism, you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation, and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as members of the family of Christ!**

May the God of grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you, that you may live in grace and peace! Amen!

*Bryce James Murphy, born July 15, 2023*

*Son of Alex and Danni (McLay) Murphy*

*Grandson of Bryce and Kathy McLay*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## Recognition of our veterans

## MINISTRY in MUSIC

*Kathy McLay, soloist*

*"Blessings" ~Laura Story*

## 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!**

## †HYMN of PRAYER *"Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"* UMH 405

## A READING from the NEW TESTAMENT II Corinthians 9:6-8 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

## THE MESSAGE *"Generous on So Many Levels"* Pastor Kevin Haley

*Worship theme: "DISCIPLES—Living as Grace-Filled Stewards"*

# SHARING of OUR GIFTS and HIS TITHES

**THE OFFERTORY**      *“Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring”* ~arr. David Cherwien

†**OFFERTORY RESPONSE** (*sung in unison*)      **TFWS 2036**

*Give thanks with a grateful heart! Give thanks to the Holy One!*

*Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son!*

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*Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son!*

*And now let the weak say, “I am strong!”*

*Let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us!”*

*And now let the weak say, “I am strong!”*

*Let the poor say, “I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us!”*

*Give thanks! Give thanks!*

†**PRAYER of DEDICATION**

†**HYMN of COMMITMENT**      *“One in Purpose”*      ~see the insert

†**DISMISSAL with BLESSING**

†**THE POSTLUDE**      *“God of Grace and God of Glory”* ~arr. Wilbur Held

†**GOING FORTH to SERVE**

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LITURGIST: **Dennis Kennedy**

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

ACOLYTE: **Shane Clawson**

*The* **Worship Bulletins** are sponsored by Betty Daverse,  
to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of **Edwin Mason**.

*The* **White Carnations** are placed in Loving Memory of the following  
church members who recently joined the Church Eternal & Triumphant:

**Tracy Showman Courtney** (*Oct. 23, 2023*) & **Jack Poole** (*Nov. 6, 2023*)

*The* **Chancel Flowers** are given in Loving Memory of  
**Amil DiPadova**, father of Ann Thomas, who passed away on Nov. 8, 2023.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Sunday ~ Nov. 12** ~ Read John 16-17; Matthew 27

- 8:30 am Worship (*Sanctuary*)
- 9:00 am Children's Chimes (*Nursery*)
- 9:30 am Coffee/Fellowship (*Sanctuary Hall*)
- 9:40 am Sunday School for **ALL** Ages →
- 10:45 am Worship (*Sanctuary*)
- 2:30 pm Worship at Redstone (*Greensburg*)
- 5:30 pm Youth Halo Choir (*Choir Room*)
- 6-7:30 pm Youth 180 - Make Your Own Pizza (*Kitchen*)

**Elementary** age 4-grade 5  
(rm. 305 - upper level)  
**Youth** grades 6-12  
(rm. 302 - upper level)  
**Genesis Adults**  
(library - lower level)

**Monday ~ Nov. 13** ~ Read Mark 15; Luke 23

- 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study (*Library*)
- 6:30 pm Centering Prayer (*Prayer Room*)

**Tuesday ~ Nov. 14** ~ Read John 18-19

- 9:30 am Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Kevin (*Library*)

**Wednesday ~ Nov. 15** ~ Read Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24

## **DEADLINE DAY** →

**Thursday ~ Nov. 16** ~ Read John 20-21; Acts 1

- 10:00 am-1:00 pm 12-Step (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Chanters rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:30 pm BRR Adult Bell Choir rehearsal (*Bell Room*)
- 6:30-8:30 pm Evening Women's 12-Step (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

#1 **Circuit Rider** (December)  
articles & announcements  
#2 **FellaShip** Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>  
attendance RSVP  
#3 **Christmas Dinner &  
Concert w/ Chiz Rider**  
Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> (see insert)

**Friday ~ Nov. 17** ~ Read Acts 2-4

- 6-9:15 pm Friday Evening Music Club (*Sanctuary*)

**Saturday ~ Nov. 18** ~ Read Acts 5-7

- 9:00 am FellaShip Men/Boys Prayer Breakfast (*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:

Ken B. / family of Robert Bankosh / Dave Barry / Carole Beam /  
Antoinette Capo / Debbie D. / Gary Ebert / JoAnn Fisher / Myla Fullman /  
Dave & Ginny Grandey / Elaine H. / Michael & Diane Hall / Ken Keiser /  
Pastor Kevin / Ron McCutcheon / Anthony McKenna / Judy Molter /  
Ruth Rehfus / Don Sedlacko / Cindy Shaffer / Watkins family

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

**Allan Pierce, Marge Trumbetta** Brookdale Latrobe  
**Paulette Hood** Hempfield Manor Greensburg  
**Vivian Engel** Loyalhanna Care Sr. Suites Latrobe  
**Donna Bush, Norma Gump, Charlotte Sonafelt**  
Westmoreland Manor Greensburg

## TODAY

- **Angel Tree for Local Children is here!** See insert details for how to participate.
- **Food Pantry “Truck of the Month” Sponsorship is here!**  
See the Gnome-themed bulletin board in Sanctuary Hall to participate.
- **Children’s Chimes** rehearse at 9:00am in the Nursery on Sanctuary Level.  
Contact Fred Pershing at 724-836-2955 for details or with any questions.
- **Sunday Morning Coffee/Fellowship Hour** continues every Sunday morning, between Worship services, at the tables in Sanctuary Hall.
- **Sunday School** classes for ALL ages at 9:40am (*see calendar page for locations*)
- **Halo Youth Choir** will rehearse tonight at 5:30pm in the Choir Room.  
Contact Karen Pershing at 724-836-2955 with any questions.
- **Youth 180** meets at 6pm in the CHURCH KITCHEN on the lower level for a special time to *“Make Your Own Pizza!”* Questions...Contact Terry Lasut, Director of Youth.

## THIS WEEK

- **Monday-night Youth Bible Study** meets weekly at 6:00pm in the Library.
- **Centering Prayer** meets weekly on Monday evenings at 6:30pm in the Prayer Room.
- **Tuesday-morning Adult Bible Study w/ Pastor Kevin... “Priorities”** continues on Nov. 14 & 21 at 9:30am in the Church Library. Bring your Bible & bring a friend!  
See back page details on the upcoming Advent Bible Study *“The Case for Christmas.”*
- **DEADLINE DAY** #1 *Circuit Rider* articles & announcements for December
- **Wednesday** #2 Fella♦Ship Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> attendance RSVP
- **Nov. 15** #3 Christmas Dinner & Concert w/ Chiz Rider (see insert)
- **Adult Music Ministries...**  
*Chancel Chanters, Bonnie Ross Bell Choir, & Chancel Choir* continue on Thursday evenings (See calendar page for details)  
Questions...want to join? Contact Fred Pershing or Jim Caffrey.
- All men and boys are invited to **Fella♦Ship Prayer Breakfast** on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 9am in Fellowship Hall. We will gather together for a delicious breakfast, great Conversations across the tables, a time of devotion and prayer.  
**Please RSVP to Pastor Kevin or the church office by Wednesday, Nov. 15.**

## LOOKING AHEAD

- **Pocket Change for a Purpose** ~ Sunday, Nov. 19 ~ benefits 12-Step Coffee Supply Fund
- **Healing Hearts Women’s Support Group** ~ Monday, Nov. 20 ~ 6:30pm (Lounge)
- **Finance & Stewardship** ~ Tuesday, Nov. 21 ~ 6:00pm (Fellowship Hall)
- **Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service** ~ Wednesday, Nov. 22 ~ 7:00pm (Chapel)
- **Church & Office CLOSED** ~ Thursday & Friday, Nov. 23-24 ~ Happy Thanksgiving!
- **Tacos & Trees** ~ Sunday, Nov. 26 ~ 5-8:00pm ~ Come for a delicious taco bar, then stay to help “deck the halls” as we decorate the church.
- **Church Council** ~ Wednesday, Nov. 29 ~ 6:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)
- **UMW Thanksgiving Celebration** ~ Thursday, Nov. 30 ~ 5:30pm (Fellowship Hall)
- **Christmas Dinner & Concert with Chiz Rider** ~ Saturday, Dec. 2 ~ 5:30 Punch & Appetizers (Lounge) / 6:00 Dinner (Fellowship Hall) / 7:00 Concert (Sanctuary)

## FIND IT IN THE MEDIA RACK

- 2023 Charge Conference Report
- Upper Room for Nov./Dec.
- Poinsettia Order Forms
- Chancel Flower/Bulletin Sponsorship Forms

# 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).

NEW 4-Week Adult Bible Study  
for the Season of Advent  
Tuesdays @ 9:30am

## THE CASE FOR Christmas

Evidence for the Identity of Jesus



We will dig into the true Christmas story, to sort out the fact from the fiction, and sort out all the hype from the holiness. *The Case for Christmas* study will help you reflect on the gospel story of the birth of Jesus in a focused, group-oriented way that might change the way you view the season.

The author, Lee Strobel, reveals what he discovered from consulting experts on the Bible, archaeology, and messianic prophecy, as he sought to separate the truth from the tradition.

In each session we will explore:

- ♦ What the Bible actually says about Jesus' birth and how you can know it's accurate.
- ♦ Whether the Christmas story actually happened or developed from myths of the day.
- ♦ The Bible's claim that Jesus was born of a virgin, and why it's important to your faith.

Nov. 28 Session 1 Setting the Record Straight

Dec. 5 Session 2 Beneath the Fake News

Dec. 12 Session 3 A Mind-Boggling Proposition

Dec. 19 Session 4 The Prophetic Fingerprint

*There will be no study on Dec. 26 & Jan. 2 (a new study will RESUME Jan. 9)*

## 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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