



CELEBRATING 225 YEARS
2024
First United Methodist Church
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BELIEVING ♦ WELCOMING ♦ SERVING



**A Service of Worship
 for the Lord's Day
 Sunday, September 29, 2024
 10:00 am**



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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

“Praebulum” ~H. Scheidemann

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

O Lord, we come to worship today to hear Your good news,
to hear stories of faith, hope, and love.

We know that doubt, fear, and hatred are everywhere;
 they can shake even the strongest of people.

Shape us into faithful, hopeful believers.

Fill us with Your love that passes all understanding.

We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen!

† **HYMN of PRAISE** *“God Will Take Care of You”* **UMH 130**

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

Gracious God, You love us with a fierceness that is at once unsettling and comforting. May Your love dwell within us that no matter what language we speak, Your love will dance within each word we say. When You call us to stand up for justice, may Your love be the power that drives our actions. When we seek knowledge, may Your love compel us beyond idle curiosity, all the way to Your Word of truth. When we give of ourselves and our possessions, may Your love shine above our love for worldly things.

Thank You, O Lord, for the gift of Your love, and empower us to walk the path which Your love opens before us. Hear us now as we silently pray for peace in our world and in our lives...

†SILENT PRAYERS and 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 Corinthians 13:4-8a**^{NIV}

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

MINISTRY in MUSIC

Chancel Choir
“Oh, Wonderful Love of My God” ~Patti Drennan

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MINISTRY in MUSIC

Kathy McLay and Renee Bonari, duet
“For All You’ve Done” ~Point of Grace

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 PRAYER **“My Jesus, I Love Thee”** **UMH 172**

A READING from the GOSPELS **Matthew 7:1-12**^{NIV}

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

THE MESSAGE **“Judge, Ask, Seek, Knock”** **Pastor Kevin Haley**
Worship theme: “The Greatest Sermon Ever! (Sermon on the Mount)”

SHARING of HIS TITHES and OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY *“O God of Mercy, God of Light”* ~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 COMMITMENT *“Grace Alone”* TFWS 2162

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†THE POSTLUDE *“The Will of God Is Always Best”* ~J. E. Kindermann

†GOING FORTH to SERVE

LITURGIST: **Judy Molter**
TECH TEAM: **Nevaeh Hirst, Cheyanne Miller**
ACOLYTE: **Nevin Miller**

The Chancel Flowers

are given to the Glory of God, by the Barone family,
in Loving Memory of **Marvine Vannauker**.

The White Carnations are placed in Loving Memory of
the following Church Members who joined the Church Eternal & Triumphant:

Clarence White (September 20, 2024)

Our prayers and sincere condolences go out to his wife,
Betty (now at Concordia in Monroeville), and their daughter, Lisa;
Memorial Service (in our Sanctuary) Friday, Oct. 11, 1:00 pm

Allan Pierce, (September 25, 2024)

Our prayers and sincere condolences go out to his family
and his sister, Cynthia Snodgrass.

*At Kepple/Graft Funeral Home Friday, Oct. 4,
Visitation: 12:00-2:00 pm
Memorial Service: 2:00 pm*

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 a Welcome Card (inserted in this bulletin).

Bible study on Tuesday mornings @ 9:30 am

THE BOOKS OF RUTH & ESTHER

Join Pastor Kevin, as he leads us on a 12-week study of the Old Testament books of Ruth and Esther, the only two books in the Bible named for great women of faith.

October 1	Session #9	ESTHER — Pride
October 8	Session #10	ESTHER — Earning Rewards
October 15	Session #11	ESTHER — Justice Arrives
October 22	Session #12	ESTHER — Faithfulness

**Bring your Bible
& bring
a friend!**



***There will be NO Bible Study on
Oct. 29, Nov. 5 and Nov. 12.***

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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