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OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday 8am-4pm



† indicates a time to stand, if you are able

THE GATHERING and PRELUDE

*~Organ selections
Ruth Hughes, organist*

A CHRISTMAS GREETING

THE INTROIT

*“Away in A Manger” ~British Carol
Lillian and Vivian Baker, duet*

†CALL to WORSHIP *(responsively)*

~from “God Is With Us” by Amy Grant

Love is raining down on the world tonight!

There’s a presence here, I can tell:

God is in us, God is for us,

God is with us—Emmanuel!

He’s the Savior we have been praying for!

In our humble hearts He will dwell:

God is in us, God is for us,

God is with us—Emmanuel!

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

1. *O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

3. *Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

6. *Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

ADVENT WREATH LITURGY “Christ, Be Our Light” ~Bernadette Farrell

*Choir (singing): Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making Your Kingdom come!
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts! Shine through the darkness!
Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.*

Our Savior’s birth is celebrated with bold faith.

May our hearts be willing!

Like Mary, who showed humble surrender:

may our hearts be willing!

Like Joseph, who exhibited unconditional trust:

may our hearts be willing!

Like the shepherds, who displayed awestruck wonder:

may our hearts be willing!

Like the angels, who sang glorious praise:

may our hearts be willing!

For all who are willing to receive the gift of the Savior, born in Bethlehem:

**grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait,
the love of Christ as we act, and the grace of Christ as we speak.**

Tonight, we light all the candles. The first candle is the hope shining for those worn thin by times of waiting. The second candle is the hope shining for those worn down with wearied souls. The third candle captures the hopeful expectation of those eagerly watching for God's glory in our day. The fourth candle is the hope of a new tomorrow, shining for those seeking freedom from the wounds of this world.

Tonight, we also light the Christ candle. This candle radiates the hope of Jesus Christ to all who are willing to receive it.

People and Choir (*singing*): *Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts!
Shine through the darkness! Christ, be our light!
Shine in Your church gathered today. Christ, be our light!*

Let us pray together:

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, You are the hope for our hurting and broken world. We thank You, O God, for guiding us through this season of Advent, shining Your light in the midst of our darkness. As Your birth lit up the Bethlehem sky, continue to shine in our world by dispelling darkness, binding up the broken, and calling forth the faithful. On this holiest of nights, make us willing to welcome You as our Savior and Lord. We pray this in the name of our newborn King. Amen!

†**SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST**

†**CHORAL RESPONSE** (*sung in unison*)

UMH 204

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel.*

A CHRISTMAS PROPHECY

Isaiah 9:2,6-7 NIV

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

MINISTRY in MUSIC

*Halo Choir; Cheyanne Miller, soloist
"Breath of Heaven (Mary's Song)" ~arr. Craig Courtney*

THE CHRISTMAS NARRATIVE from the GOSPEL of LUKE

The story of Christ's birth as recorded by the apostle Luke

MINISTRY in MUSIC

*Christmas Chimes
"Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head" ~Martha Lynn Thompson*

CHRISTMAS 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!

SHARING OUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS for the LORD

THE OFFERTORY

“O Sleep, Dear Holy Baby” ~Carson P. Cooman

†CHORAL RESPONSE *(sung in unison)*

UMH 221, verse 4

*What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wiseman, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give Him: give my heart!*

†PRAYER of DEDICATION

†A CAROL MEDLEY

“Away in A Manger”

UMH 217, verses 1 and 3

- 1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.*
- 3. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.*

“What Child is This”

UMH 219, verses 1 and 3

- 1. What child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.*
- 3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own Him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

UMH 230, verses 1 and 4

1. *O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*
4. *O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

A READING from the GOSPELS

John 1:1-14 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

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THE MESSAGE

“Christmas Joy!”

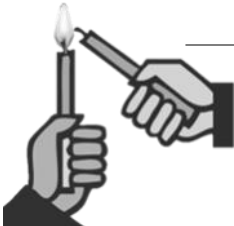
Pastor Kevin Haley

*The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory,
the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

MINISTRY in MUSIC

“O Holy Night” ~Adolphe Adam

Ruth Hughes—organ; Terry Lasut—trumpet



*As we light our candles, please tip only the unlit candle.
During “Silent Night,” the Pastor will lift his candle
at the end of each verse—please lift your candle carefully
at that same time to reflect Christ’s light.*

†CAROL of CANDLELIGHT

“Silent Night”

UMH 239

1. *Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace!*
2. *Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!*
3. *Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light;
radiant beams from Thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth! Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth!*
4. *Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!*

†THE PROPHECY FULFILLED

Isaiah 60:1-5a NIV

†CAROL of JOY

“Joy to the World”

UMH 246

1. *Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare Him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing!*
2. *Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy!*
3. *No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found!*
4. *He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love!*

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†THE POSTLUDE

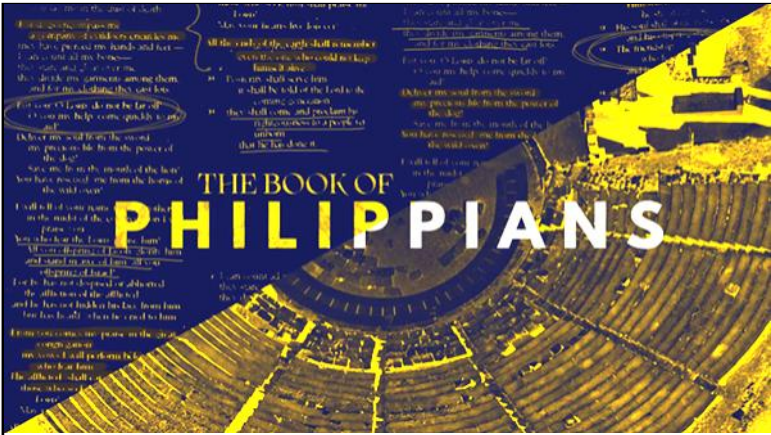
“Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts” ~Camille Saint-Saens

†GOING FORTH to SERVE

Tech Team: **Nevaeh Hirst, Cheyanne Miller**
Acolytes: **Cheyenne and Nevin Miller**
Nursery: **Ellen Matthews**



May the love of Christmas be in your heart throughout the year!



New Bible Study starts on Tuesdays

- January 7 @9:30 am
Prayer, Triumph, and Standing Firm
(Philippians chapter 1)
- January 14 @9:30 am
Serving and Shining
(Philippians chapter 2)
- January 21 @9:30 am
Right Standing w/God
(Philippians chapter 3)
- January 28 @ 9:30 am
Peace & Generosity
(Philippians chapter 4)

Bring your Bible and a friend to the Church Lounge on Tuesday mornings!

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men and boys ♦
♦ prayer breakfast

Please RSVP by January 8 to the Church Office

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of GREENSBURG PRESENTS

Roast & Toast



FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025 | 7:00 pm



CELEBRATING PASTOR KEVIN'S 65TH BIRTHDAY and RETIREMENT

First United Methodist Church
15 East 2ND Street
Greensburg PA 15601

Hors d'oeuvres and
Birthday Cake
will be enjoyed by all!

~Come and celebrate with us!~

Please RSVP no later than Friday, January 3, 2025.
Call or text Barbara Bloom at 724-454-2212
or email: betangellover@hotmail.com.



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