



**First United Methodist Church**  
**15 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Greensburg PA 15301**

**A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day**  
**Sunday, January 19, 2025 ♦ 10:00 am**



**LOVE**



**GROW**



**SERVE**

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

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE PRELUDE**

***“Be Thou My Vision”*** ~arr. Dale Wood

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

As we bask in the steadfast love of God,

**let us share this love with our neighbors.**

As we stand in the light of God,

**let us embrace this light and shine it everywhere.**

As we grow with the grace of God,

**let us share the Good News of His grace in all times and spaces.**

† **HYMN of PRAISE**

***“O Worship the King”***

**UMH 73**

† **A LITANY for the RENEWAL of LIFE** (*responsively*)

O Lord, like the people of Ezekiel's day, we have grown apart from You.

**We want what we want, ignoring Your desires for us.**

We have made our dreams and our desires more important to us than Yours.

**We have drifted away from the faith of our forebears. And now we wander blindly in a valley of dry, dusty bones, seeking refreshment for our thirsting souls.**

Answer the deep longing of our hearts with the fullness of Your love, so that once again we will know the sufficiency of life with You.

**Let the fire of Your Holy Spirit rest on us. Touch us, O Lord, and set our souls on fire with a burning that cannot be quenched.**

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O Lord, we are here, gathered together to worship You, to seek Your Holy Spirit in our lives, to seek the renewal and revitalization of our souls.

**Do it again, Lord, just like You did in the valley of dry bones.**

**Do it again, O Lord our God!**

We know that You can revive us. We believe that You can make us new.

**We believe, O Lord. Help us with our unbelief. 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 GOSPELS

John 3:11-17 NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

## MINISTRY in MUSIC

*Chancel Choir*

*“God So Loved the World” ~John Stainer*

## 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 Scarlett Elizabeth Lape 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, she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her 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 baptism water...*

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 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 she who receives it, to wash away her sin and clothe her in righteousness throughout her life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, she 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 baptizes the child, then addresses the congregation...*

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister 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 all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you that you may live in grace and peace! Amen!

*Scarlett Elizabeth Lape, born October 21, 2024  
Daughter of Jesse and Elizabeth (Robb) Lape*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

“Pocket Change for a Purpose”  
to benefit our Greensburg Fire Department

## **MINISTRY in MUSIC**

*Kathy McLay, soloist*  
“Turn to Jesus” ~Katy Nichole

## **PASTORAL PRAYER and 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**      “*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*”      **UMH 452**

**A READING from the OLD TESTAMENT**      **Ezekiel 37:1-14** NIV  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**THE MESSAGE**      **Pastor Kevin Haley**  
“**It All Started with A Mouse...**”

## **SHARING of HIS TITHES and OUR GIFTS**

**THE OFFERTORY**      “*I Lay My Sins on Jesus*” ~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 COMMITMENT

UMH 155

*“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”*

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†THE POSTLUDE *“All Creatures of Our God and King”* ~arr. Timothy Albrecht

†GOING FORTH to SERVE

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Liturgist: **Kathy McLay**  
Tech Team: **Nevaeh Hirst, Conner Grant**  
Acolyte: **Ethan Miller**

**Sunday ~ January 19** ~ Luke 6:17-26

- 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship (*Sanctuary Hall*)
- 8:45 am Chime Choir rehearsal (*Chapel*)
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (*Library*)
- 10:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:00 pm Youth 180 (*Youth Caf *)

**Monday ~ January 20** ~ Luke 6:27-49

**### Church & Office CLOSED for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ###**

**Tuesday ~ January 21** ~ Luke 7:1-17

- 9:30 am Adult Bible Study (*Lounge*)
- 6:00 pm Finance & Stewardship Committee (*Library*)

**Wednesday ~ January 22** ~ Luke 7:18-35

- 6:30 pm Church Council (*Lounge*)

**Thursday ~ January 23** ~ Luke 7:36-50

- 10 am-1 pm 12-Step (*Library*)
- 10:30 am Centering Prayer (*Prayer Room*)
- 6:00 pm Chancel Chanters rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:30 pm Bonnie Ross Ringers Bell Choir rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
- 6:30-8:30pm Evening Women's 12-Step (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (*Choir Room*)

**Friday ~ January 24** ~ John 17:1-26

**Saturday ~ January 25** ~ Colossians 1:1-14

*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. / Dave B. / Doug B. /
- Isie B. / Nancy B. / Bill Beam / Becky / Dave Berlin /
- Debbie C. & family / Paul Carney / Christy & Emily / Janet Craig / Darlene /
- Denny Doran / Doreen / Pastor Kevin & Amy Haley / Alexis Hawk /
- Eric K. / Ginny K. / Shirley Kahler / Kathi / Kubas family / Lee & family /
- Dave Lewis / Diane M. / Dorothy M. / John M. / Olive Marin /
- Ron McCutcheon / Lynn McGill / Anthony McKenna / Melanie P. /
- Bill & Nancy Montz / Page family / Paul / Kelly Ross / Ruth / Sam S. /
- Stan / Paul Tucci / our Church Staff & Church Family

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

- Marge Trumbetta** Brookdale (*Latrobe*)
- Paulette Hood** Hempfield Manor (*Greensburg*)
- Myrna Baer, Shirley Kahler** St. Anne Home (*Greensburg*)
- Donna Bush** Westmoreland Manor (*Greensburg*)

## TODAY

- **Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship** begins every Sunday at 8:30 am, in Sanctuary Hall.
- **Chime Choir** rehearsal begins at 8:45 am in the Chapel on Sanctuary level.
- **Adult Sunday School** begins at 9:00 am in the Library on the lower level.
- **Join us for Sunday Morning Worship** at 10:00 am in our Sanctuary.
- **Pocket Change for a Purpose** will be received to benefit our Greensburg Fire Department.
- **Youth 180** will meet at 6:00 pm in the Youth Café.

## THIS WEEK

- **Church & Office CLOSED** on Monday, Jan. 20, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- **Adult Bible Study** continues on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 9:30 am in the Church Lounge. See dates and session topics on this bulletin back page.
- **Finance & Stewardship Committee** will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 6:00 pm in the Library.
- **Church Council** will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 6:30 pm in the Church Lounge.
- **Centering Prayer** continues meeting on Thursday mornings, at 10:30 am, in the Prayer Room.
- **Adult Music Ministries** continue rehearsals. See calendar page, under Thursday, Jan. 23, for choirs, times, & locations. Want to join this weekly time of fellowship? Call the Church Office.

## LOOKING AHEAD & THINGS TO KNOW

- **Food Pantry “Truck of the Month”** sponsorship board now in Sanctuary Hall. **Only 3 left.**
- **2024 Contribution Statements** will be mailed out on Thursday, Jan. 30. Thank you for your patience, as we close out our 2024 records and files.
- **Circuit Rider Assembly** ~Thursday, Jan. 30 ~ 8:30 am (*Church Office*)
- **Staff Luncheon** ~Friday, Jan. 31 ~ 12 noon

**Pastor Kevin's email address is changing.** At the end of January, his church email ([pastorkevin@greensburgfirst.org](mailto:pastorkevin@greensburgfirst.org)) will be eliminated. Please begin to use his personal email ([gorevkev@outlook.com](mailto:gorevkev@outlook.com)) from this point forward. Thank you!

Until the newly-appointed pastor will begin at GFUMC, the District Superintendent and SPRC have agreed that three retired part-time clergy will serve the congregation:

**Rev. Richard D. Markle** (724) 344-2895 [rmarkle@zoominternet.net](mailto:rmarkle@zoominternet.net)

**Rev. Aimée W. Twigg** (412) 554-6101 [aimewt@aol.com](mailto:aimewt@aol.com)

**Rev. August B. Twigg** (724) 454-5992 [augiebt@aol.com](mailto:augiebt@aol.com)

They will oversee worship, administration and pastoral care, sharing preaching as determined. In addition, Rev. Markle will have office hours regularly on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-12:00. To communicate with them or in the event of an emergency, please use the above contact information.

# Welcome home to First United Methodist Church!

Sunday morning Worship Service at 10:00 in the Sanctuary

*(Livestream worship continues at 10:00)*

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).



## Tuesday Morning Bible Study

9:30am (Church Lounge)

Join Pastor Kevin, in January, for his Bible study on the **Book of Philippians**—one of the apostle Paul's letters written from prison. In a world that is filled with anxieties, worries, and fears, could you stand to have a bit more joy? In the book of Philippians, Paul expresses his joy in sharing the gospel, he explains why he was imprisoned, and addresses the disunity among believers in the church.

January 21 Session #3 Right Standing with God (chapter 3)

January 28 Session #4 Peace and Generosity (chapter 4)

Please bring your Bible and a friend, as we learn what the apostle Paul would want us to know about the depth of the foundation of our love and faith in Jesus Christ.

**Let's be safe...**Please consult the three local news networks for **Greensburg FUMC**, or check our church Facebook page at **First United Methodist Church-Greensburg** to check for cancellations of any of our services due to weather.

**Weekday office hours & activity cancellations...**If Greensburg Salem school district ever cancels school because of snow or ice, the church office hours and all activities would also be cancelled.

### 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)*

### Wi-Fi Network

Name: Greensburg First

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