



First United Methodist Church

15 East 2nd Street, Greensburg PA 15601

A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday, February 2, 2025 ♦ 10:00 am

4th Sunday of Epiphany

Mission: TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High”

(The Agincourt Hymn) ~arr. David N. Johnson

†CALL to WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Today, the word of God comes to us, in love,
inviting us to not be afraid, but to place our faith in God.

Today, the word of God comes to us, in faith,
**inviting us to trust in the One who knows us,
to place our hope in the One who saves us.**

Today, the word of God comes to us, in hope,
inviting us to be gracious in our love and in our service to others.

†OPENING PRAYER for PEACE *(unison)*

Everlasting God, you gave us the faith of Christ for a light to our feet amid the darkness of this world. Have pity on all who, by doubting or denying it, are gone astray from the faith of safety. Bring home the truth to their hearts, and grant them to receive it; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

(William Bright, England, 19th Century)

†SILENT PRAYER

†WORDS of ASSURANCE *(responsively)*

God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

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†HYMN of PRAISE *“The Gift of Love”* UMH 408

†AFFIRMATION of FAITH (*unison*) *“The Apostles’ Creed”* UMH 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

†SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

†THE CHORAL RESPONSE (*sung in unison*) *“Gloria Patri”* 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 1 John 4:7-12

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

MINISTRY in MUSIC

Chancel Choir

“The Love of Christ” ~Tina English

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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!

SHARING of HIS TITHES and OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

“O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go”

~arr. Don Hustad

†**THE DOXOLOGY** *(sung in unison)*

UMH 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

†**PRAYER of DEDICATION**

A READING from the NEW TESTAMENT

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

THE MESSAGE

“It’s About Love”

Rev. Richard Markle

†**HYMN of PRAYER**

“Let Us Be Bread”

TFWS 2260

THE PSALTER

“Psalm 71” ~John Goss

Chancel Chanters

SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION *(responsively)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Before the mountains were brought forth, or You had formed the earth, from everlasting to everlasting, You alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in Your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through Your prophets.

And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might!

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory! Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ, in whom You have revealed Yourself, our light and our salvation. You sent a star to guide the Magi to where the Christ was born; and in Your signs and witnesses, in every age and through all the world, You have led Your people from far places to His glorious light. In His baptism and in table fellowship, He took His place with sinners. Your Holy Spirit anointed Him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when You would save Your people. By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection, You gave birth to Your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Holy Spirit.

On the night in which He gave Himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

When the supper was over, He took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and the vine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood. By Your Holy Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at His heavenly banquet. Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy church, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen!

GIVING the BREAD and CUP

Communion will be served to you where you are seated.

Please take a piece of bread from its tray, then wait until directed to eat together.

(The bread is a piece of a rice cracker that is gluten-free)

Please do the same with the juice: take one, wait until directed to drink...

PRAYER after COMMUNION (*unison*)

We give You thanks, O Lord, for once again, You have filled us with good things—not just bread and juice, but Your very self. Now may this glimpse of Your Kingdom sustain us, and give us eyes to see You at work in every place, and give us strength to be Your body in the world—the church awakened and reflecting Your hope and light. As You have blessed the bread and broken it, You have blessed us and You let Your light shine through us. Make us Your people, again and again, to be Your light for this world, lost in the darkness. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen!

†HYMN of COMMITMENT

TFWS 2223

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†THE POSTLUDE

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

~arr. Alfred V. Fedak

†GOING FORTH to SERVE

Liturgist: **Jim Caffrey**
Tech Team: **Nevaeh Hirst, Conner Grant**
Acolyte: **Elijah Miller**

Sunday ~ February 2 ~ John 13:21-35

- 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*)

Monday ~ February 3 ~ 1 John 1:1-10

- 5:30 pm Girl Scouts (*Fellowship Hall*)
- 6:30 pm Board of Trustees (*Trustee Room*)

Tuesday ~ February 4 ~ 1 John 2:1-17

Wednesday ~ February 5 ~ 1 John 2:18-29

9am-12noon Weekly Office Hours for Pastor Dick Markle (*Church Office*)

* * * RSVP for Fella♦Ship due to Church Office * * *

Thursday ~ February 6 ~ 1 John 3:1-10

- 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 ~ February 7 ~ 1 John 3:11-24

Saturday ~ February 8 ~ 1 John 4:1-6

- 9:00 am Fella♦Ship (*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:

- Bob B. / Isie B. / Dave Berlin /
- Paul Carnes / Christy & Emily / Janet Craig / Darlene / Denny Doran /
- Doreen / Frank / Pastor Kevin & Amy Haley / Alexis Hawk / Diane K. /
- Eric K. / Melonie K. / Kubas family / Lee & family / Lynn / Debbie M. /
- Dorothy M. / John M. / Ron McCutcheon / Lynn McGill / Nancy Montz /
- Paul / Cindy Twigg / our Church Staff & Church Family /
- families of Andrea Ackerman, Bill Montz, Scott Shank

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.

THIS WEEK

- **Board of Trustees** will meet on Monday, Feb. 3, in the Trustee Room on the lower level.
- **Weekly Office Hours** with Pastor Dick Markle will begin on Wednesday, Feb. 5, from 9:00 am thru 12 noon.
- **RSVP for Fella♦Ship** due on Wednesday, Feb. 5, church office.
- **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, Feb. 6, for choirs, times, & locations. Want to join this weekly time of fellowship? Call the Church Office.
- **Fella♦Ship Prayer Breakfast** takes place on Saturday, Feb. 8, at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. All men and boys, come on out and join us for a home-cooked breakfast, devotional, and a time of prayer.

LOOKING AHEAD & THINGS TO KNOW

- **Food Pantry “Truck of the Month”** sponsorship board now in Sanctuary Hall. **Only 3 left.**
-- **August** “Back-to-School”-- **October** “Fall Leaves”-- **November** “Army”--
- **2024 Contribution Summary Statements** were mailed out on Thursday, Jan. 30. Please call the church office with any questions or to request a “detailed” statement.

The Chancel Flowers are given by the Wessner family,
to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory **Edward Wissell**

The Worship Bulletins are sponsored by Deborah D. Weinstein,
in Loving Memory of her dear brother, **Carlton Mack Dunlap.**

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

Rev. Richard D. Markle (724) 344-2895 rdmarkle@zoominternet.net

Rev. Aimée W. Twigg (412) 554-6101 aimeewt@aol.com

Rev. August B. Twigg (724) 454-5992 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).

It's the SOUPER BOWL Drive!!!

Canned-Soup collection for our Food Pantry



During these cold months, we would like to continue to provide canned soup for our 65 clients/families. Therefore, our collection will continue through Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 9, just in time for our next Food Pantry distribution day on Feb. 14!

Please help us to help others.

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

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