



# First United Methodist Church

15 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Greensburg PA 15601

## A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday, February 23, 2025 ♦ 10:00 am

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

**Our Mission: TO KNOW CHRIST AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN**

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

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE PRELUDE

*“Be Merciful to Me, O God” ~ J. S. Bach*

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

Take delight in the Lord;

**For God will give us the desires of our hearts.**

Trust in the Lord;

**For God will give us security and strength.**

Come; let us commit our ways to the Lord.

**Let us worship the One who is our refuge in any time of trouble.**

#### †HYMN of PRAISE

*“Now Thank We All Our God”*

UMH 102

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

**Faithful God, You have gathered Your people in faithfulness throughout many generations. You have offered Your blessing to us through their examples, and led the Church through many changes and challenges by Your Spirit. Draw near to us this day, to guide us in these uncertain times. Root our faithfulness in the compassion and courage we meet in Jesus. Renew us through Your steadfast love so that we may dare to trust our future to You. All praise and honour are Yours, O God: Source, Saviour, and Spirit of Life. Amen.**

#### †SILENT PRAYERS and CONFESSION

#### †WORDS of ASSURANCE

†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 LESSON from the OLD TESTAMENT      **Genesis 45:3-11, 15** NIV  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God!

MINISTRY in MUSIC      *Chancel Choir*  
*“Go Forth For God”*~K. Lee Scott

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MINISTRY in MUSIC      *Bonnie Ross Ringers Adult Bell Choir*  
*“Ah, Holy Jesus”*~Johann Cruger

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      *“Kind Jesus”*~ N. W. Gade

†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

†HYMN of PRAYER      *“Freely, Freely”*      **UMH 389**

**A LESSON from the NEW TESTAMENT**

**Luke 6:27-38** NIV

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**THE MESSAGE**

**Pastor Dick Markle**

**“God Wants Us to Get More Than We Deserve”**

Message based on Luke 6:37-38

†**HYMN of COMMITMENT**

**“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”**

**UMH 365**

†**DISMISSAL with BLESSING**

†**THE POSTLUDE**

**“Give to Our God Immortal Praise” ~arr. Wilbur Held**

†**GOING FORTH to SERVE**

**Liturgist:** Kathy McLay ~ **Tech Team:** Conner Grant ~ **Acolyte:** Lillian Baker



**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

**Early Morning Imposition of Ashes Offered**

**March 5<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:30-8:00 am**

Join us for a brief [20-30 minute]  
Imposition of Ashes service in our Sanctuary.

**Take Note:** City meters will be running...you'll probably need 75 cents to a dollar for parking.

**ASH**  
Wednesday



**March 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 pm**

**Joint United Methodist Community Ash Wednesday Worship**

**First United Methodist Church**

15 E. 2nd Street ~ Greensburg

# 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).

**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.



## United Methodist Women Spring Salad Supper Tuesday ~ March 4 ~ 6:00pm

Ladies who attend are asked to bring a salad to share.

## Regular Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

*(may change without notice... thank you for your understanding & patience)*

### Find us on FACEBOOK:

First United Methodist  
Church—Greensburg

### Wi-Fi Network:

Name: Greensburg First  
Password: Jeremiah2911

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greensburgfirst.org



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