



First United Methodist Church

15 East 2nd Street, Greensburg PA 15601

A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday, March 2, 2025 ♦ 10:00 am

8th Sunday after Epiphany

Our Mission: TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

“The Heavens Declare His Glory” ~ Ludwig van Beethoven

†CALL to WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Adapted from Psalm 99

The Lord rules – the nations shake!

The Lord is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the nations.

Let them thank His great and awesome Name. He is holy!

Bow at His footstool! He is holy!

Magnify the Lord our God!

Bow low at His holy mountain

because the Lord our God is holy!

†HYMN of PRAISE *“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”* UMH 173

†OPENING PRAYER and CONFESSION *(unison)*

O Lord, our God, You are the Holy One of Israel. To You and to You alone do we come for forgiveness of sin. Lord, hear the confession of our contrite hearts this day. You Who are glorious above all, bow down low to listen to our prayers we humbly ask. Transform our lives to be like Yours. By Your almighty grace make us new for Your sake and by Your powerful love...

†SILENT PRAYERS and CONFESSION

†WORDS of ASSURANCE

Liturgist: Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God! Amen!

†**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 OLD TESTAMENT

Exodus 34:29-35

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

MINISTRY in MUSIC

Chancel Choir

“Come Share this Feast of Love”~Lloyd Larson

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 Christ, Our Light, Our Radiance True”~ arr. Allan Mahnke***

†**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** *“O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair”* UMH 258

[Sung to familiar tune, “The Gift of Love,” found at hymnal page 408.]

A LESSON from the NEW TESTAMENT

Luke 9:28-36

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

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Aimée Twigg

“The Transfigured Transformer”

MINISTRY in MUSIC

Chancel Chanters

“Christ Is the World’s Light” ~arr. Richard Storrs Willis

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.

Blessed are you, our Alpha and our Omega, whose strong and loving arms encompass the universe, for with your eternal Word and Holy Spirit you are forever one God. Through your Word you created all things and called them good, and in you we live and move and have our being. When we fell into sin, you did not desert us. You made covenant with your people Israel and spoke through prophets and teachers. In Jesus Christ your Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. 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 Jesus Christ, who called you Abba, Father. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own and filled them with a longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail. In Jesus' suffering and death you took upon yourself our sin and death and destroyed their power for ever. You raised from the dead this same Jesus, who now reigns with you in glory, and poured upon us your Holy Spirit, making us the people of your new covenant.

On the night before meeting with death, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the 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 Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the 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, that in the breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine we may know the presence of the living Christ and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world, redeemed by Christ's blood. As the grain and grapes, once dispersed in the fields, are now united on this table in bread and wine, so may we and all your people be gathered from every time and place into the unity of your eternal household and feast at your table for ever. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

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

†HYMN of COMMITMENT “At the Name of Jesus” UMH 168

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†THE POSTLUDE “We Are Marching in the Light of God” ~arr. John A. Behnke

†GOING FORTH to SERVE

Liturgist: Jim Caffrey Tech Team: being formed Acolyte: Elijah Miller



During Lent, a communion visit will be made to our Homebound/Shut-ins. It would bless them to have a member of the congregation come along. Contact Pastor Aimée if interested.



Early Morning Imposition of Ashes Offered

March 5th ~ 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.

A graphic with the text "ASH Wednesday" in a stylized font. To the right is a heart shape with a cross inside it.

March 5th
7:00 pm

Joint United Methodist Community Ash Wednesday Worship

First United Methodist Church

15 E. 2nd Street ~ Greensburg

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday ~ March 2 ~ Psalm 27

- 8:30 am Coffee Fellowship (*Sanctuary Hall*)
- 8:45 am Chime Choir rehearsal (*Chapel*)
- 9:00 am Adult Sunday School (*Library*)
- 9:00 am Children's Sunday School (*3rd Floor*)
- 10:00 am Worship (*Sanctuary*)

Monday ~ March 3 ~ Psalm 31

- 6:30 pm Board of Trustees (*Trustee Room*)

Tuesday ~ March 4 ~ Psalm 33

- 6:00 pm UMW Spring Salad Supper (*Fellowship Hall*)

Ash Wednesday ~ March 5 ~ Psalm 51

~ ~ ~ RSVP Due for Fella♦ship ~ ~ ~

- 7:30 am Early Morning Ash Wednesday Worship (*Sanctuary*)
- 9am-12noon Weekly Office Hours for Pastor Dick Markle
- 7:00 pm Joint United Methodist
Ash Wednesday Worship (*our Sanctuary*)

Thursday ~ March 6 ~ Psalm 40:1-11

- 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 ~ March 7 ~ Psalm 61

Saturday ~ March 8 ~ Psalm 62

- 9:00 am Fella♦Ship Men/Boys Prayer Breakfast (*Fellowship Hall*)



Urgent Need... We need help with the sound system, power point, and live streaming. Please let any of the 3 interim pastors know if you can help.

Prayer Requests:

Rosalie Ashbaugh / Bob B. /
Doug B. / Isie B. / Jason B. / Cathi B. /
Ken B. / Nancy B. / Christy & Emily / Janet Craig / Debbi / Denny Doran /
Doris / Holly / Becky J. / Ken Keiser / James Krautz / Tracey L. / Lori /
Debbie M. / Diane M. / Dorothy M. / Jim M. & family / John M. /
Ralphie M. / Ron M. & family / Anthony McKenna / Robin Meadows /
Kathy P. / Stan P. / Robin & John / Bob Rugh / Kerry Thompson /
Tim / Vincent / Zach / our Church Staff & Church Family

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.

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, Norma Gump 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.
- **Children's Sunday School begins at 9:00 am upstairs on the third floor.**
- **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, March 3, at 6:30 pm in the Trustee Room.
- **United Methodist Women** invites all ladies to their **Spring Salad Supper** on Tuesday, March 4, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a salad to share, if you are able.
- **RSVP Deadline for Fella♦Ship** is Wednesday, March 5, to the Church Office.
- **Early Morning Ash Wednesday Worship** on March 5, at 7:30 am in Sanctuary. (see below)
- **Weekly Office Hours** with Pastor Dick Markle continue on Wednesday, Feb. 26, from 9:00 am thru 12 noon.
- **Joint United Methodist Greensburg Community Ash Wednesday Service** (including Otterbein UMC and S. Greensburg UMC) on Wednesday, March 5, at 7:00 pm in our Sanctuary.
- **Centering Prayer** continues meeting on Thursday mornings, at 10:30 am, in the Prayer Room.
- **Adult Music Ministries** continue. See calendar page, under Thursday, March 6, for choirs, times, and locations. Want to join this weekly time of fellowship? Call the Church Office.
- All men and boys are invited to our monthly **Fella♦Ship Prayer Breakfast** on Saturday, March 8, at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come on out and enjoy a home-made breakfast, a devotional led by Augie Twigg, a time of prayer, and great fellowship.

LOOKING AHEAD & THINGS TO KNOW

- **Daylight Savings Time (Spring Forward)** ~ Sunday, March 9 ~ Don't Forget!!!
- **Staff Meeting** ~ Wednesday, March 12 ~ 10:00 am (*Church Office*)
- **Food Pantry "Set-Up"** ~ Thursday, March 13 ~ 1:30 pm (*Fellowship Hall*)
- **Food Pantry "Distribution"** ~ 8:00 am Truck arrives
Friday, March 14 ~ 10:00 am Distribution begins (*@ glass doors on S. Maple*)
- **DEADLINE for April Circuit Rider** articles & announcements ~ Saturday, March 15
- **Pocket Change for a Purpose** ~ Sunday, March 16 ~ to benefit UMCOR
- **Healing Hearts** ~ Monday, March 17 ~ 6:00 pm (*Church Lounge*)
- **Finance & Stewardship** ~ Tuesday, March 18 ~ 6:00 pm (*Library*)
- **Worship Committee** ~ Wednesday, March 19 ~ 3:30 pm (*Library*)
- **Church Council** ~ Wednesday, March 26 ~ 6:30 pm (*Church Lounge*)

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).

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:

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