



First United Methodist Church

15 East 2nd Street, Greensburg PA 15601

A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday, October 5, 2025 ♦ 10:00am

Our Mission: TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

Gift of Finest Wheat~arr. Ron Schmoltze

† **CALL to WORSHIP** (*Responsively*)

Come, remember the faith that first set your heart on fire.

**We remember the gift of God's grace,
passed down through those who taught us to believe.**

God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control.

**We will not be ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God for salvation.**

**Hold fast to the truth of Christ Jesus,
and rely on the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.**

Together we worship the God who saves us and calls us with a holy calling.

To God be the glory forever! Amen.

† **HYMN**

I Know Whom I Have Believed

UMH 714

† **OPENING PRAYER** (*Unison*)

Gracious God, You are the Lord of every place and every season. Even when life takes us where we did not plan to go, Your goals remain constant. Help us to seek the peace and well-being of our community, to build and to plant with hope, and to trust the future You are shaping for us. As we gather in worship, stir our hearts to faithfulness and confidence in Your promises for tomorrow.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

† **SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST**

†**GLORIA PATRI** *(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!*

READING of the WORD

Psalms 137^{NRSV}

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

MINISTRY in MUSIC

Bread of the World~Gordon Young
Chancel Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER HYMN

Spirit of the Living God

UMH 393

PASTORAL, SILENT, 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!

(You are invited to come to the rail during this time of prayer).

MINISTRY in MUSIC

Psalm 8~Thomas Attwood Walmisley
Chancel Chanters

SHARING of HIS TITHES and OUR GIFTS

THE OFFERTORY

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring~arr. David Cherwien

†**THE DOXOLOGY** *(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**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

UMH 452

THE MESSAGE

Take Faith Home
2 Timothy 1:1-14^{NRSV}

Pastor Clint Phillips

†**SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION** *(Responsively)*

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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!

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Glory to God. Amen.

Let us join together in reciting the *Apostles Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe 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, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living 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.

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. 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 the 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.**

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.

Let us pray...

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

Standing on the Promises

UMH 374

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†THE POSTLUDE

All People that on Earth Do Dwell~arr. Austin C. Lovelace

†GOING FORTH to SERVE

The Chancel Flowers

are given by our United Methodist Women
to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of
Church Members who have passed away.

Liturgist: Jim Caffrey

Acolyte: Elijah Miller

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday ~ October 5 ~ 1 Corinthians 11:17-34

8:30 am **Coffee Fellowship** (*Sanctuary Hall*)

8:45 am **Children's Chime Choir rehearsal** (*Chapel-Sanctuary level*)

9:00 am **Sunday School:**

Children [PreK-grade 5] (*Nursery-Sanctuary level*)

Youth 180 [grade 6-12] (*Youth Café-3rd floor*)

Adult Sunday School (*Library-lower level*)

10:00 am **Worship** (*Sanctuary*)

Monday ~ October 6 ~ Psalm 97

6:30 pm **Centering Prayer** (*Prayer Room-Sanctuary level*)

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

Tuesday ~ October 7 ~ Psalm 98

10:00 am **Bible Study** (*Library-lower level*)

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Wednesday ~ October 8 ~ Psalm 99

~ ~ **RSVP Deadline** for Fella-Ship ~ ~

9:00 am **Nominations Committee meeting** (*Library-lower level*)

Thursday ~ October 9 ~ Exodus 20:1-17

10 am-1 pm **12-Step** (*Library—lower level*)

1:30 pm **Food Pantry Set-up** (*Fellowship Hall-lower level*)

6:00 pm **Chancel Chanters rehearsal** (*Sanctuary*)

6:30 pm **Bell Choir rehearsal** (*Chapel*)

6:30-8:30pm **Evening Women's 12-Step** (*Fellowship Hall—lower level*)

7:30 pm **Chancel Choir** (*Choir Room—Sanctuary level*)

Friday ~ October 10 ~ Leviticus 25:1-22

Food Pantry Day 8:00 am Truck Arrives

10:00 am Distribution Begins (@ S. Maple glass door entrance)

Saturday ~ October 11 ~ Leviticus 25:23-38

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

Prayer Requests:

Brad Ackerman / Averyanna / Bob Barone /
Barb Bloom / Isabel Bloom / Christy & Emily /

Debbie D. / Dale / Denny & family / Gloria / Jan H. / the Hall family / Jerry / Donna K. / Ken Keiser /
Kenny / Valerie Lipinski / Diane M. / Dorothy M. / John M. / Marion / Mark / the Marody family /

John Nalevanko / Steven / Kerry Thompson / Debbie W. / Libbie Williams /

Pastor Clint Phillips & family (Karla, Sarah, Isaiah)

*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.

Libbie Williams Concordia at Weatherwood (*Greensburg*)

Paulette Hood Hempfield Manor (*Greensburg*)

Bill Conrad Ridgecrest (*Pittsburgh*)

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*.
- **Children's Chime Choir rehearsal at 8:45 am** in *Chapel/Sanctuary level*
- **Sunday School at 9:00 am:** Children [PreK-grade 5] *Nursery/Sanctuary level*
Youth 180 [grades 6-12] *Youth Café/3rd floor*
Adult Sunday School class in *Library/lower level*
- **Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 am** in our **Sanctuary**

THIS WEEK

- **Centering Prayer** continues to meet on Monday evenings, at 6:30 in the Prayer Room.
- **Board of Trustees** will meet on Monday, Oct. 6, at 6:30 pm in the Trustee Room.
- **Tuesday Morning & Evening Bible Studies** led by Augie Twigg continue Oct. 7, at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm. (**NOW** meeting in the Library-lower level)
(full details/information on bulletin back page)
- **RSVP DEADLINE for Fella-Ship** ~ Wednesday, Oct. 8 ~ *(to Church Office 724-834-3111)*
- **Nominations & Lay Leadership Committee** will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 9:00 am in the Church Library on the lower level. Please reach out to Pastor Clint for further details and information.
- **Food Pantry Set-Up** meets on Thursday, Oct. 9, at 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
- **Join the weekly fellowship of our Music Ministry** as fall rehearsals continue:
 - 6:00 pm Chancel Chanters rehearsal (*Sanctuary*)
 - 6:30 pm Bell Choir rehearsal (*Chapel*)
 - 7:30 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal (*Choir Room—Sanctuary level*)
- **Food Pantry Distribution Day** is Friday, Oct. 10 ~ Truck arrives at 8:00 am
~ Distribution begins at 10:00 am
- **Fella♦Ship Men/Boys Prayer Breakfast** will meet on Saturday, Oct. 11, at 9:00 am in our Fellowship Hall. Come on out and enjoy a home-cooked breakfast, devotional/time of prayer, and Fellowship of other like-minded men and boys. **Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, Oct. 8, so we can adequately prepare.**

LOOKING AHEAD & THINGS TO KNOW

- **The Upper Room** (*Sept./Oct.*) and **Our Daily Bread** (*Sept./Oct./Nov.*) daily devotionals are still available in the Media Rack in Sanctuary Hall.
- **Fall Kick-Off Covered Dish Picnic for "Ringers & Singers"** [Bell & Chancel Choirs] will be on Sunday, Oct. 12, at 4:00 at Louwana Mock's home. A sign-up sheet will be circulated.
- **November Circuit Rider DEADLINE** ~ Wednesday, Oct. 15
- **Finance Committee meeting** ~ Wednesday, Oct. 15 ~ 6:00 pm (*Library—lower level*)
- **Pocket Change for a Purpose** ~ Sunday, Oct. 19 ~ to benefit UMW Holiday Gift Cards
- **Healing Hearts** ~ Monday, Oct. 20 ~ 6:00 pm (*Lounge—lower level*)
- **Annual Charge Conference** ~ Wednesday, Oct. 22 ~ 6:00 pm (*Sanctuary*)
- **Academy String Quartet** ~ Sunday, Oct. 26 ~ 2:00 pm (*our Sanctuary*)

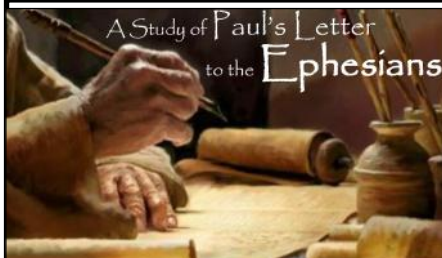
Welcome home to First United Methodist Church!

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).



You are invited to join Augie Twigg as he teaches this hour-long, 12-session Bible study on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

Tuesdays at 10:00 am or 6:30 pm *(Library)*

Bring a friend & your Bible.

Please register by calling the church office at 724-834-3111. Registration is not required, but it is encouraged, to help ensure proper preparation for the class. This is free and open to everyone!

- Oct. 7 "One Body Ethics" (Eph. 4)
14 "Deportment 102" (Eph. 5:1-20)
21 "All Around Submission" (Eph. 5:21-6:9)
28 "Spirit Wars:
May the Force Be with You!" (Eph. 6)
Nov. 4 "Belt & Breastplate" (Eph. 6:14)

God's New Society

A Bible Study led by
Rev. Augie Twigg (retired)

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

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

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