

First United Methodist Church

15 East 2nd Street, Greensburg PA 15601 **A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day**Sunday, November 2, 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 Communion~Vierne/Callahan w/ Bro. James Caffrey (clarinetist)

†CALL to WORSHIP (Responsively)

We come together, chosen by God, claimed in Christ before the foundation of the world.

We belong to God and live for the praise of His glory.

The Spirit of God is at work within us, opening our hearts to hope.

We lift our eyes to the One who calls us to a glorious inheritance.

Christ is risen, seated at the right hand of God with power above all powers.

Jesus Christ is Lord, the head of the Church, and our hope forever.

Come, people of God, and worship the One who fills all in all.

We come to worship the God of glory, wisdom, and power!

†HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

†OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Gracious God, You have chosen us in Christ and sealed us with Your Spirit of promise. You have called us to live with hope, to see with the eyes of faith, and to trust in the power that raised Jesus from the dead. Open the eyes of our hearts this morning. Remind us that Christ reigns above all things, filling our lives with His presence. As we worship, strengthen our faith and empower us to live for the praise of Your glory. Through Jesus Christ our Lord 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!

MINISTRY in MUSIC

Song of the Saints~Pepper Choplin Chancel Choir w/ Terry Lasut (trumpet)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER HYMN

Jesus, Name Above All Names

TFWS 2071 (2x)

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 24~ George Thalben-Bell

Chancel Chanters

SHARING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

The Saints of God, Their Conflict Past~Berndt Nyberg

†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

Amazing Grace

UMH 378 (vs. 1-4)

THE MESSAGE

Resurrection Hope Ephesians 1:11-23 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!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

Let us join in 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, almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses, God of Joshua and Deborah, God of Ruth and David, God of the priests and the prophets, God of Mary and Joseph, God of the apostles and the martyrs, God of our mothers and our fathers, God of our children to all generations. You formed us in Your image and breathed into us the breath of life. Even when we turned away and failed to love You, Your love stayed strong. You set us free from bondage, promised to be our faithful God, and spoke to us through Your prophets. So now, with Your people here on earth and all the saints in heaven, we lift up Your name and join in their endless song of praise.

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. 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 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 wine. 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.

Amen.

We gather today to remember the saints. To remember those that have left this world to enter eternal life. Those that are family, those that are friends, those that we love. While we grieve, we celebrate in their joy. We renew our communion with all Your saints, especially those whom we name before You this day:

Donald J. Sedlacko	Stephanie Lee Banner
Betty White	Anthony McKenna
Andrea Ackerman	Ruth Helfferich
William Montz	Marjorie Trumbetta
Scott Shank	Robert Bloom
Evelyn Makarsky	Jacquelyn B. Hebrank
Peggy Lee Banner	Elizabeth "Libbie" Williams
Robert Hugus	Brad Ackerman

Let us Pray. We are surrounded by the faithful people who have gone before us, give us strength to keep running the race You've set before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus. By Your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other,

and one in service to the whole world, until Christ returns in victory and we share together in His heavenly feast. Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit, in Your holy Church, all praise and glory belong to You, almighty God, 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...

Let us pray: Holy God, we are thankful for all that You have given us this day. We are grateful for the gifts that the saints have left behind. For our knowledge and wisdom, for our time growing in You, and for the love for which we hold one another. We consecrate the many gifts that have been entrusted to us in their memory. May we use these gifts in the service to one another and to You that we can be strengthened to grow and serve You. Holy God, strengthen us to run the race that is set before us. By Your 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.

REMEMBERING the SAINTS

Please join with me in unison prayer

God of both the living and the dead, we praise your holy name for all your servants who have faithfully lived and died. We thank you for the sacred ties that bind us. We pray that, encouraged by their example, and strengthened by their fellowship, we may be diligent followers and that nothing will be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

†HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH 327

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†THE POSTLUDE

For All the Saints~arr. Charles Callahan

†GOING FORTH to SERVE

<u>Liturgist</u>: Jim Caffrey

<u>Acolyte</u>: Elijah Miller

Power Point Operator: __?_?_?_

Sunday ~ November 2 ~ 2 Chronicles 5:1-14

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)

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10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday ~ November 3 ~ Ezra 1:1-11

6:30 pm Centering Prayer (Prayer Room-Sanctuary level)
6:30 pm Board of Trustees (Trustee Room-lower level)

Tuesday ~ November 4 ~ Ezra 3:1-13

10:00 am
6:30 pm

Morning Bible Study (Library-lower level)
Evening Bible Study (Library-lower level)

Wednesday ~ November 5 ~ Ezra 4:24-5:17

~ ~ RSVP Deadline for Fella♦Ship ~ ~

Thursday ~ November 6 ~ Ezra 6:1-12

10 am-1 pm **12-Step** (Lounge—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** (Lounge—lower level) 7:30 pm **Chancel Choir** (Choir Room—Sanctuary level)

Friday ~ November 7 ~ Ezra 6:13-22

Saturday ~ November 8 ~ Ezra 7:1-10

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

Prayer Requests: family of Brad Ackerman / Becky B. / Bob Barone / Becky / Bette / Bill / Isabel Bloom / Denny Doran / Emily & Kennedy / Tom G. / Ginny Grandey / Joanne / Justin & Jackie /

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.

Diane K. / Donna K. / Kathy / Ken Keiser / Dorothy M. / John M. / Ron M. / Mark & Marion / Matt & Tracy / John Meffe / David Nalevanko / Nancy / Shirley Neill / Amanda P. / Patty / Kerry Thompson / Tim / Bill Wier / family of Libbie Williams / Doreen Z. / Pastor Clint Phillips & family (Karla, Sarah, Isaiah)

The Worship Bulletins are sponsored by Betty Daverse, in Loving Memory of her dad, Edwin Mason.

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

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. It's a time to get a coffee, tea, or hot cocoa and share a treat and some fellowship.
- 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. It's a time to come together in quiet reverence and prayer...call Judy Molter at 724-834-4374 with questions or for further info.
- Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, Nov. 3, at 6:30 in the Trustee Room.
- Tuesday Morning & Evening Bible Studies led by Augie Twigg continue Nov. 4, at 10:00 am and 6:30 pm, meeting in the Library on the lower level. (full details/information on bulletin back page)
- RSVP Deadline for Fella Ship Wednesday, Nov. 5, to the church office 724-834-3111.
- Join the weekly fellowship of our Music Ministry as weekly 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) Contact the church office at 724-834-3111 with questions or to get further info.
- Fella-Ship Men/Boys Prayer Breakfast will take place on Saturday, Nov. 8, at 9:00 am in our Fellowship Hall on the lower level. You are invited to join us for a home-cooked meal, time of devotions/prayer, and fellowship. Please call or email the church office by Wednesday, Nov. 5, to let us know you plan to attend. The contact information follows: churchsecretary@greensburgfirst.org or 724-834-3111.

LOOKING AHEAD & THINGS TO KNOW

- Finance & Stewardship ~ Wednesday, Nov. 12 ~ 6:00 pm (Library—lower level)
- Food Pantry Set-Up Team ~ Thursday, Nov. 13 ~ 1:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)
- Food Pantry Day ~ Friday, Nov. 14 ~ at S. Maple glass doors
 - ~ 8:00 am Truck Arrives
 - ~ 10:00 am Distribution Begins (new clients are asked to arrive at 10:30, so we will have time to sign them up)
- Saturday, Nov. 15 ~ DEADLINE for articles/announcements for December Circuit Rider
- Pocket Change for a Purpose ~ Sunday, Nov. 16 ~ benefits 12-Step Hospitality Fund
- Healing Hearts Women's Support Group ~ Monday, Nov. 17 ~ 6:00 pm (Lounge)
- Church Council ~ Wednesday, Nov. 19 ~ 6:30 pm (Library—lower level)
- Hanging of the Greens ~ Sunday, Nov. 23 ~ lunch provided...bring a dessert to share
- Church/Office CLOSED ~ Thursday & Friday, Nov. 27 & 28 ~ HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Welcome to First United Methodist Church!

Sunday morning Worship Service at 10:00 in the Sanctuary

(Livestream worship continues at 10:00)

We're so glad you're here! Whether it's your first visit or you've been with us for years, know that you are loved. If you don't have a church home, we invite you to consider joining our family as we learn, grow, and share Christ's love together. Please take a moment to fill out the Welcome Card in your bulletin—we'd love to connect with you.



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.

This is free and open to everyone!

God's New
Society
A Bible Study led by
Rev. Augie Twigg (retired)

Nov. 4 "Belt & Breastplate" (Eph. 6:14)

11 "Sandals & Shield" (Eph. 6:15-16)

18 "Helmet & Sword" (Eph. 6:17)

25 "Prayer, Always Prayer" (Eph. 6:18-20)

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

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

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