



# First United Methodist Church

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

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

Sunday, November 23, 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

*Come, Thou Almighty King* ~arr. Richard Proulx

### †CALL to WORSHIP (Responsively)

Come, people of God, and give thanks to the  
One who strengthens us with His mighty power.

**We rejoice in the God who has rescued us from darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of His beloved Son.**

Christ is the image of the invisible God,  
the One through whom all things were created.

**In Him all things hold together,  
and through Him all things are made whole.**

Let us lift our voices to the One  
who is before all things and above all things.

**With gratitude and praise, we worship  
Jesus Christ—our Lord, our peace, and our hope.**

### †HYMN

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

UMH 154

### †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

*At the Name of Jesus* ~Cindy Berry  
Chancel Choir

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Dearly beloved, baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, through which grace we become partakers of His righteousness and heirs of life eternal. Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

### PRESENTATION of CHILD and PROFESSION of FAITH

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his service to others.**

**We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**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.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## THANKSGIVING OVER the WATER

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.

**Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you as a member of the family of Christ.**

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

**AMEN**

Travis James Fitzgerald received in Baptism  
Timothy & Emily Fitzgerald (Parents)  
Timothy Simpson (God Father) Emily Momich (God Mother)

## PRAYER HYMN

***Alleluia, Alleluia***

**UMH 162 (Chorus Only)**

## 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

***Psalms 148*** ~Ned Rorem  
**Tom Watkins (soloist)**

## SHARING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

## THE OFFERTORY

***We Gather Together*** ~arr. Healey Willan

## †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

***Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross***

**UMH 301**

THE MESSAGE

Christ the Center  
Colossians 1:11-20 NRSV

Pastor Clint Phillips

†HYMN

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

UMH 57

(verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†THE POSTLUDE

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* ~ Goss/Smith

†GOING FORTH to SERVE

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Liturgist: Kathy McLay

Acolyte: Lillian Baker

A/V Tech: \_\_?\_\_?\_\_?



# Today is the day!!! **Hanging of the Greens** after Worship

This time can bring our whole church family together to decorate, celebrate, and welcome the spirit of Christmas.

## **Lunch will be provided!**

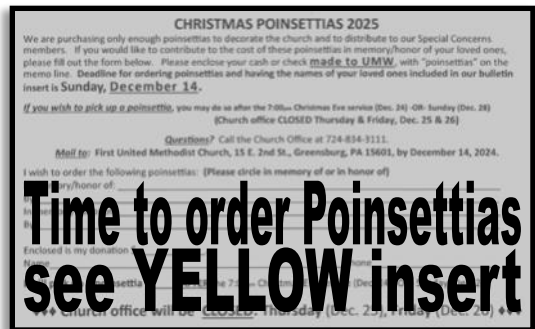
Everyone is very welcome, and all ages will have a job to do—from fluffing wreaths to placing candles, there's a place for you.

**Let's come together as a community**  
as we prepare our church home  
for the Advent and Christmas Season.

**TODAY** thru Sunday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>  
**To participate...**

- **choose** an angel tag from tree
- **list your name** and contact info on the clipboard
- **purchase** the clothing/item listed on the tag
- **return it by Sunday (Dec. 7)** to the box by the tree (unwrapped & angel tag attached)

**Questions? Contact Church Office 724-834-3111**



Please be a Blessing to  
a few special residents at  
**Westmoreland Manor.**

## To participate...

- **choose a STOCKING** from the fireplace mantel
- **list your name** and contact info on the clipboard
- **purchase** the clothing/item listed on the stocking
- **return it by Sunday (Dec. 7)** to the box by the fireplace (unwrapped & stocking tag attached)



# WEEKLY CALENDAR

**Monday ~ November 24** ~ Psalms 145

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

**Tuesday ~ November 25** ~ Psalm 146

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

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**Wednesday ~ November 26** ~ Psalm 147

8:30 am **Circuit Rider Assembly** (*Church Office—Sanctuary level*)

**Thursday ~ November 27** ~ Psalm 148 **THANKSGIVING DAY**

~ ~ ~ **Church Office CLOSED** ~ ~ ~

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

**Friday ~ November 28** ~ Psalm 149

~ ~ ~ **Church Office CLOSED** ~ ~ ~

**Saturday ~ November 29** ~ Psalm 150

**Sunday ~ November 30** ~ Psalm 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*)

11:15 am **Crèche Display Cookie Fellowship**  
(*North Hall & Fellowship Hall-lower level*)

Questions?  
Call the Church Office at 724-834-3111.

## Prayer Requests:

Aidan / Alyssa / Brenda B. / Jason B. /

Bob Barone / Bill / Isabel Bloom /

Ken Bossart / Debbie D. / Darlene / Denny / Doris / Emily & Christy /

Diane F. / Joann Flock / Larry Flock / the Grandey family / Julie /

Cheryl K. / Diane K. / Eric K. / Melanie K. / Shirley Kahler / Katelyn /

Ken Keiser / Kimberly / the Knox family / Lori / Cha M. / Donna M. /

Dorothy M. / Eugene M. / Jim M. / John M. / Ron M. & family / John Meffe /

Michelle / David Nalevanko / Shirley Neill / Kathy P. / Rick P. / Rhonda /

Robin / Michael S. / Laurel Sedlacko / Steven / baby Sutton /

Kerry Thompson / Zacchetti family /

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.

**Paulette Hood** Hempfield Manor (*Greensburg*)

**Bill Conrad** Ridgecrest (*Pittsburgh*)

**Myrna Baer, Shirley Kahler** St. Anne Home (*Greensburg*)

**Donna Bush** Westmoreland Manor (*Greensburg*)

## SPECIAL FOCUS

- **Be an ANGEL to a local child...**see the Angel Tree in the Narthex for details.
- **Gift Wrapping Fellowship...**join us on Sundays (Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7) after worship, to help wrap the gifts for Angel Tree. Meet in Bell Room on lower level.
- **Be a BLESSING to a few special residents at Westmoreland Manor.**  
See the fireplace display in Sanctuary Hall for complete details.

## 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.*
- **Tuesday Morning & Evening Bible Studies** led by Augie Twigg concludes on Nov. 25, at 10:00am and 6:30pm, meeting in the Library on the lower level.  
*(full details/information on bulletin back page)*
- **Church & Office CLOSED on Thursday & Friday, Nov. 28 & 29.**
- **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**
- **Crèche Display Cookie Fellowship** (see insert for details)

## LOOKING AHEAD & THINGS TO KNOW

- **Church Council RESCHEDULED** for TUESDAY, Dec. 2, at 6:30pm in our Church Lounge—lower level.
- **Worship Committee Meeting** ~ Wednesday, Dec. 3 ~ 10:00am (Library)
- **UMW Holiday Celebration** ~ Wednesday, Dec. 3 ~ 5:30pm (Fellowship Hall)
- **Join the weekly fellowship of our Music Ministry** at weekly Thursday rehearsals:

### **DECEMBER DATE CHANGES...**

**Wednesday, Dec. 3 (not 4) and Wednesday, Dec. 10 (not 11)**

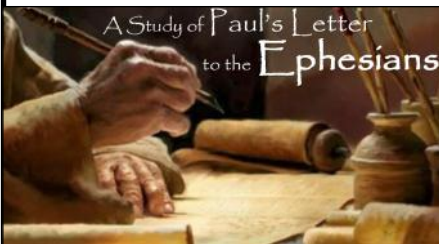
- 6:00pm **Chancel Chanters** rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30pm **Bell Choir** rehearsal (Chapel)
- 7:30pm **Chancel Choir** rehearsal (Choir Room—Sanctuary level)
- **Crèche NIGHT Display...SPECIAL night ~ Dec. 4 ~ from 5:00-7:00pm**  
(to coincide with Greensburg Luminary Night) Enter at glass doors on the lower level, along S. Maple Avenue and stroll through the display of nearly 100 Nativities in North Hall. Then, enjoy light refreshments in Fellowship Hall.
- **Board of Trustees** ~ Monday, Dec. 8 **NOT the 1<sup>st</sup>** ~ 6:30 pm (Trustee Room)
- **Fella♦Ship Men/Boys Prayer Breakfast** ~ Saturday, Dec. 13 ~ 9am (Fellowship Hall)

# 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 concludes this long Bible study on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

**Tuesday at 10:00 am or 6:30 pm** *(Library)*  
Bring a friend & your Bible.

This is free and open to everyone!  
Morning and evening classes  
are the same content.

*God's New  
Society*

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

**Nov. 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)*

**Find us on  
FACEBOOK:**

First United Methodist  
Church—Greensburg

**Wi-Fi Network:**

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