



First United Methodist Church

15 East 2nd Street, Greensburg PA 15601

A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday, December 14, 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

Song of Hope ~arr. Richard Warner

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

We come with questions, with hopes, with longing hearts.

Is God's promise alive among us?

Yes! We see signs of grace breaking in.

Healing, renewal, and joy are stirring in the world.

The kingdom is not built on power or pride,

but on compassion, courage, and good news for all.

**We gather to celebrate the One who brings light to our darkness,
strength to our weakness, and hope to our waiting.**

Come, beloved community, and lift your voices.

Christ is here, and God's reign is near.

**Let us worship with gladness, for the Holy One is among us,
transforming our doubts into faith, and our waiting into joy!**

† **OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, we gather in this place with hearts that wonder, with spirits that wait, and with lives that long for your presence. Open our eyes to see your work in our midst. Open our ears to hear your good news. Open our hearts to trust your way, even when it surprises us. As we worship today, renew our faith, strengthen our courage, and fill us with the joy of your kingdom. In the name of Christ, Amen.

† **HYMN**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

UMH 213

LIGHTING of the ADVENT WREATH

Congregational Response: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* UMH #211 (verse 3)

MINISTRY in MUSIC

Lo! How A Rose E'er Blooming ~arr. Tylene Stults
Christmas Chime Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER HYMN

El Shaddai

UMH 123

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

Salvation is Created ~arr. David Moore
Chancel Choir

SHARING of TITHES and OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding ~arr. Malcolm Archer

†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

He Is Born

UMH 228

THE MESSAGE

Signs and Truth
Matthew 11:2-11 NRSV

Pastor Clint Phillips

†HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

UMH 224

†DISMISSAL with BLESSING

†THE POSTLUDE

People, Look East ~arr. Dale Wood

†GOING FORTH to SERVE

REMEMBER to return the following:

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2025

We are purchasing only enough poinsettias to decorate the church and to distribute to our Special Concerns members. If you would like to contribute to the cost of these poinsettias in memory/honor of your loved ones, please fill out the form below. Please enclose your cash or check **made to UMW**, with "poinsettias" on the memo line. **Deadline for ordering poinsettias and having the names of your loved ones included in our bulletin insert is Sunday, December 14.**

If you wish to pick up a poinsettia, you may do so after the 7:00pm Christmas Eve service (Dec. 24) -OR- Sunday (Dec. 28)
(Church office CLOSED Thursday & Friday, Dec. 25 & 26)

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

Mail to: First United Methodist Church, 15 E. 2nd St., Greensburg, PA 15601, by December 14, 2024.

I wish to order the following poinsettias: (Please circle in memory of or in honor of)

In memory/honor of: _____

By _____

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By _____

Enclosed is my donation \$_____.

Name _____ Phone _____

I will pick up a poinsettia _____ **AFTER** the 7:00pm Christmas Eve service (Dec. 24) -OR- Sunday (Dec. 28)

◆◆ Church office will be **CLOSED**: Thursday (Dec. 25), Friday (Dec. 26) ◆◆

Poinsettia Order Form...Due TODAY
Return to Church Office or MaryAnn Herd

Liturgist: Kathy McLay

Acolyte: Jim Caffrey

A/V Tech: __?_?_?__

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.

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 has a 2-hour delay or cancels school because of snow or ice, the church office hours and all activities would also be delayed or cancelled.

The **Worship Bulletins**

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and in loving memory of Chris Daverse.

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

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

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Church—Greensburg

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