

❖Closing Hymn            “Joy to the World”            #246  
*The chancel rail is open for prayer as you feel led by the Spirit.*

❖Benediction

❖Community Blessing            #238 Refrain  
   “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Postlude

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✦Unless otherwise noted, worship resources are from  
Discipleship Ministries of the UMC.

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### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**TODAY, Sunday, December 28 First Sunday after  
Christmas/UM Student Day**

9:00 AM        -Sunday School

10:00 AM       -Worship Service

**WORSHIP LEADER:** *Deb Loftus*

**GREETER:** *Sandy Ashbaugh*

**USHERS:** *Chris VanDervort & Gloria Womer*

**TUESDAY, December 30**

**Pizza Hut Fundraiser - All Day**

6:00 PM        -Advent Bible Study

7:00 PM        -Women's Prayer Group (Zoom)

**WEDNESDAY, December 31**

6:00 PM        -Watch Night Meal & Service

**SUNDAY, January 4, Epiphany Sunday**

9:00 AM        -Sunday School

10:00 AM       -Worship Service

**WORSHIP LEADER:** *M.J. Cline*

**GREETER:** *Dianne LeSueur*

**USHERS:** *Russ Lamison & Gloria Womer*



# First United Methodist Church

*"Growing, Loving & Serving in Christ's Name"*

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## First Sunday after Christmas

- ❖ We know that everyone is differently abled so please stand or sit as best suits your comfort level.

Greetings & Announcements

Prelude

*As the music begins, be silent, be thoughtful, and be reverent, for this is the House of the Lord. Before the service, speak to the Lord. During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.*

❖Centering Chorus      "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"      #204

### ❖Call to Worship

Beloved, we have waited, watched, and witnessed the coming of the Christ child. As we gather today on the other side of Christmas, we might be tempted to ask, "What now?"

**We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.**

In this season of Christmas, we remember that though Christ has come among us, the good news of freedom for captives, flourishing the poor, and power returned to the disempowered does not reign in so many places.

**We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.**

With Mary and Joseph, we listen for God to show us how to protect and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

**We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.**

As we gather to worship today, may God bind us together in love, empowering us to live as followers of the Christ child who declare good news wherever we go.

**We gather today as people who wait, watch, and work for the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen. ✠**

❖Opening Hymn

Video

"He Made A Way In A Manger"

❖Opening Prayer (in unison)

Loving God, we continue to rejoice in the birth of your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. We give thanks for the continued signs that you show to us that remind us of your presence in our lives. We are reminded through your mighty acts of love, grace, mercy, and justice of your benevolent power. May we continue in our preparation and anticipation of your second coming throughout every moment of our lives. This we pray in the name of the newborn king, Jesus. Amen.

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Gloria Patri #70

Choir Anthem "Baby in a Manger"

Children's Moment Pastor Sara

Sung Prayer of Illumination Refrain (x2) #601

"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

Old Testament Lesson      Isaiah 63:7 - 9      #642

❖Gospel Lesson      Matthew 2:13 - 23      #836

Message      "Signs and Power"      Pastor Sara J. Wrona

❖Hymn      "What Child Is This?"      #219

Offertory

*They shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed; all shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that he has given you.*

*Deuteronomy 16:16b-17*

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS STUDY

Pastor Sara will be concluding the Advent study on Tuesday, December 30 at 6 p.m.



*Watch Night  
Service with Meal*

On Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, we will be having a Watch Night Service at 7:15 p.m. with a meal before at 6 p.m. The meal will be a potluck. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule, if you can attend.

## CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS

The Christmas Vouchers must be used by January 5, 2026.

## CANCELLATIONS

If there should be a need to cancel services due to weather conditions, etc. or any evening events during the week, please tune into KDKA (Channel 2), or WPXI (Channel 11).



We have an ongoing fundraiser through Pizza Hut in Lower Burrell. On the last Tuesday of each month, the next date is **December 30**, we are asking that you help support us by either dining in or

doing carry-out at the Lower Burrell Pizza Hut. We receive 20% of the net sales for everyone that presents a coupon that night. Everyone has to eat supper so why not support your church while feeding your family. This fundraiser does not require the church to front any money or require manpower to prepare and serve the food. This will also give us an opportunity to share in a time of fellowship for those that choose to dine in. **Coupons are in the vestibule!**



## First United Methodist Church, Leechburg Prayer List

"...if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place."

2 Chronicles 7:14 - 15

### Please be in prayer for Family and Friends:

Ronald Anderson, Alex Anto, Bryan, Larry Blankenship, Katie Brayshaw, Jodie Britner, Ray Bryan, Camdyn, Dee Coleman, Dan, Lana Daugherty, Pat Daugherty, Bob Davis (Pr. Sara's stepdad), Dale Frederick, Liz Harvey, Debbie Hill, Theresa Hunter, Ruth Hyer, Phyllis Lamison, Beth Learn, Dianne LeSueur, Alexis Martin, Colleen Morrill, Duncan Morrill, Nancy Morrill, Niko and family, Grace Pettner, Rachel Rowe, Linda Sarver, Dean Trull, Gail Varine, Bohdi Ward, Clayton Ward, Chloe Womer, and the families of Marty Jonczak, Judy Nolf, and Bobby Duckett.

### Our Homebound Members:

Margie Anto, Norma Ewing, Dolores Hepburn, Betty Hunter, Polly Lambing, Lois Learn, Rodger & Gina Morrill, Carol Parsons, Stan & Sally Peppler, Myrtle Prunty, Dave Sherbondy, Bob & Vange Stewart, Dick & Dee Waugaman, Helen Weaver.

### Any changes please let Pam know in the office.

#### Our Church Leadership

Greensburg/Pittsburgh District Superintendent Rev. Paul Ritchey

Bishop Sandra Steiner-Ball  
& the WPAUMC Appointive Cabinet

WPAUMC Conference Staff

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The Church Universal

Our Nation

The People of the Ukraine

Church Missionaries & Agencies throughout the World

Those Who Are Marginalized throughout the World

The Middle East

All those impacted by the storms