

## 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

❖ Closing Hymn #428

“For the Healing of the Nations”

*The chancel rail is open for prayer as you feel led by the Spirit*

❖ Benediction

❖ Community Blessing #206 Refrain

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Postlude

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

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## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

**TODAY, Sunday, February 8, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

9:00 AM -Sunday School

10:00 AM -Worship Service

**WORSHIP LEADER: Deb Loftus**

**GREETERS: Dianne LeSueur**

**USHERS: Russ Lamison & Alana Gipson**

**MONDAY, February 9**

6:45 PM -Choir Practice

**TUESDAY, February 10**

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

**SUNDAY, February 15, Transfiguration Sunday**

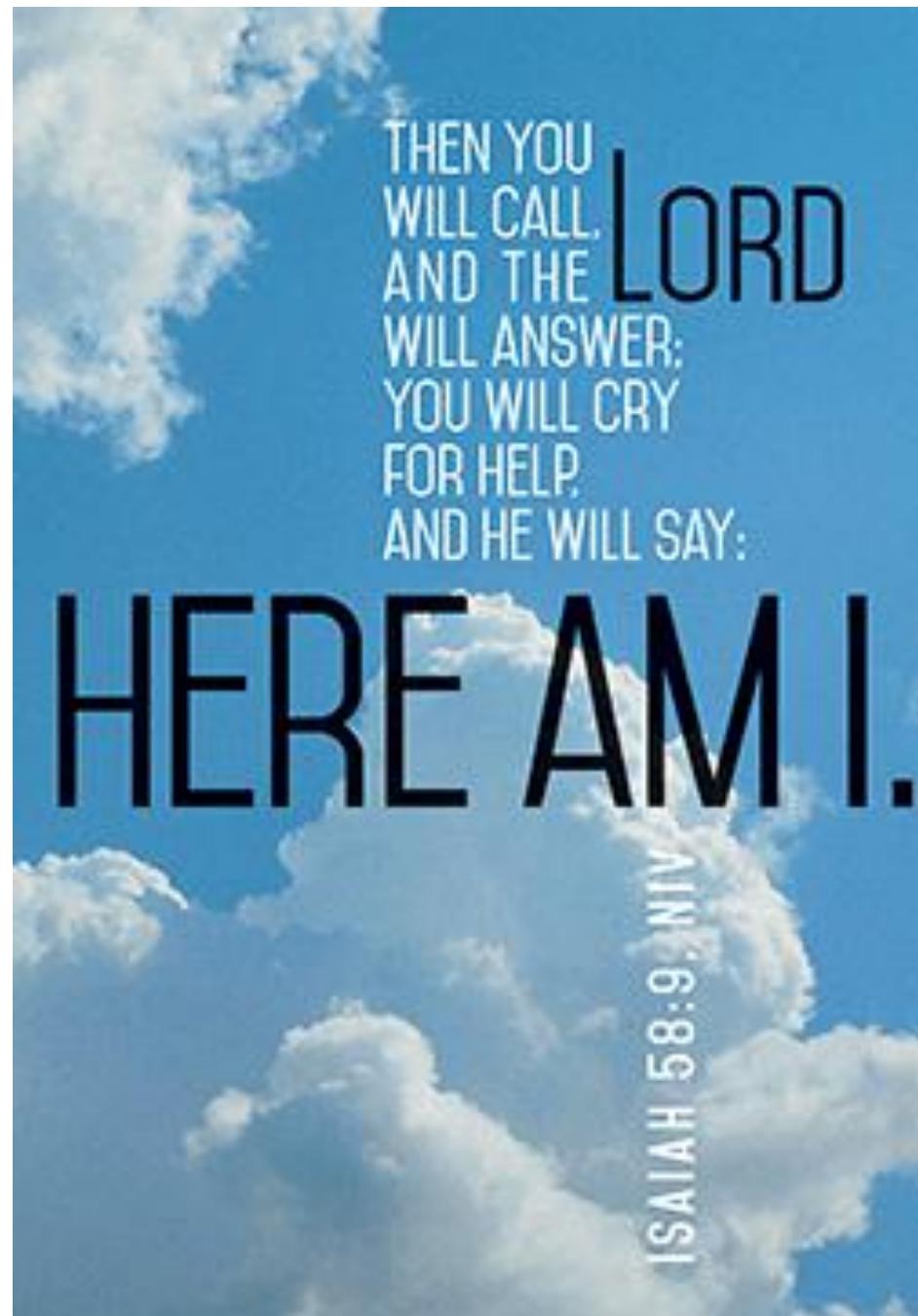
9:00 AM -Sunday School

10:00 AM -Worship Service

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

**GREETER: Pam McGranor**

**USHERS: Gloria Womer & Paul Wrona**



# First United Methodist Church

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

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## Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

❖ 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    "This Little Light of Mine"    #585 v. 1

❖ Call to Worship

People of God, why are you here?

  We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.

People of God, who do you worship?

  We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love.

People of God, how do you worship?

  We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.

People of God, come, let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us!

  May our worship demonstrate God's glory in our neighborhood, community, and the whole earth. ♦

❖ Opening Hymn    "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"    #127

❖ Opening Prayer (in unison)

God of compassion and justice, the worship you choose for us is to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free, to share bread with the hungry, to shelter the homeless poor. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your healing shall spring up quickly. So, in praise and wonder, we come to worship

you not just with our words but with our hearts and our lives. Glory and honor be to you, O God, Creator of a new heaven and a new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ♦

### Sharing of Joys & Concerns

### Silent Prayer

### Pastoral Prayer

### The Lord's Prayer

### Gloria Patri

#70

### Choir Anthem

"A Family Blessing"

### Children's Moment

Pastor Sara

### Sung Prayer of Illumination

Refrain (x2) #601

"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

### Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 58:1 - 12

#637

### Message    "Call to Action"

Pastor Sara J. Wrona

### ❖ Hymn    "Here I Am, Lord"

#593

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away for the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world. ♦

### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love; know that our sins have been forgiven. May we be strengthened in all goodness. Since we have been raised with Christ, let us seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Thanks be to God; Amen. ♦



**Update: There will be no Messy Church in February. Messy Church will resume Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.**



We have an ongoing fundraiser through Pizza Hut in Lower Burrell. On the last Tuesday of each month, the next date is **February 24**, 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!**

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**The ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my grandson, Landon Remaley's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by M.J. Cline.

#### ONLINE GIVING QR CODE



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names disciples of  
Jesus Christ, who  
are empowered by the  
Holy Spirit, to  
Love, serve  
joyfully, and lead  
courageously in  
local communities  
and worldwide  
connections.

#### 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, Trooper Anthony, 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), Emily, Esther, Dale Frederick, Richard & Marilyn Harmon, Debbie Hill, Theresa Hunter, Ruth Hyer, Phyllis Lamison, Beth Learn, Dianne LeSueur, Alexis Martin, Colleen Morrill, Duncan Morrill, Nancy Morrill, Niko and family, Rachel, Linda Sarver, Sam Sheaffer, Rose Sklar, Peggie Trapolsi, Victoria, Gail Varine, Bohdi Ward, Clayton Ward, Chloe Womer, and Katy Wrona.

#### Our Homebound Members:

Margie Anto, Norma Ewing, Dolores Hepburn, Betty Hunter, Polly Lambing, Lois Learn, Rodger & Gina Morrill, Carol Parsons, Stan & Sally Peppler, Grace Pettner, 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

UMC Council of Bishops

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

## NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Please have your items for the upcoming March/April newsletter into the office by Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

### WPAUMC 2026 DISTRICT RESTRUCTURING

The District Structure Task Force was convened to assist the Annual Conference in discerning how best to realign district boundaries and leadership structures in response to changing missional realities, clergy deployment needs, and the faithful stewardship of people and resources. Guided by the Bishop's vision and in consultation with the Cabinet and Conference leadership, the task force has focused on **recommending a reduction from ten districts to four supervisory areas**; developing district leadership models that emphasize mission, flexibility, and strong lay involvement; and identifying ways to promote greater consistency in required processes across districts, particularly those related to clergy formation and support.

This work remains in progress. The task force continues to listen carefully to feedback from clergy and laity across the Conference and to evaluate the proposed plans as they are refined. For more information, please see the conference webpage directly related to the district restricting: [wpaumc/2026-district-restructuring](http://wpaumc/2026-district-restructuring).

Throughout this process, the task force has prioritized transparency, equity, and clear communication, with the goal of strengthening connectional ministry and positioning the Conference for faithful and effective leadership in the years ahead.

### 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).



**tacklehunger.org**

Since it began in 1989, the [Souper Bowl of Caring](http://tacklehunger.org) has provided over \$100 million worth of food and money to local hunger charities all across America. Every year people collect donations through their churches, schools and for local food banks, soup kitchens and other charities for those experiencing poverty and homelessness.

Sponsoring a Souper Bowl of Caring provides food and assistance to those in need and empowers people to make a difference in their community.

### Soup & Sandwich Luncheon Sunday, February 8 ~ After Worship



We would also ask that you bring non-perishable food items or cash donations for the Leechburg Food Bank.

Please join us for this time of food and fellowship sponsored by the Nurture Team.

### LENTEN STUDY 2026

Join us for this special Lenten study that will walk us through the 4 Gospels as we ponder the themes of justice, poverty, freedom, and love. This will be a six-week study meeting on Tuesdays at 6:00 P.M.\* beginning February 24.

\*Please note that if there is enough interest, Pastor Sara will also do a daytime session.