

## Contemporary Worship at 9:30

Jim Ruchalski, Worship Leader  
 Joey Dastra, Johnathan Thorbahn, Amanda Newell,  
 Barb St. John, Joseph Anthony - Praise Band

“Nothing But the Blood”

Welcome

United Methodist Women 150th Celebration

“Forever Reign”

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2

“Who You Say I Am”

“Be Thou My Vision”

Prayer

Scripture: Luke 9: 28-36

“Reflection Inspection”  
 Pastor Janet Sadel

Holy Communion

Offering

“One Thing Remains”

Blessing

Greeters: Wendy Thorbahn, Hollis Thorbahn, Brenda Troop

Tech Crew: Lamont Cooke, Steve St. John



## Ash Wednesday Worship

7:00 PM

### JOIN THE EXCITEMENT!

#### We're forming groups for a special churchwide Lenten study and it's time to sign up!

Our study this year is “Five Marks of a Methodist,” based on John Wesley’s outline of the character of a Methodist follower of Jesus. Methodists, Wesley insisted, are people who Love God, Rejoice in God, Give thanks, Pray always, and Love others. We will explore each of those character traits together.

To be part of this exciting study, please sign up in the [Gathering Place today!](#) There are many groups that meet on various days so there’s sure to be one that works with your schedule! You have the option to buy the \$8 study book through the church or you may buy it on your own. You may also sign up through the link provided in our church emails.



## ALL ABOUT YOUTH!

Middle school & high school students meet in the back section of the contemporary worship service at 9:30 AM to participate with the rest of the church in worship songs, after which we go to our classrooms for Sunday School. Come join us!

**YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP**—This summer as many youth as possible are invited to be part of our summer mission trip (July 28th—August 3rd). We are joining with The Philadelphia Project, which is a Christ-centered urban ministry dedicated to meeting people's physical, spiritual, emotional, and social needs through free home repair, preschool, after-school child care, kids' camps, and partnerships with various "mercy ministries" such as rescue missions and soup kitchens. This will be an eye-opening and critical experience for our students and their development as Christ-followers in our world. Please contact Samuel Longmire (717-742-0104) for more information. Registration due by March 10th!

**SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP! Meets from 6–8 PM.** This is a time for students to connect, have fun together, and have serious discussions about God's Word and what it means to live for Jesus.

March 3rd: 6-8 PM                      March 10th: 6-8 PM

March 17th: 5-8 PM (Early start time!) “Bring a Friend Night”  
 We'll have dinner, extra fellowship time, and lots of time to worship God through music! We want to welcome new people and give them an opportunity to see our joy in God!

March 24th: 6-8 PM                      March 31st: 6-8 PM

**Please contact Samuel Longmire ([youth@engagegodfirst.org](mailto:youth@engagegodfirst.org) or 717-742-0104) with questions or to be added to the youth email list!**

### Local Missions of First Church

**Anchorage Breakfast Ministry** – An ecumenical ministry hosted here at First UMC, which feeds 150+ persons per day, Monday to Friday, all year long. Patty Eastep is the Director

**Discovery Corner Preschool** – Offers loving care and education of preschoolers in age- appropriate skills, and knowledge of the Bible. Libby Barringer is our Director.

**LUMINA (Lancaster United Methodist Inner-City Alliance)** – A cooperative mission project that provides resources, education and support for our neighbors who experience poverty and hardship; First Church member Coreen Russo is Executive Director

**MANFEST** - A Partnership of Lancaster City's United Methodist churches, LUMINA, and IMPACT! Missions. Manifest is a housing rehab ministry that transform blighted properties into decent, affordable homes for low-income buyers, increase home ownership, & stabilizes neighborhoods

### First United Methodist Church

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 Pastor: Rev. Janet Sadel

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## First United Methodist Church

**Our Vision**  
 To be a central hub of Christian ministry in Lancaster County & beyond

**Our Mission:**  
 Connect people to Jesus Christ & the church, grow Christian disciples, & relieve suffering

### March 3, 2019 Transfiguration Sunday

\* please stand if able

Prelude                      *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*                      arr. Charles Callahan  
 Peter Omundsen, organ

Announcements & Greeting

**(10:45)** Introit                      *Maker, In Whom We Live*  
 Chancel Choir- Brian Norcross, Director

\*Call to Worship

We gather to worship the living God whose glory is revealed to us throughout all of creation.

**We gather to worship the eternal God whose power is seen in the spinning of the planets and in the fathomless depths of space.**

We gather to worship the loving God, whose righteousness is revealed in Christ Jesus, who died for us that we might live.

**We gather to worship the holy God, whose glory is revealed in the Risen Christ and imparted to us by the Spirit that makes us one.**

\*Hymn                      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*                      No. 384

Common Prayer                      Liturgist

**Holy and Eternal God, you know our need for you, our need for your love to fill our hearts, for your word to guide us, for your Spirit to sustain us, for your presence to make us whole. Help us to wait upon you now with penitent and believing hearts - help us to hear your word, to see your glory, to feel your touch, and then to follow in the way the Spirit directs us. We ask all these things in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Reading                      **2 Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2**                      Pew Bibles, NT, p.169

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

**(10:45)** Anthem                      *O God of the Deep*                      Dan Forrest  
 Chancel Choir- Brian Norcross, Director

Concerns of the People

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn                      *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*                      (green hymnal) No. 3043

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading                      **Luke 9:28-36**                      Pew Bibles, NT, p. 65

Sermon *Reflection Inspection* Pastor Janet Sattel

\*Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* No. 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and 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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.**

\*Gloria Patri *Glory Be to the Father* No. 71

**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.**

Invitation to the Lord's Supper Acolyte

\*Confession and Pardon

**Almighty God, maker of all things, judge of all people:  
It is never easy for us to confess our sins,  
There are the hurts we have caused to our families and friends,  
which we would like to forget.  
There are those we believe are impossible to love,  
and so we don't try.  
There are people who live on the edge of our society,  
and we ignore their cries for help.  
We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed.  
We do earnestly repent and we are wholly sorry.  
Have mercy on us and forgive us, God who comes near to us.  
Forgive us of all that is past so that we might serve you, love you  
and enjoy your fellowship, walking in newness of life,  
to the glory of your name,  
through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,  
our Lord and Savior.**

*(All pray in silence.)*

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.**

\*Passing the Peace

United Methodist Women 150th Celebration!

Invitation to the Offering Liturgist

Offertory *The Fire Song* arr. Frederick Hall  
Jan Betty, soprano; Peter Omundsen, piano

\*Procession of Offerings

\*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 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 Thanksgiving Acolyte

The Great Thanksgiving *with sung responses, Musical Setting A, Hymnal p. 17*

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Communion Anthem *You Must Open The Door* J. Ogden/H. Rodeheaver  
Jan Betty, soprano; Peter Omundsen, piano

Prayer after Communion

**Glorious God, we give thanks to you for bread and for wine and for all that you touch and bless. Grant that we might always appreciate the mystery of your presence in these gifts we have received. As we have shared the body and blood of Jesus, transform us now so that we might go forth to share the good news and transform the world, to the glory of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn *Now Let Us from This Table Rise* No. 634

\*Blessing

Dismissal *God Be With You Till We Meet Again (stanza 1)* No. 673

**God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

Postlude *Festival Concerto, Mvmt. 1* Craig A. Penfield  
Peter Omundsen, organ

	8:15	9:30	10:45
Greeters	N: Teresa, Madhuri, Malini Sakrudkar W: Bill & Ruth Crabtree	Wendy Thorbahn Hollis Thorbahn Brenda Troop	N: Courtney Costello W: Polly Pearce
Ushers	Bill Henry, Steve Beeler, Chris DeLong, Nancy Henry, Randy Karshin, Anita Lewis, Marc Russo	Wendy Thorbahn Hollis Thorbahn Brenda Troop	Susan Kepner, Mark DeBord, Terry Kile, George Stephan, George & Pat Werner, John Woltjen, Bob & Letty Geiger
Tech	Tim Benton	Lamont Cooke Steve St. John	Grant Dombach
Liturgist	Grace Schonour	-----	Deb Richer
Communion Assistant	Pastor Joe	-----	-----
Acolyte	Preston Schonour	-----	Cooper Lehman
Welcome Center	Dottie Reidlinger	Don & Anne Griswold	Deb Richer
Fellowship Time	Ruth Wood, Laura Meisl	-----	Don & Anne Griswold
Security	Lincoln Newell		

**We welcome all to worship today!**

*To help us stay connected with you, please fill out the "Connect Card" that is found in your bulletin. This card helps the church track changes in email, phone, address, and more. On the card you can tell us your areas of interest by checking all that apply. Be sure to share your prayer requests with the staff by writing them on the card and placing it in the offering plate. Staff members pray for each request on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you for helping us get to know and stay connected with you!*

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**ACTIVITY BAGS FOR CHILDREN** are available at the Welcome Center and we encourage you to pick one up for your child! There are "reader" and "non-reader" versions and the goal is to help your child get more involved in the worship service. They will answer questions pertaining to the service and at the end of worship, they can turn in their completed sheet at the Welcome Center for a prize!

**COLUMBARIUM**— All interested persons are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 PM in the library to discuss creating a Columbarium within the church. (A columbarium is a place for the respectful storage of urns containing cremated remains). With questions, please call Frank Haskell (717-892-1075)

**OUR DAILY BREAD** is a daily devotional booklet which is useful for directing our attention toward the Lord. Each day's reading has a theme, a Bible reading, an illuminating story and prayer. You can pick up the free March/April/May issue at the Welcome Centers in the Gathering Place or Celebration Center.

**ANCHORAGE BENEFIT YARD SALE! Saturday, March 30** Lancaster Brethren in Christ Church (across from Kmart on Fruitville Pike). Donations may be brought to Lancaster Brethren In Christ Church on: Saturday, March 23; Monday, March 25; Tuesday, March 26; Wednesday, March 27; No donations accepted after Wednesday, March 27. Help is needed for set up during the week of March 23-30. You may sign up to help at [www.anchoragebreakfast.org](http://www.anchoragebreakfast.org)! With questions, please call Patty Eastep (717-682-9976)

## *Lord, hear our prayers*

### IN OUR CELEBRATIONS

#### Birthdays

March 7 - Joyce Johnson  
March 12 - Elaine Graybill  
March 14 - Dr. Henry Wentz  
March 14 - Sara Fisher  
March 21 - Marilyn McCleary  
March 26 - Bertha Porter

#### Anniversaries

March 2 - Ron & Jeanette Trout - 56 yrs.  
March 11 - Floyd & Faye Dissinger - 68 yrs.  
March 14 - Jim & Shirley Reindollar - 60 yrs.

### FOR COMFORT

#### Gone to Heaven

James MacKenzie  
Evelyn Lowry

#### Prayers for Healing

Blakely Eyster  
Kathy Fowler  
Shirley Maerz  
Emory Lewis  
Susan Moyer

#### Prayers for Comfort

Sue MacKenzie & family  
Family & friends of Evie Lowry