

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TARENTUM

Prayer List—Current & Ongoing Concerns

Announcements
Sunday, December 28 2025

Cheryl Stobert	Joe McAninch	Rich Masiarik
Peggy Bonfiglio	Liv Gerhart	Nikki Adamchik
Brynlee Haggerty	Deanna Hoover	Ken Misejka
Joan Lee Koontz	Susan Mooney	Dave
Nancy Nock	Leah Kapp	Declan Cox
Bill Tilman	Lysle Kapp	Rob Bogan
Debbie Wampler	Mark Reid	Mike Dunmire
Larry Wampler	Carl Bonfiglio	Kathy Stewart
Brady Woodward	Ken Irvine	Kelly Nobles
Gina Stonfer	Angela Peters	<u>Military</u>
Jennifer Kapp	Linda Lucas	Georgette Spencer
Keith Kunkle	Kathy Smith	Dylan Banbrook
Glenna Mervosh	Rosemary Rushford	<u>Our Mission Partners</u>
Richard Cavanaugh	Chloe Bauer	The HOPE Center * AVAC
Maryann Cavanaugh	Polly Ross	Tarentum Friendship Garden
Aidan Blanchflower	Cheryl Huet	Fourth Tuesday Community Dinner
Sandy Holderbaum	Tracy Ehrenberger	

If you would like to be added to the prayer list, please see Rev. Phil or contact the church office at 724-224-2550 or office@fupct.org.

Welcome to First United Presbyterian Church of Tarentum!

- * Our Nursery is open and staffed with an individual with all clearances! Parents are welcome to drop off children 4 years of age and under, or stay with them in the nursery. A live feed of our service will be broadcast in the nursery. A "Cry Room" for parents and children is located directly across from the elevator.
- * All children in grades K-5 are invited to join junior church following the children's message!
- * If you are a first-time visitor please fill out the yellow card located in the pew racks so that we can keep in touch about news and events at First UP Church!

About Us

The unity of believers in Christ is reflected in the rich diversity of the people of God. In Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, God unites all of us through baptism regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual preference, gender identity, disability, geography or theological conviction. Christ invited any and all to the table who wished to follow Him. At First United Presbyterian Church we believe in doing the same. A community is only as strong as its most marginalized member and at First United Presbyterian we seek to rectify the idea of community as a sent people who see all people as beloved children of God.

Prayers

Prayer for the Morning:

Creator God, as I begin this day, open my eyes, my ears, all my senses to the beauty around me. Help me to see how mountains and trees rise up in praise of you. Help me hear how the birds of the air, the whales in the deep, and the wild animals on the ground sing your praises. Help me to join another, or many others, in praise of your glory not only today, but even forever. Amen.

Prayer for the Evening:

Loving God, as the evening comes, and with it the moon and shining stars, I know that you are the Light in every darkness. Shine then, upon anyone who is troubled this night. Shine then, upon the troubles I have known. Help me to put my trust in you, for I am your child, and you have come to help me; you help all whom you have drawn close. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, my brother and Savior. Amen.

Keep In Touch

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FACEBOOK

First UP Church—
Tarentum

EMAIL

Send your contact information to office@fupct.org to be added to our email list! Receive our weekly newsletter, event updates, and Sunday worship information!

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Ways to Give

By Mail

Checks can be sent directly to the church at:
First UP Church
PO Box 2
Tarentum, PA 15084

Online

Our website has a direct giving portal that will allow you to use your bank account, credit card, or debit card. It is a safe and secure option for one-time gifts or recurring donation. Please go to www.fupct.org and click the "GIVE NOW" link.

Through Your Bank

If you use online banking, you can set up a one-time or a recurring donation through the bill-pay option when logging in to your personal account. Checks will be sent to the church directly from your bank.

If you need help or additional information, please contact Jessica Jones at office@fupct.org or call her at 724-224-2550.

Scan here to give online!



TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 28, 2025

Elder of the Month— Susan Malarkey

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 28th

9:30am—Coffee Hour
10am—Kids Club Sunday School
Sunday School for all ages
Choir Rehearsal
11am—Worship

Sunday, January 4th—Epiphany Sunday

9:30am—Coffee Hour
10am—Kids Club Sunday School
Sunday School for all ages
Choir Rehearsal
11am—Worship & Communion

The church office will be closed for the holidays through January 4th. We will be periodically checking email and voicemail!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN—MITTEN TREE



The Presbyterian Women invite all members of the congregation to donate mittens, hats, and scarves to the mitten tree in the sanctuary through December! Donations of warm items will be donated at the Tarentum Garden Pantry around the community.

GEORGE SPENCER MEMORIAL BENCH

The choir of First UP Church invites you to join in an effort to purchase a memorial bench to place on the church grounds in memory of George Spencer. If enough is given, a second bench will be placed at the Tarentum Garden, where George spent much time and effort tending to the garden beds. If you would like to contribute, please note "Spencer Memorial" on the check or envelope.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Committee Annual reports are due to the office by Tuesday, January 6th. Please email your report to office@fupct.org or drop it off in the office.

THANK YOU

To the Congregation of First UP Church,
I would like to express my thanks and appreciation for all the love, caring, and support given to me since George passed. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. - DJ Spencer

Deacon of the Month— Amanda Erickson

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Chancel Flowers are available for many Sundays in the new year! If you would like to honor or remember a loved one, please contact the office at 724-224-2550 or office@fupct.org to reserve your Sunday. The cost is \$40.



The flowers are provided free of charge to the church in order to support the Needy Family Fund.

LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Food Pantry Donations

We continue to collect donations of non-perishable items for the food pantry at the Tarentum Garden. All donations of non-perishables and boxed goods are welcome!



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2026

This year, the left side of the church and the balcony will compete against the right side of the church and the choir!

Bring in your non-perishable food and toiletry items to the narthex for donation to the AVAC Food Bank and the Pantry at the Tarentum Garden. The collection ends on Super Bowl Sunday, February 11th!

PER CAPITA

Each member is encouraged to give \$36.35 for per capita this year! First UP Church gives its full per capita each year in faith for the work done in the greater church.

END OF YEAR GIVING REMINDER

All giving for the 2025 tax year must be given in person, by mail, or online by December 31st.

Offering envelopes for 2026 are available in the narthex now!

As always, if you have any questions, please contact Jessica Jones in the office at 724-224-2550 or email office@fupct.org.

HELP NEEDED!

Help the Deacons take down the decorations after worship on Sunday, January 4th!

Once in David's Royal City

- 1 Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for His bed.
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
- 2 He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall.
With the poor, oppressed, and lowly, Lived on earth our Savior holy.
- 3 Jesus is our childhood's pattern; Day by day, like us He grew;
He was little, weak and helpless, Tears and smiles like us He knew;
And He feels for all our sadness, And He shares in all our gladness.
- 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own redeeming love,
For that Child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heaven above;
And He leads His children on To the place where He is gone.

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

- 1 Gentle Mary laid her Child Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the undefiled, To the world a stranger.
Such a Babe in such a place, Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His favor.
- 2 Angels sang about His birth; Wise men sought and found Him;
Heaven's star shone brightly forth, Glory all around Him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, Heard the angels singing;
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ringing.
- 3 Gentle Mary laid her Child Lowly in a manger;
He is still the undefiled, But no more a stranger.
Son of God, of humble birth, Beautiful the story;
Praise His Name in all the earth, Hail the King of glory!

Good Christian Friends Rejoice!

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice With heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before Him bow, And He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!
- 2 Good Christian friends, rejoice, With heart, and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, And we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
- 3 Good Christian friends, rejoice,
With heart and soul and voice; Now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all,
To gain the everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!