

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TARENTUM

Prayer List—Current & Ongoing Concerns

Announcements
Sunday, December 7 2025

Cheryl Stobert
Peggy Bonfiglio
Brynlee Haggerty
Joan Lee Koontz
Nancy Nock
Bill Tilman
Debbie Wampler
Larry Wampler
Brady Woodward
Gina Stonfer
Jennifer Kapp
Keith Kunkle
Glenna Mervosh
Richard Cavanaugh
Maryann Cavanaugh
Aidan Blanchflower

Sandy Holderbaum
Joe McAninch
Liv Gerhart
Deanna Hoover
Susan Mooney
Leah Kapp
Lysle Kapp
Mark Reid
Carl Bonfiglio
Ken Irvine
Angela Peters
Linda Lucas
Kathy Smith
Rosemary Rushford
Chloe Bauer
Polly Ross

Cheryl Huet
Tracy Ehrenberger
Rich Masarik
Nikki Adamchik
Ken Misejka
Dave
Declan Cox
Rob Bogan
Mike Dunmire

Military

Georgette Spencer
Dylan Banbrook

Our Mission Partners

The HOPE Center * AVAC
Tarentum Friendship Garden
Fourth Tuesday Community Dinner



Contact Us!

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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.

Keep In Touch

WWW.FUPCT.ORG

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!

CONTACT

office@fupct.org
724-224-2550

Prayers

Prayer for the Morning:

As I rise, O God, I give you thanks for safety in the night, for rest from my labors, for another day in this creation. Turn my eyes toward what is noble. Teach me to see hope where it is veiled. Give me the wisdom to desire the good. Help me to love not only those I encounter but myself as well, for with you, I know my many frailties and failings. Let peace reign. Amen.

Prayer for the Evening:

As I end this day, Holy One, I give you thanks for the richness of my hours: for family and friends, for people with whom I work and play, for my neighbors, for those who fill this world with music and art, for those whose needs remind me of my blessings and whose skill make me grateful for difference. Guard us all, O God, and keep us in your embrace until the daylight comes. Amen.



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 7, 2025

Elder of the Month— Susan Malarkey

Church Calendar

Sunday, December 7th—Second Sunday of Advent

9:30am—Coffee Hour
10am—Kids Club Sunday School
Sunday School for all ages
Choir Rehearsal
11am—Worship
12pm—Joint Session/Deacon Meeting
5pm—Congregational Meeting
5pm—Church Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 14th—Third Sunday of Advent

9:30am—Coffee Hour
10am—Kids Club Sunday School
Sunday School for all ages
Choir Rehearsal
11am—Worship
4:30pm—Youth Group Christmas Caroling

Upcoming Meetings

Joint Session/Deacon Mtg.—TODAY at 12pm
Called Congregational Mtg.—Sunday, Dec. 7th at 5pm

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



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The Presbyterian Women will have their annual Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 10th at 12pm in the Fellowship Hall! All ladies are invited to attend. Bring a side dish to share! Please RSVP to Ruth Becker at 724-224-5415 or Doris Cunningham at 724-351-2247.

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.

NEW MEMBERS



First UP Church will welcome new members on Sunday, December 14th! If you are interested in being a member at First UP Church of Tarentum? See Rev. Phil or email him at pastor@fupct.org for more information about joining our congregation!

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!



Christmas Food Drive!

When you're shopping, grab an extra can of tuna, chicken, or canned fruit and bring it to the narthex on Sundays. Help us fill the pantry!

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.

GIVING TUESDAY

UPDATE

As of Thursday, December 4th, our Giving Tuesday update is \$23,977, including the match. THANK YOU for your generous giving to the ministries and missions of First UP Church of Tarentum!

On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

2 Then cleansed be every life from sin;
Make straight the way for God within;
And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

3 We hail You as our Savior, Lord,
Our refuge, and our great reward;
O let us Your face upon us shine
And fill the world with love divine.

4 All praise to You, eternal Son,
Whose advent has our freedom won,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Spirit, evermore.

Comfort, Comfort You My People

1 Comfort, comfort you my people,
Tell of peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness
Bowed beneath oppression's load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell them that their sins I cover,
And their warfare now is over.

2 For the herald's voice is crying
In the desert far and near,
Bidding us to make repentance
Since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise in meeting
And the hills bow down in greeting.

3 Make ye straight what long was crooked,
Make the rougher places plain:
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits God's holy reign,
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token
That God's word is never broken.