

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

October 15, 2023

We are glad that you are worshipping at First Methodist Church this morning. Please SIGN AND PASS the attendance pad at the end of the pew. If you are visiting with us, we would especially appreciate having your name, address, and phone number because we would like to thank you for being with us.

PRELUDE

(8:00 AM)

“There is None Like You”

“In the Name of the Lord”

arr. Tornquist

arr. Millikan

PRELUDE

(10:00 AM)

“Poeme”

“Fantasia”

Edvard Grieg

Johannes Pachelbel

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

arr. Burkhardt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: **He has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven**

Leader: God chose us in Christ to be holy and blameless in God’s presence

People: **Before the creation of the world, God destined us to be his children**

Leader: Through Jesus Christ, because of the Father’s love, we are made clean

*HYMN No. 276

“Risen Lord in Splendor Seated”

Regent Square

WELCOME

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 34:8–14

Pew Bible Pages 497 - 498

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Pew Hymnal Pages 724 - 729

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

THE LORD’S PRAYER (using sins)

*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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

PRESENTATION BY CHIP RICHTER

*HYMN No. 103

(8:00 AM only)

“Cornerstone”

SCRIPTURE

1 Peter 3:8 - 22

Pew Bible Pages 1105 - 1106

MESSAGE

“A Little Dab’ll Do Ya”

Rev. Bud Fickley

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(8:00 AM only)

***HYMN No. 574**

“My Chains Are Gone”

BENEDICTION**BEARING OF LIGHT**

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

(8:00 AM)

“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

arr. Berry

POSTLUDE

(10:00 AM)

“The Great Commission”

arr. Livingston

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able****BEING BAPTIZED TODAY** is Liam David Fickley, son of Grace and Bud Fickley.**ASSISTING WITH THE BAPTISM** today is Rev. Dr. T David Gordon.**MUSIC** for the 10:00 AM service today is provided by Chip Richter.**LITURGIST** today is Tawni Betts.**ACOLYTES** today are Holden Demers and Allison Conti.**USHERS** today are Rusty Blodgett, Jim Reynolds, Larry Sutton, Ron Casteel, Tom Lobdell, and Dottie Lobdell.**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Howard C. Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Dorn, Mr. & Mrs. Edward J. Dorn, and Mr. Glenn Culbertson, given by Mr. & Mrs. David Dorn.**PEDESTAL FLOWERS** today are in honor of the baptism of Liam David Fickley and in memory of Marian Ruth Gordon, given by Grace and Bud Fickley.**A SINGLE ROSE** on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Emery Elaine Johnson on October 7th to parents Leah & Seth Johnson; Grandparents Laura & David Drake and Carla & Nick Johnson and Great Grandmother Lucy Nelson.**CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK** ~ Marty Campbell, 615 Rouse Ave., Memory Care, Youngsville, PA 16371 - Please consider sending her a card.**CHARGE CONFERENCE** ~ A brief charge conference will take place on October 22, 2023 at 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend, however, only council members are able to vote.

DID YOU KNOW?.... October is Pastor Appreciation Month. ~ We are blessed with three Pastors we see at our pulpit - Dr. Hecht, Mike and Bud. However, lets give our words of appreciation to Pastor Jon Swart and the many ministries and church programs he participates in and leads, plus Pastor Doug McCracken, our Christian Counselor who helps persons in our church and community. — *From SPRC committee*

COOKIES FOR FALL FEST ~ We are looking for volunteers to each make a couple of dozen cookies for the Fall Fest. You can sign up on the bulletin board across from the office, under Fall Fest Food Table. Just let us know how many you can donate. Thanks!

EPWORTH BELLRINGERS ~ The Epworth Bellringers has an opening for a bell ringer. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM. If interested, please contact Ruth Nelson at 814-688-8238.

DIVORCE CARE ~ The DivorceCare program will begin a new session on November 2nd, from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the Covert Room. DivorceCare offers support, answers, and practical tools to help you manage the many stresses of separation and divorce and find healing. Flyers are available on the bulletin board across from the office.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS ~ We need volunteers for Children's Church. If you are interested in this ministry, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office.

UNPACKING A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS ~ Rev. Mark Hecht (Presiding Elder) and Rev. Janet Lord (AWAC Conference Secretary) have collaborated on a book of 25 stories and songs designed to help you not only remember those cherished times but also to help you focus on creating new traditions for the next generation. Each chapter includes a Scripture passage, a story, and a link to a piano arrangement of a Christmas carol that Janet has recorded over the past few years. It is useful for individual devotional time, sermon illustrations, or even small group discussion groups. Both this Devotional and Rev. Hecht's first book, "Family, Friends, and Faith," are available in the church office.

NEW MEMBER CLASS ~ New Members will be received in worship on Sunday, November 12. Classes for new members will take place from 11:15-12:30 on the following Sundays: October 15, 22, and November 5. Topics include Our Wesleyan Heritage, Spiritual Gifts/Fruits of the Spirit, Grace and the Sacraments, and Life in the Local Church. Reverend Hecht and Tawni Betts will lead the classes. Please let the church office know at byoung@firstmwarren.org if you will be attending.

FALL FEST ~ Have you ever wondered if scarecrows are real? Here's your chance to find out – our Fall Fest celebration will be on Sunday, October 29th, immediately following the 10:00AM service. This truly is an event that offers something for everyone. There will be refreshments, games, crafts, and a relay race you won't want to miss! Volunteers are always welcome – if you are interested in helping out, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board outside the office, or contact Mary Jo Zubrod at 814-779-1448.

LARGE TIN CANS ~ We are in need of #3 tin cans to use for luminaries along the walkway in front of the church for our Christmas Eve service. Please drop off any donations to the church office. Thank you!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
October 15, 2023 – October 21, 2023

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Crary Chapel
8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
8:45 AM Class Meetings Study; Parlor A
9:45 AM Prayer; Crary Chapel
10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary
11:00 AM Chip Richter; Sanctuary
11:15 AM New Member Class; Covert Room

MONDAY

6:45 AM Christian Men's Accountability; Covert Room
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
4:30 PM Monday Nite Meal; Founder's Hall
6:00 PM Incarceration Support Group; Everts Room
6:00 PM Trustees Meeting; Parlor B
6:30 PM Silver Winds; Sanctuary
7:00 PM The Truth Project Study; Covert Room

TUESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
9:30 AM NO Protestant Church History—Cancelled
10:00 AM Kay Jones Visitation; Parlors
11:00 AM Kay Jones Funeral; Sanctuary
12:00 PM Kay Jones Memorial Luncheon; Founder's Hall
1:45 PM Peals of Praise; Sanctuary
3:30 PM Youth Music Program; Music Room
6:00 PM Protestant Church History, Covert Room
6:30 PM Epworth Bell Ringers; Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

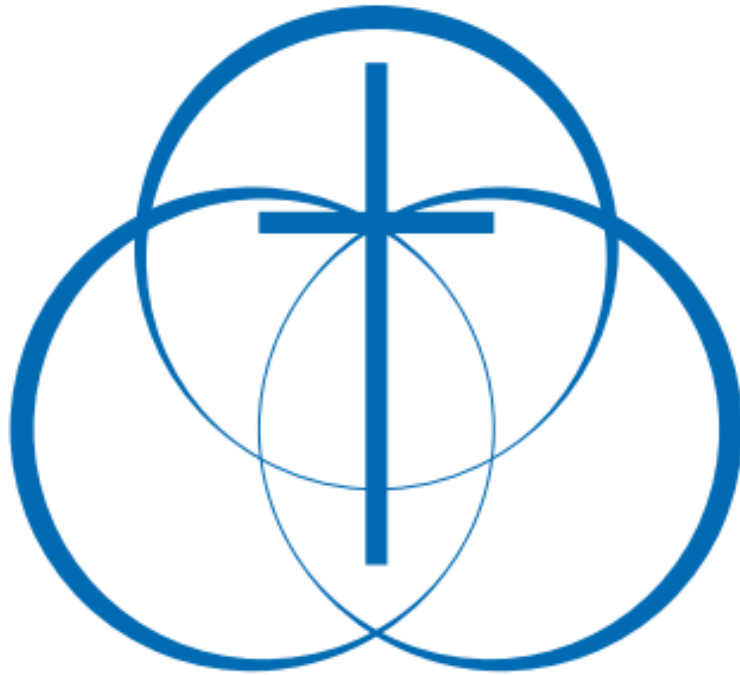
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8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
8:45 AM MOMS of Minis—Covert Room
1:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting; Mark's Office
3:10 PM LOGOS; Founder's Hall
6:15 PM SPRC Meeting; Covert Room
6:30 Chancel Choir; Music Room

THURSDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room
6:30 PM Warren Philharmonic; Founder's Hall

FRIDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
12:00 PM Senior Lunch; Founder's Hall



A Service of Holy Baptism for

Liam David Fickley

October 15, 2023

First Methodist Church
200 Market Street
Warren, PA 16365

Introduction

Brothers and sisters in Christ, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism we are initiated into Christ's body as his holy church, we are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation, and we are given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift to us, offered freely and without price.

Profession of Christian Faith

Do you renounce the devil and all his works, and reject the spiritual forces of this world that rebel against God?

I/We do.

Do you repent of your sin, turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

I/We do.

Do you accept the freedom and responsibility, given to you through the grace of God, to resist evil, injustice, and oppression?

I/We do.

Do you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

I/We do.

Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commands and walk in them all the days of your life?

I will, by the grace of God.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to nurture this child in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, profess his faith openly, and lead a Christian life?

We will.

Let us join in proclaiming our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles Creed.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe 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, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Let us Pray:

Almighty and Everlasting Father, when nothing existed but chaos, Your Spirit swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you brought them out of bondage and into freedom through the Red sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship, this day, those who come in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

We ask that you pour out your Holy Spirit, sanctify this gift of water, and bless those who receive it. Through your power and grace, wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory. Amen.

The Baptism

Liam David Fickley, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this Your child the forgiveness of sin, adopted him as your own, made him a part of your holy Church, and raised him to new life in grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit, that he may enjoy everlasting salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Commendation and Welcome

Members of God's household, I commend this child to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

We receive you into the fellowship of the Church. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in the royal priesthood of all his people.