

# WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

## September 24, 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)

“Jesus Is All the World to me”  
“Come, Christians Join to Sing”

arr. Mark Hayes  
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### PRELUDE

(10:00 AM)

“I Need Thee Every Hour”  
“Bright Wings”  
“The Will of God”

Richard Elliott  
Hugh Livingston  
arr. Culli

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today is the day of rest, from our labors;

**People: relief from the demands of daily expectations and worldly pursuits.**

Leader: We come into your presence, Father,

**People: seeking rest and refreshment**

Leader: and renewal in you.

**People: Gather us up and pour your Holy Spirit upon us so we may worship you. Amen.**

### \*HYMN No. 4

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

Forest Green

### WELCOME

### ANTHEM

“My Little Light of Mine”

Joel Raney

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

“Psalm 90”

Pew Bible Page 536

### ACOLYTE RECOGNITION

### 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 MUSIC

“I Know He Watches Me”

Joel Raney

## **PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

(10:00 AM only)

\*Doxology No. 682

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Offertory Prayer

\***HYMN No. 63**

“Majesty”

(Children are welcome to come forward for the Children’s Message during the last verse.)

### **A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Rev. Bud Fickley

### **SCRIPTURE**

“Matthew 20:1—16”

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### **MESSAGE**

“Laborers in the Vineyard”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

(8:00 AM only)

\***HYMN No. 479**

“Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above”

Forest Green

### **BENEDICTION**

### **BEARING OF LIGHT**

(10:00 AM only)

### **POSTLUDE**

(8:00 AM)

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

arr. Ralph Long

### **POSTLUDE**

(10:00 AM)

“St. Anne”

arr. Deasley

**\* Indicates Please Stand if Able**

**MUSIC** today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg, the Chancel Choir, and the Wesleyans. The Flutist is Pat Murphy. Caroline Curren is playing the Carillon. The 8:00 AM pianist is Michele Sandberg.

**LITURGIST** today is Mary Schall.

**ACOLYTES** today are Anna McCord and Ian Montour.

**USHERS** today are Larry Loughlin, Ila Wilson, Carla Johnson, Nick Johnson, Patti Rublee, Brian Swanson, and Lucy Nelson.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in loving memory of Marilyn and Robert Frycklund, given by The Montour, Enserro, Frycklund, Dorunda & Chan families.

**CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK** ~ Helen Whitten, 205 Water Street, Room 548, Warren, PA 16365 - Please consider sending her a card.

**BOOK CLUB** ~ The Book Club will meet Wednesday, October 4, at 1:00 PM in the Covert Room. Come and share all the books you have been reading!

**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 8, 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](mailto:byoung@firstmwarren.org) if you will be attending.

**TUESDAY STUDY GROUP** ~ The Tuesday Study Group will join Rev. Hecht's class on Church History Tuesday mornings 9:30 a.m. We invite all members of the Study Group to join Rev. Hecht's class. When this study is completed, we will resume our usual meeting time of 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Covert Room.

**SHOWER FOR BABY KETZKO** ~ All women in the church are invited to join us on Sunday, October 8, at 1:00 PM in Founders Hall to shower Hannah Ketzko as she prepares for the birth of a little girl, Xyla Mae. Lunch and dessert will be served. Please RSVP to Heidi Ketzko at 814-723-4930 Ext. 3 or [hketzko@firstmwarren.org](mailto:hketzko@firstmwarren.org).

**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 are in need of 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.

**FALL FEST** ~ We will be having a Fall Fest with food, games and crafts on the side yard following the 10:00 AM worship on October 29th. If you would like to help with this event, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the office.

**MOMS OF MINIS** ~ You are invited to join our first meeting of the year! M.o.M.s is a community oriented ministry of First Methodist Church designed to help moms with young children find friendship and support through regular gatherings that include food, fellowship, and faith. The first meeting will take place Wednesday, October 4, at 8:45 AM at the First Methodist Church in the Covert Room. Each gathering is an opportunity for moms of kids, kindergarten age and younger, to support one another, grow in their faith, and find friends in similar stages of life. Childcare is available for children who are not in school, but a reservation is required. For more information, to reserve childcare, or to just get connected, contact Grace Fickley at [MOMS.FMWarren@gmail.com](mailto:MOMS.FMWarren@gmail.com).

**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.

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF**  
**September 24, 2023 – September 30, 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**

**MONDAY**                    **6:45 AM Christian Men's Accountability; Covert Room**  
**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**  
**6:00 PM Church Council Meeting; Parlors**  
**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 Protestant Church History; Covert Room**  
**1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Parlors**  
**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 Bells; Sanctuary**

**WEDNESDAY**                    **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**  
**3:10 PM LOGOS; Founder's Hall**  
**6:30 PM 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**  
**5:30 PM SPRC Meeting; Parlors**  
**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**

## **ACOLYTES DEDICATED AND RECOGNIZED TODAY:**

Charlotte Andersen

Grace Carr

Allison Conti

Attie Corey

Grady Corey

Caroline Curren

Holden Demers

Aiden Ellis

Collin Ellis

David Huffman

Abby McCord

Anna McCord

Ian Montour

Grant Newton

Lilly Newton

Madalyn Nobles

Gavin Rex

Annika Wyman

Tage Wyman

Aiden Zawacki

Ashlynn Zawacki

### **CONGREGATIONS RESPONSE TO THE ACOLYTES RECOGNITION**

**O God, bless with your Holy Spirit the acolytes of your church, who serve and lead us. We are mindful that the light they carry into and from this time of worship is representative of your light that shines in our lives. We thank you for their example and pray that you would continue to bless them as they witness to us and others the importance of sharing your light with the world.**

**Amen.**

# **Altar Flowers**

We have multiple open dates available for those interested in reserving altar flowers. Flowers serve the purpose of reminding us of **God's creation** and the beauty of his handiwork.

The cost for the altar flowers is \$45.00 per Sunday. Pedestal flowers are also available on many days throughout the year. The cost for pedestal flower arrangements is \$25.00 each arrangement per Sunday. There is an opportunity for two pedestal flower arrangements each Sunday.

Please contact the office at 814-723-4930 to let them know if you are interested in reserving an arrangement for a specific date.

## **Dates Currently Available for Altar Flowers**

**February 25, 2024**

**March 3, 2024**

**April 21, 2024**

**May 5, 2024**

**September 15, 2024**

**September 29, 2024**

**November 10, 2024**

These dates are first come, first served.