

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

November 19, 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)

“10,000 Reasons”

“Give Thanks”

arr. Tornquist

arr. Hayes

ORGAN PRELUDE

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

“Now Thank We All Our God”

arr. Pethel

arr. Dahl

arr. Ashdown

HANDBELL PRELUDE

(10:00 AM)

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

“Ode to Joy”

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The world is filled with the glory of God, and we say,

People: Thank you!

Leader: The hills and valleys are filled with color, and we say,

People: Thank you!

Leader: The vines and trees are filled with fruit, and we say,

People: Thank you!

Leader: Because we have food to put on the table, we say,

People: Thank You!

Leader: Because we have this community that loves us, we say,

People: Thank You!

Leader: We fill this house of God with our voices, saying,

People: Thank You!

Leader: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, as we enter into this service of thanksgiving and praise.

*HYMN No. 83

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” St. George’s Windsor

WELCOME

ANTHEM

“Bright and Beautiful”

arr. Joseph Martin

NEW TESTAMENT READING “Ephesians 5:8—20”

Pew Bible Page 1067

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.*

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Mike Giambrone and Chad Betts

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Joyful Thanksgiving”

Joseph Martin

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. 84**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Nun Danket

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

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Rev. Bud Fickley

SCRIPTURE

“Genesis 41:46 - 52, 50:18 - 21” Pew Bible Pages 37 - 38 & 47

MESSAGE

“Perspective”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(8:00 AM only)

***HYMN No. 81**

“We Gather Together”

Kremser

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

(8:00 AM)

“Blessings”

arr. Bober

POSTLUDE

(10:00 AM)

“The Thankful Heart Rejoices”

Lani Smith

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg, flautist Judi Danielson, the Chancel Choir, and the Wesleyan Choir. The 8:00 AM pianist is Cathy Peterson.

LITURGIST today is Kayla Giambrone.

ACOLYTES today are Lilly Newton and Tage Wyman.

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A SINGLE ROSE on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Xyla Mae Bines on November 16, 2023, to parents Hannah Ketzko & Jason Bines and grandmother Heidi Ketzko.

MANY THANKS ~ Thank you to Deb Anderson for creating our fall Thanksgiving altar arrangement.

IN SYMPATHY ~ We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Nora Jane Daubenspeck, who passed away on November 11, 2023.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN ~ Our stewardship campaign for 2024 has begun. Please return your pledge card to the church office no later than November 26, 2023. If you have not received a pledge card, you may pick one up at the office or visit our website at firstmwarren.org.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Mrs. Shirley Witherell, 418 East St., Warren, PA 16365. Please consider sending her a card.

THE ANGEL TREE IS UP! ~ You will find the Angel Tree in the hallway directly across from the Parlors. Each Angel Tree tag has specific gift suggestions listed at the bottom of the tag. Please take an Angel Tree tag, select the gifts you would like to provide for the child, and return BOTH the Angel Tree tag and the UNWRAPPED gifts to the church no later than December 7th. On the back of each tag, you will find a list of helpful tips. Also, please plan to join us for our *Angel Tree Christmas Party on Saturday, December 16th at 1:00 PM.*

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.

ADVENT SEASON ~ Advent is just around the corner! This year, we will once again be decorating our church throughout the week of November 27th. If you are interested in helping with a specific area, please sign up on the bulletin board with the Giving Tree outside Pastor Hecht's office. Include your phone number, and someone will contact you with the day and time that area will be done. Many hands make light work.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ~ Today, the Operation Christmas Child Packing Party will take place in the Covert Room, directly following 10:00 AM worship service. Light refreshments will be provided!!

A WORD OF THANKS ~ "I just wanted to take a moment and say "Thank you" to you all for the words of encouragement during Pastor Appreciation Month! Thank you to SPRC and LOGOS for their expressions of love!" - Love Pastor Mike

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
November 19, 2023 – November 25, 2023

SUNDAY **8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Crary Chapel**
8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
9:00 AM Time to Prepare Book Study; Parlor B
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
4:30 PM Monday Nite Meal; Founder’s Hall
6:00 PM Trustees Meeting; Parlor A
6:00 PM Incarceration Support Group; Everts Room
6:30 PM Silver Winds; Sanctuary
7:00 PM The Truth Project Study; Covert Room

TUESDAY **8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**
9:30 AM Protestant Church History; Covert Room
1:45 PM Peals of Praise; Sanctuary
3:30 PM Youth Music Program; Music Room
4:30 PM Discipleship Meeting; Covert Room
6:00 PM Protestant Church History; Covert Room
6:30 PM Epworth Bellringers; Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY **8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**

THURSDAY **Office Closed ~ *Happy Thanksgiving!***

FRIDAY **Office Closed**

THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

**200 Market Street
Warren, Pennsylvania 16365**

POINSETTIAS

I would like to participate in the Poinsettia Fund.

The cost of each plant is \$12.00 if ordered through the Church.
MONEY MUST ACCOMPANY ORDERS.

MEMORIALIZED OR HONORED PERSON(S): (Circle one)

Flowers given by _____

I wish to purchase _____ Poinsettia(s) at a total cost of
\$ _____.

I wish to give \$ _____ to the Flower Fund.

I will _____ I Will **NOT** _____ be picking up my poinsettia(s) up
after the service on December 24, 2023.

LAST DAY TO ORDER FLOWERS IS

December 12, 2023

No Orders will be accepted after this date.



THE PRAYER CHALLENGE!

On Sunday 11/12/2023, we received through our pastors challenges from the Holy Spirit to be intentional in turning first to God in every situation, allowing him to fight our battles, and to take times of prayer seriously, listening for God. Since the Gospels record that Jesus was often engaged in prayer, we imitate our Lord when we too faithfully pray. Please consider the opportunities listed below. Each of us are asked to commit to intentional prayer from today to (at least) the end of 2023. As we pray, there is no doubt we will see the Lord's answers in the days ahead and we would love to hear how God has answered those prayers!

(Please place this in the offering plate.)

I will pray:

_____ Each morning for the day

_____ Before meals

_____ At night

_____ With/for others or myself when the Spirit leads

_____ Continually (1 Thessalonians 5: 17)

_____ For those persons/situations identified during services

_____ In the chapel on Sundays at 9: 45 (for the service)

_____ The weekly prayers (found on website)

_____ As a member of the email prayer chain *[Please include your e-mail to receive the Covenant to begin-* _____

_____ OTHER- _____

SIGNED: _____ **Date:** _____

PLEASE TAKE THIS HOME AS YOUR REMINDER:

On 11/19/2023, or on ____/____/2023 I accepted the prayer challenge and have committed to pray until at least the end of 2023:

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Annual *Christmas* GIVING TREE

There are still a few tags on the Giving Tree in the office hallway. If you wish to be part of this ministry, please take a tag today and sign your name on the sheet.

Shop, wrap your gift, add the gift tag with the child's name, attach the circle tag with the number to the gift, and return it to the office or the music room.

Thank you.



The youth will be collecting food to pack boxes to go to the families who are receiving items from the Giving Tree.

If you wish to bring in food items, please sign your name on the sheet beside the item(s) you will provide. All food needs to be deposited in the collection bin outside the nursery by SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17th.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation to be used toward gift cards for perishables, you may leave it in the offering plate designated to Giving Tree food boxes, give to Pastor Fickley, or leave in the church office.

The youth and these families thank you for your support.

**If you have any questions,
please contact Ruth Nelson at 814-688-8238.**



Join Us for a Free Concert as
Silver Winds Flute Choir presents

WINTER WONDERS

Sunday, December 3, 2023

4:00 PM

1st Methodist Church

200 Market Street – Warren, PA

