

WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 26, 2023

PRELUDE

(8:00 AM)

“Lord, Be Glorified/Sanctuary”

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

arr. Bock

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PRELUDE

(10:00 AM)

“Cheer Thee, My Soul”

“Little Prelude in G Minor”

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

J.S. Bach

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arr. Hamlin

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are glad that you are worshipping at First United 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.

*HYMN No. 110

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Ein’ Feste Burg

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

People: So God seeks and saves the lost.

Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

People: so God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

Leader: As a father receives a returning wayward son,

People: so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Leader: Therefore, let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

People: Let us receive and welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

ANTHEM

(10:00 am only)

“His Grace is Greater”

Michael Sharp

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*PSALTER

Psalms 32

page 766

*GLORIA PATRI No. 71

Pew Hymnal Page 71

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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 ANTHEM "It is Well With My Soul" arr. John Ness Beck
(10:00 AM only)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(10:00 AM only)
*Doxology No. 95 Pew Hymnal Page 95
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

SCRIPTURE "John 14:1-14" Pew Bible Pages 982 - 983

MESSAGE "Seeking Security" Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(8:00 AM)

***HYMN No. 374** "Standing on the Promises"

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" arr. Bock
(8:00 AM)

POSTLUDE "Let All Who Have Breath Praise the Lord" Wagner
(10:00 AM)

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg and our Chancel Choir.
The 8:00 AM pianist is Michele Sandberg.

LITURGIST today is Mary Schall.

ACOLYTES today are Ian Montour and Grant Newton.

USHERS today are Team 1.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given by the Crary Family.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Mrs. Jack Spencer, 31 N. Park Ave., Apt # 131, Meadville, PA 16335. - Please consider sending her a card.

4th SUNDAY LIGHT LUNCH FELLOWSHIP ~ Today, a light lunch fellowship will be offered in Founder's Hall after the 10:00 AM worship service.

PRISON MINISTRY ~ We may have an opportunity to expand our Prison Ministry by tutoring at the Warren County Prison. We are looking to see if anyone in the congregation would be interested in helping to tutor at the prison in reading and/or math at the Warren County Prison. If you feel this is something you want to do, please call the church office at 814-723-4930.

GLASS BABY JARS AND CANS ~ We are in need of small glass baby jars or small jelly jars as well as #3 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!

USHERS LUNCH ~ The Worship Commission invites all current ushers and anyone interested in serving as an usher to lunch and training on Sunday, March 12th, following the 10:00 AM service. Please contact the church office at 814-723-4930 to make a reservation for lunch. We hope to see many of you there.

CLASS MEETINGS ~ "...But the most profitable exercise of any is a free inquiry into the state of the heart". Francis Asbury and Thomas Coke

A new opportunity to grow our faith will be offered through a return to the Wesleyan tradition of class meetings. Using the book, *The Class Meeting: Reclaiming a Forgotten and Essential Small Group Experience* by Kevin Watson, these small groups are intended for those individuals interested in "watching over one another in love." The class meeting is a transformation-driven format, organized around a common desire to support one another as we learn to interpret our lives through the lens of the gospel and then encourage one another to live our lives for and through Christ. These meetings will be held in individuals' homes. Initially, 2 class meetings will be offered – one on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 PM led by Tawni Betts; the other on Saturday mornings at 10:00 AM led by Mary Jo Zubrod. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those interested. More information will be forthcoming.

CROSSING BREAKFAST SUPPORT ~ The Crossing has volunteers to staff the free Saturday morning breakfasts. However, due to increased costs, we need additional funds to cover the food and supplies required. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Funds can be directed to FUMC or The Crossing (350 Pennsylvania Ave W). Thank you. God bless.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH ~ Beginning March 5th, a Children's Church offered on the first Sunday of the Month. The Children's Church will be located in the Covert Room. Children may leave the sanctuary following the 1st Anthem to walk to the Covert Room to participate in the Children's Church.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PRAY WITH OTHERS? ~ As part of the prayer ministry at FUMC, a weekly prayer is posted on our website, sent in an email, and also included in our weekly newsletter. If you would like to receive this weekly prayer. Please email Mary Schall at: rschall.mschall@gmail.com with this request.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF February 26, 2023 – March 4, 2023

SUNDAY

**8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Crary Chapel
8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
9:45 AM Prayer; Crary Chapel
10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary
11:00 AM Light Lunch Fellowship; Founder's Hall**

MONDAY

**6:45 AM Christian Men's Accountability Group
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
6:30 PM Church Council Meeting; Founder's Hall
6:30 PM Silver Winds; Sanctuary
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Troop 9 Boy Scouts; Downstairs**

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
12:30 PM Tuesday Afternoon Study; Covert Room
1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Parlor B
1:45 PM Peals of Praise Handbells; Sanctuary
3:30 PM Youth Music Program; Music Room
5:15 PM WHS Soccer; Gym
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
8:30 AM Covenant Discipleship Group; Mark's Office
3:30 PM LOGOS - Birthday Celebration
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 Covenant Discipleship Group; Parlor B
6:30 PM Warren Philharmonic Rehearsal; Founder's Hall**

FRIDAY

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

As we move ahead with plans to join a new denomination, we will need to replace the hymnals currently in use. Hymnals given in memory or honor of family and friends are available now in Parlor A to take by our congregation. Once we receive new hymnals, all current hymnals will be available to you, and those left will be taken to the conference center.

The Worship Committee is recommending the purchase of a new hymnal "Our Great Redeemer's Praise." It is published by Seedbed, Inc. and represents the full scope of John and Charles Wesley's theological heritage. We are excited about this new tool for worship.

We will be accepting and encouraging you to purchase a hymnal in honor or memory of someone close to you. The cost is \$30.00, and payment can be made at any time to the office. Checks should be made out to First United Methodist Church and returned to the office with the order form at the bottom. A plaque will be placed inside each hymnal with your information.

If you have questions or want to see this new hymnal, please see Ruth Nelson or Michele Sandberg. Thank you for your support as we move into new and exciting times.



(Return to the church office with payment.)

I wish to order _____ hymnals at a cost of \$30.00 each.

Please check appropriate line for the plaque(s):

_____ Our Great Redeemer's Praise in Honor
of _____

By _____

_____ Our Great Redeemer's Praise in Honor of

By _____

OR

_____ Our Great Redeemer's Praise in Memory of

By _____

_____ Our Great Redeemer's Praise in Memory of

By _____

Are you looking for others to join with you in prayer?

You will notice in the hallway by the church office a prayer cross. If you have something you would like to bring to our LORD, we invite you to write the prayer and place it on the prayer cross. As you walk by the prayer cross, we invite you to take a few moments to pray for the requests posted there.

First UMC also has a prayer chain that is activated when a prayer request is received. Each prayer chain member has signed a Covenant in which s/he commits to keep the requests confidential and to pray for a minimum of one month for the request.

You can submit a request (activate the prayer chain) by marking "prayer chain" on the prayer cards on Sunday mornings or by contacting Barb at the church office, or by contacting Mary Schall (prayer coordinator).

If you would like to serve as one of these faithful prayer warriors who pray for prayer chain requests, please email Mary, at rschall.mschall@gmail.com, to request that a Covenant be sent to you. Then, when you have signed and returned it to the church office and Mary is notified, you will be added to the email list to begin receiving requests.

**Monday Morning Men's Group
New 8 Week Bible Study Begins
MONDAY MARCH 18th
Covert Room: 6:45 AM- 8:00 AM**

No More Excuses Bible Study by author Tony Evans

Sometimes circumstances in life make it difficult for men to be all God wants them to be. Tony Evans urges men to stop looking at their circumstances as excuses and instead to see them as challenges and opportunities for success.

Exploring examples of men of God throughout the Bible, this study will challenge you to lay down your excuses, stop compromising, and fight to be a man of character and commitment. Despite your setbacks, failures, and pressures, you can still find purpose, meaning, and direction in life, and become the man God has called you to be.

Mark Hecht will be leading the study. Come AND bring a friend!

Session topics:

1. No More Hiding Behind the Past
2. No More Holding Back
3. No More Weak Leadership
4. No More Going Through the Motions
5. No More Compromising Your Integrity
6. No More Sifting Through the Rubble
7. No More Half Stepping
8. No More Standing on the Sidelines

A sign-up sheet is located outside Mark's Door. You can also tear off the bottom of this sheet and leave it in the offering plate.

Books are available in the office.

I would like to attend the Monday Morning Men's Group beginning March 18th.

Name: _____