

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

Christ The King Sunday

November 26, 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)

“I’ve Got the Joy”
“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

arr. Pepper Choplin
arr. Cindy Berry

ORGAN PRELUDE

(10:00 AM)

“Lead On, O King Eternal”
“Jesus Shall Reign”
“Come, Though Almighty King”

arr. Boud
arr. Boud
arr. Wyrzten

*CALL TO WORSHIP—Psalm 100

Leader: Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!

People: **Serve the Lord with Celebration! Come before him with shouts of joy!**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God

People: **He made us; we belong to him. We are his people, the sheep of his own pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanks; enter his courtyards with praise! Thank him! Bless his name!

People: **Because the Lord is good, his loyal love lasts forever; his faithfulness lasts generation after generation.**

*HYMN No. 277

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Darwall’s 148th

WELCOME

ANTHEM

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

Hal Hopson

NEW TESTAMENT READING “Ephesians 1:15 - 23”

Pew Bible Page 1064

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.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” arr. Mark Hayes

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(10:00 AM only)

*Doxology No. 682

*Offertory Prayer

***HYMN No. 285** “Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending” Helmsley
(Children are welcome to come forward for the Children’s Message during the last verse.)

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Mary Jo Zubrod

SCRIPTURE “Matthew 25:31 - 46” Pew Bible Pages 904 - 905

MESSAGE “Shaped for Subservience” Rev. Bud Fickley

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(8:00 AM only)

***HYMN No. 280** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Diadem

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE “God Will Take Care of You” arr. Cindy Berry
(8:00 AM)

POSTLUDE “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” arr. Wyrzten
(10:00 AM)

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by organist and pianist Michele Sandberg and our Chancel Choir. Ruth Nelson is the pianist for the 8:00 AM service. Carillon is played today by Nettie Swart.

LITURGIST today is Tawni Betts.

ACOLYTES today are Caroline Curren and Grady Corey.

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.

USHERS today are Erik Fincher, Susie Zimmerman, Tom Giegerich, Matt McCord, Brent Jones, Stephanie Tannler, and Rebecka Swart.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Darla Peterson, 205 Water St., Room 525, 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.*

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.

GIVING TREE FOOD ITEMS ~ 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 it to Pastor Fickley, or leave it 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.

SILVER WINDS FLUTE CHOIR ~ On Sunday, December 3, 2023, at 4:00 PM, the Silver Winds Flute Choir will present a FREE concert, Winter Wonders, in the Sanctuary at the First Methodist Church. All are welcome to attend.

PROTESTANT CHURCH HISTORY ~ Protestant Church History (From Wesley to the Present) Will focus on: The Wesleyan Movement; Deism, The American Revolution and American Civil Religion; The 2nd Great Awakening, The Civil War, The "Others"; Liberalism, Fundamentalism, and Ecumenism; WWII, the 60's and Televangelism; and Protestantism in the 21st Century. These classes will take place on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the Covert Room beginning January 2, 2024 and on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM in the Covert Room beginning January 3, 2024.

TUESDAY STUDY GROUP ~ The Tuesday Study Group will not be meeting on November 28th, but will resume Tuesday meetings on December 5th, and 19th at 12:30 PM in the Covert Room. Bring a sandwich and if you have purchased Rev. Hecht's new book, "Unpacking A Traditional Christmas." We will be reviewing some of the stories contained in this new book. Subsequent meetings in January and February will be on Wednesdays at 9:30 AM in the Covert Room to hear Rev. Hecht's presentation on the Protestant Church History, Part 2.

THANK YOU ~ To all those who donated and volunteered their time to the Operation Christmas Shoebox ministry we thank you! We were able to pack 59 boxes that were delivered to Pleasant Community Church.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
November 26, 2023 – December 2, 2023

SUNDAY

Christ The King 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
10:00 AM Youth Decorate and Mystery Lunch
4:30 PM Monday Nite Meal; Founder's Hall
6:00 PM Church Council; Covert Room
6:30 PM Silver Winds; Sanctuary
7:00 PM The Truth Project Study; Covert Room

TUESDAY

8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Parlor B
1:45 PM Peals of Praise; Sanctuary
3:30 PM Youth Music Program; Music Room
6:30 PM Epworth Bellringers; Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
1:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting; Mark's Office
3:30 PM LOGOS; Founder's Hall
6:00 PM Youth Group; Everts Room
6:30 PM Faith Support Group; Parlor B
6:30 PM Chancel Choir; Music Room

THURSDAY

8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
12:00 PM Advent Service; Founder's Hall
12:30 PM Advent Luncheon; Founder's Hall
1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room
5:00 PM 4th Grade Soccer; Gym
6:00 PM DivorceCare; Covert Room
6:00 PM Angel Tree Meeting; Parlor B

FRIDAY

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

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.



**Thursday 12:00 PM
Advent Worship Service
in Founder's Hall
with Meal Following**



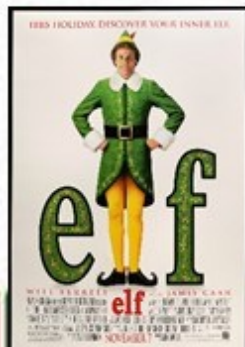
**Half hour worship service
Will Include
Christmas Carols and a Message for the day.**

**Each week we will remember another
“Classic” Holiday Movie and see how the
themes shared in these films actually have
relevance for us in our faith walks as well.**

**November
30th**



**December
7th**



**December
14th**



**December
21st**



Service will begin promptly at Noon will a meal immediately following.

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:** _____