

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

November 12, 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)

“The Battle Belongs to the Lord”

“You Raise Me Up”

arr. Hayes

arr. Bober

PRELUDE

(10:00 AM)

“Toccata on Festal Song”

“All Nature Sings”

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Gilbert Martin

arr. Fedak

arr. Shepherd

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord says to his people: “Pay attention to me, my people; listen to me, my nation.

People: For teaching will go out from me, my justice, as a light to the nations.

Leader: My salvation is on its way, my arm will judge the peoples.

People: Look up to the heavens and gaze at the earth beneath. The heavens will disappear like smoke, the earth will wear out like clothing.”

Leader: Listen to me, you who know what is right, people who carry the Lord’s teaching your heart: Don’t fear human scorn!

People: The Lord’s salvation will endure forever, His righteousness will be unbroken.

Leader: The Lord’s righteousness is forever; His salvation for all generations.

*HYMN No. 110

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Laudes Domini

WELCOME

ANTHEM

“Not One Falls”

Heather Sorenson

OLD TESTAMENT READING “Isaiah 51:9—16”

Pew Bible Page 668

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (See insert)

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.*

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Rev. Bud Fickley

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Come to Jesus”

arr. James Koerts

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. 474**

“The Battle Is the Lord’s”

Leoni

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

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amanda McCord

SCRIPTURE

“Ephesians 6:10 - 20”

Pew Bible Pages 1067—1068

MESSAGE

“Fighting God’s Way”

Rev. Bud Fickley

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(8:00 AM only)

***HYMN No. 477**

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

Webb

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

(8:00 AM)

“How Great is Our God”

arr. Tornquist

POSTLUDE

(10:00 AM)

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Hustad

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg, our Chancel Choir, and the Madrigals. The soloist is Melissa McCracken. The 8:00 AM pianist is Cathy Peterson.

LITURGIST today is Denny Munksgard.

ACOLYTES today are Allison Conti and Tage Wyman.

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS ~ A grandson, Declan Joseph Daily, was born to grandparents Tom and Dottie Lobdell on October 30, 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.

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.

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!

FREE NARCAN TRAINING AND DEMONSTRATION ~ Deerfield Center for Addiction Treatment, in collaboration with The Reclamation Sisters, is offering in-person Narcan training and demonstration on November 13th at 6:00 PM in the Dunham Parlors. There is no cost for the training, but pre-registration is encouraged. Please register through the church office at 814-723-4930 or sign up on the bulletin board across from the office.

ADVENT SEASON ~ Advent begins in just 4 weeks. 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 ~ On November 19th, 2023, 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!! Please sign-up on the bulletin board across from the office if you plan to attend.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
November 12, 2023 – November 18, 2023

SUNDAY

Blue Bags Returned
New Members Received
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
4:00 PM Warren Circuit Service of Celebration
5:00 PM Warren Circuit Reception

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
5:15 PM Finance Meeting; Parlor A
6:00 PM Narcan Training; 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
11:30 AM Blue Stocking Luncheon; Covert Room
1:00 PM Program Staff Meeting; Mark's Office
3:30 PM Youth Music Program; Music Room
6:00 PM Protestant Church History; Covert Room
6:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting; Founder's Hall

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
8:45 AM Moms of Minis; Covert Room
3:10 PM LOGOS; Founder's Hall
5:15 PM Worship Committee Meeting; Parlor A
6:30 PM Youth Group; Everts Room
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
6:00 PM DivorceCare; Covert Room
6:30 PM Warren Philharmonic; Founder's Hall
6:30 PM SPRC Committee Meeting; Covert Room

FRIDAY

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



A litany for the

Reception of New Members

November 12, 2023

First Methodist Church
200 Market Street
Warren, PA 16365

Introduction

Brothers and sisters in Christ, this morning we have the privilege of receiving into membership five individuals who desire to know God more fully through the ministries of First Methodist Church. These individuals, having already received the sacrament of Baptism, desire now to make a profession of faith uniting them to this family of believers.

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 do.

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

I do.

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

I do.

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

I 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.

Let us join together in proclaiming our faith in the words of the ancient confession of faith, 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.

Reception of New Members

Having publicly professed your faith, will you, as members of Christ's universal church, do all that is in your power to strengthen The Global Methodist Church, supporting its mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly ?

I will.

As members of the First Methodist Church, will you faithfully participate in the ministries of this congregation by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

I will.

Commendation and Welcome

Members of God's household, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them 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.

Received into Membership this Day

Kate Conti

Grace Fickley

Doug McCracken

Neil Twist

Peggy Twist

If you desire to join with the First Methodist Church
in the mission of making **Disciples** who
Worship Passionately, Love Extravagantly, and Witness Boldly,
we invite you to fill out the welcome card in the pew
or contact the church office.