

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
New Year's Eve Service
December 31, 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 "Go, Tell it on the Mountain" arr. Curry
(8:00 AM)

ORGAN PRELUDE "The Angel Gabriel" arr. Robert Lau
(10:00 AM) "Away in a Manger/What Child is this?" arr. Owen's

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Welcome to this time of reflection and expectation.

People: We have come here from extremely busy times.

Leader: Come and find rest. Come and find hope.

People: This is the last day of the year; we do not know what is to come.

Leader: Do not fear. Look with eager joy for the presence of the Lord in your life.

People: Open our eyes, ears, and hearts, O Lord, to receive your message of hope for us.

***HYMN No. 195** "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" In Dulci Jubilo

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 "Go Tell It on the Mountain" arr. Curry

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(10:00 AM only)

*Hymn No. 186 (vs 4)

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
if I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give Him: give Him my heart.

*Offertory Prayer

SCRIPTURE "Luke 2:22– 35" Pew Bible Pages 933 - 934

MESSAGE "Simeon" Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SCRIPTURE "Luke 2:36– 38" Pew Bible Page 934

MESSAGE "Anna" Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(8:00 AM only)

***HYMN No. 203** "Go Tell It on the Mountain" Go Tell It

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE "Joy To the World" arr. Laird
(8:00 AM)

POSTLUDE "Once In Royal David's City" arr. Lash
(10:00 AM)

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

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

ACOLYTES today are front candles: Abby McCord and Madelyn Nobles and aisle candles: Ian Montour and Gavin Rex.

USHERS today are Denny Munksgard, Bob Silzle, Bill Hannold, John Suppa, Laura Suppa, and Rebekah Swart.

IN SYMPATHY ~

We extend our sympathy to the Huck Family in the passing of Nadean's father, Richard "Dick" Merton Brown, on December 24, 2023.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Phyllis O'Neill who passed away on December 25, 2023.

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Anne Paris, who passed away on December 26, 2023.

We also extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Pauline DeSimone, who passed away on December 27, 2023.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Jane Culver, 615 Rouse Ave., Room 149, Youngsville, PA 16371. Please consider sending her a card.

PRAYER/BIRTHDAY CALENDARS ~ The 2024 First Methodist Church Prayer/Birthday Calendars are available. They are located in the side hall just outside the church office.

TUESDAY STUDY GROUP ~ The Tuesday Study Group 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.

LITURGIST VOLUNTEERS ~ You are invited to participate in worship leadership. We need Liturgists to assist the pastor with leading the congregation in worship. As a Liturgist, you will lead the congregation in the Call to Worship, and read the Old Testament Lesson. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside of Rev. Hecht's office.

LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION ~ Our church will celebrate Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on Sunday, January 14, 2023, during the 10:00 AM worship service. This is our third year of recognizing those who work to protect all of us in our communities. Todd Mineweaser, Chief of Police of the Youngsville Police Department, will give the morning message. Invitations have been sent out to those working in this area, inviting them to attend this worship service. We will be having fellowship time in the parlors afterward, and we hope you will consider attending the service and staying afterward to thank them for all they do to keep us safe. The parlors are located across from the hallway that leads to the Sanctuary.

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.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
December 31, 2023 – January 6, 2024

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

MONDAY **Office Closed - *Happy New Year!***

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
5:00 PM Warren High School Soccer; Gym

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8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
9:30 AM Protestant Church History; Covert Room
1:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting; Mark's Office
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
10:00 AM David Marquis Visitation; Parlors
11:00 AM David Marquis Funeral; Sanctuary
5:00 PM 4th Grade Soccer; Gym
6:00 PM DivorceCare; Covert Room

FRIDAY **8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours**
12:00 PM Senior Citizen Lunch; Founder's Hall
4:00 PM Girl Scout Sleepover; Founder's Hall

SATURDAY **6:00 PM Girl Scout Sleepover Concludes; Founder's Hall**