

WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

April 28, 2024

Welcome to First Methodist Church.

Please use the Music of Preparation as an opportunity to prepare your hearts for worship.

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.

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

(8:00 AM) "I've Got Peace Like a River" arr. Cindy Berry

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(10:00 AM) "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" arr. Hopson
"Variations on 'Veni Creator Spiritus'" arr. Hopson
"Prelude in C Major"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the healing presence of God, we gather this morning.

People: We come as we are, with our inner wounds and physical injuries,

Leader: With our worries and fears

People: With our body's mortality

Leader: We come as we are, vessels made out of clay,

People: Filled with God's eternal glory by his grace.

All: In the healing presence of God, we gather this morning.

*HYMN No. 19 "This Is My Father's World" Terra Beata

WELCOME

ANTHEM "Old Time Religion Medley" arr. Mark Hayes

OLD TESTAMENT READING "Psalm 23" Pew Bible Page 491

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 MUSIC "Canon in D" arr. Hal Hopson

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. 358**

“God Will Take Care of You”

McAfee

(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 5:4”

Pew Bible Page 880

“Revelation 21:1 – 6”

Pew Bible Page 1132

MESSAGE

“Those Who Mourn”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(8:00 AM only)

***HYMN No. 380**

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

(10:00 AM only)

POSTLUDE

(8:00 AM)

“Joy in the Morning”

Tom Birchwood

POSTLUDE

(10:00 AM)

“Benedictus on ‘Sicilian Mariners’”

Gordon Young

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by organist and pianist Michele Sandberg, the Chancel Choir, and the Epworth Handbell Ringers. Greg Danielson is the soloist and Nettie Swart is playing the carillon. Ruth Nelson is the pianist for the 8:00 AM.

LITURGIST today is Tracy Brieger.

ACOLYTES today are Grady Corey and Aiden Ellis.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of John Crone, given by the Family.

USHERS today are Team 5-Erik Fincher, Susie Zimmerman, Tom Giegerich, Matt McCord, Brent Jones, Stephanie Tannler and Rebecka Swart.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Dan Harpster, 205 Water Street, Room 511, Warren, PA 16365. Please consider sending him a card.

NEW MEMBER FELLOWSHIP CLASS ~ For those considering joining First Methodist Church, we invite you to our New Member Fellowship Class starting in the near future. Please call the church at 814-723-4930 if you are interested in joining First Methodist Church.

BOY SCOUTS ~ In support of the Chief Cornplanter Council, BSA's four-day Cub Scouts camp this June 13th—June 16th, we are asking for paper plates, napkins, forks, ketchup, and mayonnaise donations. A collection box for donated items is located by the nursery. Thank you for your support.

SCHOLARSHIP ~ Applications for The Mary F. & Melvin G. Keller Scholarship of The First Methodist Higher Education Fund for the 2024—2025 school year are being accepted until April 30, 2024. Applications can be picked up in the office or online at www.firstmwarren.org.

THE WOMEN'S TUESDAY STUDY GROUP ~ will begin a new series entitled "If You Want to Walk on Water You've Got to Get Out of the Boat" narrated by John Ortberg. Bring a sandwich and come enjoy the fellowship of other women and the presentation by John Ortberg. We will meet in the Covert Room at 12:30 PM, on Tuesdays.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR ~ If you enjoy Sunday fellowship and would like to donate snacks and goodies, there is a new volunteer sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the church office.

BOOK CLUB ~ The Book Club will meet on Wednesday, May 8, at 1:00 PM at the home of Cheryl Devereaux. The address is 2129 Fox Hill Rd, Russell, PA.

ALL ARE INVITED TO AN OPEN HOUSE ~ A Birthday Celebration for Margie Angevine, Saturday, May 4, 2024, 2:00 PM—4:00 PM at the Faith Fellowship Church of God. (Our neighboring church) - No gifts, please, but cards are appreciated.

PRAYING MAKERS GROUP ~ Our Prayer Shawl Ministry knits, crochets, or crafts shawls, robes, and other items to console those who are grieving, comfort those who are ill, and bring hope to those in despair. We also make items to celebrate life and milestones. Please consider joining us in this ministry by crafting items or providing materials to make them. You can contact Cindy Blodgett at 814-726-1415 or 814-730-7350 if interested.

EVENING OF PRAISE ~ Sunday, May 19 at 5:00 pm - Thank you to everyone who helped make our Evening of Prayer and Praise a success. We heard great feedback with many people asking when our next Sunday evening opportunity would be. This is IT! We'll have communion and an opportunity for prayer again but we're also going to take time to celebrate the Pentecost story since May 19th is Pentecost Sunday. We hope you'll "Come and Bring a Friend."

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

April 28, 2024 - May 4, 2024

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Crary Chapel
8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
9:00 AM Class Meeting; Parlors
9:45 AM Prayer; Crary Chapel
10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary

MONDAY

6:45 AM Christian Men's Accountability Group
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage
4:30 PM Monday Nite Meal - Team D; Founder's Hall

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
12:30 PM Tuesday Afternoon Study; Covert Room
5:00 PM Madrigals ; Music Room

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
8:45 AM Moms of Minis; Covert Room
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage
1:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting; Mark's Office
6:00 PM Chancel Choir; Music Room
6:30 PM Youth Group; Everts 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
6:30 PM Warren Philharmonic; Founder's Hall

FRIDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
9:00 AM—12:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage
12:00 PM Senior Citizen Lunch; Founder's Hall