

# WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## March 12, 2023

**PRELUDE**  
(8:00 AM)

“His Eye is One the Sparrow”  
“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

arr. Mier  
Balecki

**PRELUDE**  
(10:00 AM)

“He Is Lord”  
“Lenten Meditation”  
“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Tom Fettke  
arr. Kevin McChesney  
arr. Wyrzten

### 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. 545**

“The Church’s One Foundation”

Aurelia

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God,

**People: let us hold fast to our confession.**

Leader: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses,

**People: but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.**

Leader: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,

**People: so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

**ANTHEM**  
(10:00 am only)

“Salvation is Created”

arr. Moore

### A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Amanda McCord

\* **PSALTER**

Psalms 95 Response 2

Pages 814 –815

\***GLORIA PATRI No. 71**

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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**

(10:00 AM only)

“He Loved Them to the End”

Martin

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

(10:00 AM only)

\*Doxology No. 95

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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 10:1 - 10”

Pew Bible Pages 977 - 978

**MESSAGE**

“I Want to Live!”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

(8:00 AM only)

**\*HYMN No. 454**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

**BENEDICTION**

**BEARING OF LIGHT**

(10:00 AM only)

**POSTLUDE**

(8:00 AM)

“Revive US Again”

arr. Berry

**POSTLUDE**

(10:00 AM)

“May Jesus Christ Be Praised”

Barnby

**\* Indicates Please Stand if Able**

**MUSIC** today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg, the Peals of Praise Handbell Choir, and our Chancel Choir. The 8:00 AM pianist is Cathy Peterson.

**LITURGIST** today is Mary Jo Zubrod.

**ACOLYTES** today are Holden Demers and David Huffman.

**USHERS** today are Team 2, Captain George Lilja.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in loving memory of Marcy Kay and Milton & Eloise Kay, given by Tracy Brieger.

**CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK** ~ Helen Whitten, 205 Water Street, Room 548, Warren, PA 16365. - Please consider sending her a card.

**IN SYMPATHY** ~ We extend our sympathy to Christy Elicker in the passing of her sister, Kathleen E. Spitale, on March 1, 2023.

We also extend our sympathy to Jim & Stephanie Tannler in the passing of Jim's uncle, Virgil Wood, on February 27, 2023.

**INFORMATION MEETING** ~ There will be an information meeting about our next steps in the disaffiliation process next Sunday, March 19th, immediately following both services. The next two steps are affiliating with a denomination, and choosing a name for this church. The Administrative Council has recommended affiliating with the Global Methodist Church, and changing the church name back to First Methodist Church. Rev. Janet Lord, a Deacon who is serving as the Global Methodist Church Organizer in Western Pennsylvania, will be with us on March 19th to provide insight and answer any questions about the Global Methodist Church. A Congregational Vote on the two steps will take place on March 26 at both services.

**WELCOME** ~ If you are interested in attending a new member class at the First United Methodist Church, please contact 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!

**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.

**FREE CONCERT** ~ The Silver Winds Flute Choir will present a free concert, Celtic and Classics, on Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 4:00 PM. The concert will take place in the sanctuary at the First United Methodist Church.

**ANNOUNCEMENT** ~ We are considering the possibility of conducting baptisms in the month of March or April. If you are interested in being baptized or having children or grandchildren baptized, please contact the office at 814 - 723 - 4930.

**PLEASE NOTE** ~ The Bible Study Group will meet this Wednesday, March 15th at 12:30 PM in the Covert Room. Don't forget to bring your Bible!

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF March 12, 2023 – March 18, 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 Fellowship; Covert Room**

## MONDAY

**6:45 AM Christian Men's Accountability Group**  
**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours**  
**4:00 PM Hospitality Meeting; Covert Room**  
**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**  
**12:00 PM Blue Stocking Meeting; Covert Room**  
**1:45 PM Peals of Praise Handbells; Sanctuary**  
**3:30 PM Youth Music Program; Music Room**  
**5:15 PM WHS Soccer; Gym**  
**5:30 PM Soup and Study Luke 9:18-27; Founder's Hall**  
**6:00 PM Girl Scout Leader's Meeting; Covert Room**  
**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**  
**12:30 PM Bible Study Group; Covert Room**  
**3:30 PM LOGOS - Girl Scout Recognition**  
**5:15 PM Finance Meeting; Parlor A**  
**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**

## 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

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By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Our Great Redeemer's Praise in Memory of

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By \_\_\_\_\_

Our Church has the opportunity to assist an individual who is in need of help furnishing an apartment in Warren.

Some items needed are:

Small Bedside Table

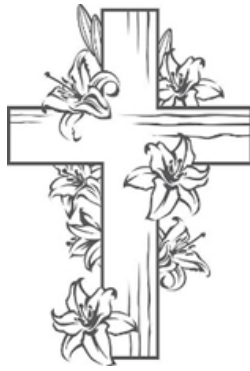
Sheets (Queen Size)

Alarm Clock

If you can help with any of these items, please call Molly Loughlin at:  
814-779-2462

If you prefer to give a monetary donation toward a few gift cards, please make checks payable to First United Methodist Church, marked for Apartment Needs. You can place the checks in the offering plate or leave them at the church office.

Your help is greatly appreciated.



**THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
200 Market Street  
Warren, Pennsylvania 16365**

**ASSORTED EASTER FLOWERS**

Our Sanctuary will be decorated this Easter with an assortment of flowers

The cost of each plant is **\$11.00** if ordered through the Church.

**MONEY MUST ACCOMPANY ORDERS.**

**MEMORIALIZED OR HONORED PERSON(S): (Circle one)**

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**FLOWERS GIVEN BY:**

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I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ assorted flowers at a total cost of \$\_\_\_\_\_

I wish to give \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the Flower Fund.

I will pick up a flower at the end of the Service Yes / No (Circle one)

**LAST DAY TO ORDER FLOWERS:**

**April 3, 2023**

**NO ORDERS ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.**



Please join us for our **LENTEN FAIR** on **Palm Sunday, April 2nd**, at  
The First United Methodist Church, 200 Market Street.

Come and enjoy the many activities we have planned  
for you and your family.

*(This event is for children of **ALL** ages!)*

There will be egg decorating, Pretzel making, cookie decorating, an Easter egg hunt,  
and much more.

You won't want to miss the action beginning at  
8:30 AM in Founder's Hall (2nd Floor)

For this event, we will need help from our adults and older youth.

Please consider giving your time to this wonderful event.

A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board for those who are able to help.

Come enjoy the fun and fellowship at our 2023 Lenten Fair!!