

# WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

## January 28, 2024

*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)

“Adagio Cantabile”

Beethoven

**PRELUDE**  
(10:00 AM)

“Sonata”  
“Lasst Uns Erfreuen”

Antonio Vivaldi  
Kirchengesange

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

**People:** **According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again into living hope.**

**Leader:** Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are given an inheritance.

**People:** **An inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.**

**Leader:** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**\*HYMN No. 45**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM Rhondda

### WELCOME

**ANTHEM**

“Is There Anybody Here Who Loves My Jesus”

arr. Lynn Bailey

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

“Exodus 20:1—21”

Pew Bible Pages 65 - 66

### 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**

“Sing for Joy”

Henry Purcell

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

(10:00 AM)

\*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. 504**

“Softly and Tenderly”

Thompson

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

**A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

Dee Dee Tucker

**SCRIPTURE**

“Galatians 5:2 - 15”

Pew Bible Page 1062

**MESSAGE**

“The Game You Can’t Win”

Rev. Bud Fickley

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

(8:00 AM)

\***HYMN No. 35**

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Ein’ Feste Burg

**BENEDICTION**

**BEARING OF LIGHT**

(10:00 AM)

**POSTLUDE**

(8:00 AM)

“Rondeau in D”

Jean-Joseph Mouret

**POSTLUDE**

(10:00 AM)

“Lyons”

Johann Haydn

**\* Indicates Please Stand if Able**

**MUSIC** today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg and our Chancel Choir. The 8:00 AM pianist is Michele Sandberg. The Carillon is played by Nettie Swart.

**LITURGIST** today is Bruce Parker.

**ACOLYTES** today are Ashlynn Zawacki and Aiden Zawacki.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in loving memory of Alan Crone, given by the Peterson-Blick Funeral Home.

**USHERS** today are George Lilja, Michael Giambrone, Nicholas Giambrone, Henry Dahl, and Morrie Kintner.

**CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK** ~ Mrs. Jack Spencer, 31 N. Park Ave., Meadville, PA 16335. Please consider sending her a card.

**WINTER LUNCH FELLOWSHIP** ~ Our Hospitality ministry is hosting a Winter Lunch Fellowship today, January 28th, immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service in Founder's Hall.

**CHANCEL CHOIR CANTATA** ~ Chancel Choir is beginning rehearsals for a cantata, "Come to the Cross and Remember" by Pepper Choplin, which will be shared on Palm Sunday, March 24th. If you would like to join the Chancel Choir for this, please call Ruth Nelson at 814-688-8238. Christ's journey to the cross is filled with images that serve as vivid reminders of His sacrificial love for us. During this cantata, symbols of the palms, the bread and cup, flowers, thirty silver coins, a robe and crown, nails, and the shroud will reinforce the week leading from Palm Sunday to the Resurrection.

**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER** ~ Make sure to mark your calendars! The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will occur on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM in Founder's Hall. Donations for this dinner are accepted, and take-outs are available. All donations to benefit Emory Himes.

**ASH WEDNESDAY** ~ Mark your calendars for the Ash Wednesday service on February 14th at 6:00 PM in the Crary Chapel.

**WEDNESDAY SOUP AND STUDY "Signs"** ~ How can I follow the signs that lead to God's will? The road to God's will is marked with signposts to direct us. During this six week study, you will be challenged to recognize those signposts and encouraged to follow. Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM, starting on February 21st and continuing until March 27th. Soup will be served beginning at 5:15 PM. A sign-up sheet for attendance is on the bulletin board across from the office. There is also a sign-up sheet for those who want to make soup for the soup and study.

**MISSION MOMENT GUEST SPEAKER** ~ On Sunday, February 11, 2024, International Disaster Relief Nurse and Chaplain with Samaritan's Purse, Jonie Smitley, will speak at both the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM worship services. A lunch in the Covert Room will follow the 10:00 AM service, where Jonie will give a presentation.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** ~ We are looking for volunteers to supply snacks for our Sunday fellowship hour. It is more than coffee and donuts, it's fellowship and faith building. If you would like to share snacks and goodies with the congregation during our Sunday fellowship hour, there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board across from the office. —Thank you!

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

~ Matthew 18:20

# **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

## **January 28, 2024 - February 3, 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**
- 11:00 AM Hospitality Winder Lunch; Founder's Hall**

**MONDAY**

- 6:45 AM Christian Men's Accountability Group**
- 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**
- 4:30 PM Monday Nite Meal; Founder's Hall**
- 6:30 PM Church Council; Covert Room**
- 6:30 PM Silver Winds Flute Choir Rehearsal; Sanctuary**

**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**
- 5:00 PM Warren High School Soccer; Gym**
- 6:30 PM Epworth Bells; Sanctuary**
- 6:00 PM Protestant Church History; Covert Room**

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- 6:30 PM Youth Group; Everts Room**
- 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**
- 6:30 PM Warren Philharmonic Rehearsal; Founder's Hall**

**FRIDAY**

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