

Worship Service 10:00 AM

PRELUDE “Jerusalem My Happy Home” arr. Childs
“The Lord’s My Shepherd” J.S. Irvine
“Let All Things Their Creator Bless” Fedak

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, I welcome you to worship!

People: It is a delight to be together in the house of God!

Leader: We lift our voices with joyful hearts!

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise!

Leader: May the grace of God, the love of Jesus, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us now in this hour and always.

People: Amen

***HYMN No. 23** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” Nicaea

WELCOME

ANTHEM “Lord, Here Am I” John Ness Beck

NEW TESTAMENT “Hebrews 11:1 - 16” Pew Bible Page 1096

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 “This Little Light of Mine” Joel Raney

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology No. 682

*Offertory Prayer

***HYMN No. 124** “My Jesus, My Savior” Shout to the Lord

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

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE “Romans 8:18 - 30” Pew Bible Page 1030

MESSAGE “Christian Living; Oh, The Places You’ll Go” Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

***HYMN No. 106** “In Christ Alone”

BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

POSTLUDE “Jubilation” James Mansfield

* **Indicates Please Stand if Able**

IN SYMPATHY ~ We extend our sympathy to the McCord family in the passing of Amanda McCord’s father, Carl Bair, on September 1, 2024.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Michael and Nathan Park, given by Jack and Dorothea Park & Family.

ALTAR FLOWER VASES ~ For those who have recently provided altar flowers for our church, we ask that you kindly return the empty altar flower vase after you are finished enjoying the flowers.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Karen Yourchisin, 701 Rouse Ave., Room 108A, Youngsville, PA 16371 - Please consider sending her a card.

GARDENERS ~ If anyone has an abundance of zucchini or summer squash, I would like some for the Friday lunch on September 27th. Donations may be left in the office by September 23rd. Thank you, Ruth.

NEEDED ~ We need additional acolytes to help lead worship services starting in September. If you are a youth going into grade 4 or older and willing to join the acolyte team, please contact Ruth Nelson at 814-688-8238.

NEEDED: A handbell ringer for our afternoon group. Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 1:45 - 2:30 PM. This is a 2 octave handbell choir. No previous handbell experience is necessary. For more information, contact Ruth Nelson at 814-688-8238.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER’S ~ The 2024 Warren Walk to End Alzheimer’s will take place on September 28th, at 9:00 AM at Betts Park.

CORE GLOW WALK ~ The 2024 CORE Glow Walk will take place on September 28th, beginning at 1:00 PM, with the Glow Walk starting at 8:00 PM. The Glow Walk Event will take place between Liberty and 2nd Streets.

CHURCH-WIDE DISCIPLESHIP ~ A Sunday Sermon Series will be offered this fall: Today through the week of November 24th.

We, as a congregation, will participate in a twelve week emphasis entitled

“Christian to the Core.”

Christian to the Core is a journey to becoming a deeper disciple by increasing your intimacy with God, increasing your love for people, and discovering God’s greater purposes for your life.

It is our goal to get as many people as possible to participate in these ONE HOUR studies. At the present time, we have set aside two optional times to meet for our study opportunities: Monday Evenings from 6:15 to 7:15 (Beginning September 9)
Tuesday Afternoon from 12:30-1:30 (Beginning September 10)

OUTREACH ~ First Methodist Outreach Committee will be accepting donations for the Faith Inn (homeless shelter in downtown Warren). The Inn needs dishes, pots, pans, bowls, glasses, cups/mugs and silverware. Items do not need to be new but in good condition.

Other items always needed: personal care items, cleaning supplies, non-perishable food, baby diapers, clothes, shoes, coats, toys, games, puzzles, bedding, towels, Q-tips.

Please place items in Parlor B by September 16. For more information or pickup, call/text Rev. Mike (814)779-4795 or Laura (814)706-8001.

PGE Agreement Announcement

**120 Market Street at 2nd Avenue
Warren, PA 16365**

Pennsylvania General Energy Company (PGE) has recently agreed to permit parishioners to utilize their parking lot for parking during Sunday services and their lawn at the corner of East St. and Second Ave. for recreational activities subject to the following conditions:

The Church and users assume all risk of loss or damage to property, including, without limitation, property damage and all risk of personal injury, including but not limited to death, attributable to any cause other than unlawful conduct of PGE

The Church will use reasonable care to prevent damage to the Premises.

PGE grants this permission at no cost to the Church.

Parking

Parking lot is available to parishioners during Sunday services only
PGE has no duty to clear the parking lot of snow and ice on Sundays.

Lawn

One week’s prior notice must be given to PGE and use is subject to availability.

Today is SPIRIT SUNDAY!

With the beginning of fall also comes the resumption of many programs and activities in the life of the church. We are especially excited about several new ministries and groups we have planned for this fall. Most importantly, we will participate in an all-church Discipleship focus entitled “Christian to the Core.” This series is a journey to becoming a deeper disciple by increasing your intimacy with God, increasing your love for people, and discovering God’s greater purposes for your life.

The Lion’s Club will be providing Sausages and Hot Dogs with all the toppings. There will be plenty of sides and desserts for everyone!

We are confident that the coming program year will be a blessing to this church, its members, and the community.

PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS ~ Envelopes with names of school students to pray for will be available this morning. Please pick up an envelope and pray for these students throughout the school year. Thank you for praying for our students. I’m sure their families will greatly appreciate it.

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
September 8, 2024 – September 12, 2024**

SUNDAY

8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
 8:45 AM Class Meetings Study; Parlor A
 9:45 AM Prayer; Crary Chapel
 10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary
 11:00 AM Spirit Sunday Picnic; Parking Lot

MONDAY

6:45 AM Christian Men’s Accountability Group; Covert Room
 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage
 4:30 PM Monday Nite Meal (Team A); Founder’s Hall
 6:15 PM Christian to the Core; Covert Room

TUESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
 8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3-4 Year Old Preschool
 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
 12:30 PM Blue Stocking Lunch; Founder’s Hall
 12:30 PM Christian to the Core; Covert Room
 6:00 PM GriefShare; Parlor B
 6:00 PM Girl scout Leader’s Meeting; Founder’s Hall
 6:30 PM Epworth Bellringers; Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
 8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3-4 Year Old Preschool
 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage
 6:30 PM Chancel Rehearsal; Music Room

THURSDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
 8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3-4 Year Old Preschool
 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
 9:30 AM Circuit Clergy Meeting; Covert Room
 4:15 PM Hospitality Meeting; Covert Room
 6:00 PM Divorce Care Meeting; Covert Room

FRIDAY

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

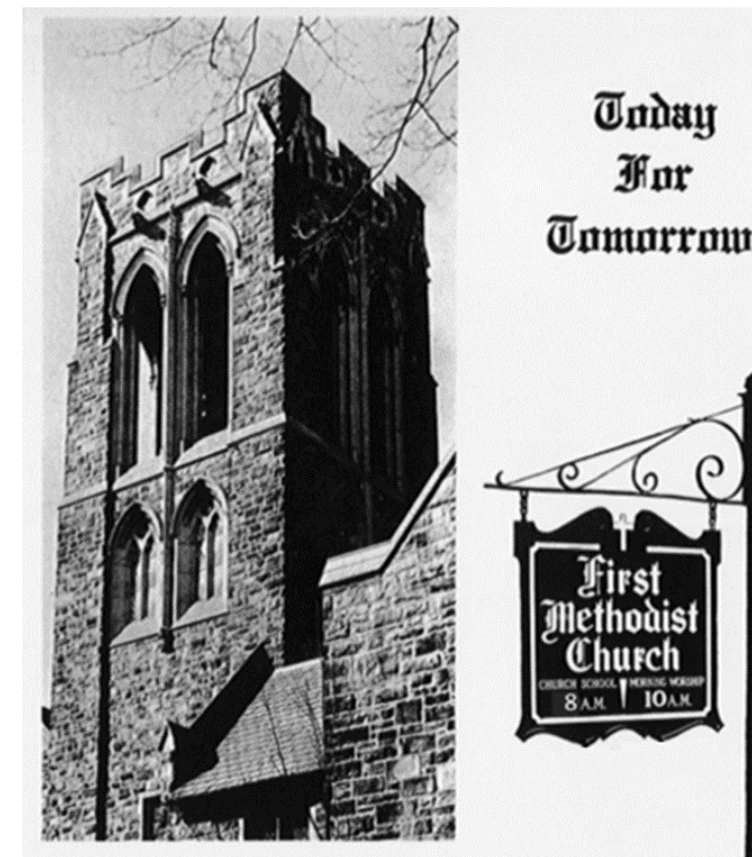
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 Pianist
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Matt McCord
 Rebekah Swart



**WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
September 8, 2024**

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

*We are glad that you are worshipping with us 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.*

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