

Congregational Response: We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy Church and warmly welcome you to this local United Methodist Church. With you we renew our sacred promises to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Jesus Christ that, surrounded by steadfast love, you may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in His way that leads to eternal life.

Choral Response: *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*  
J. Ylvisaker/J. Helgen

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

The Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Distribution of the Elements

Prayer

\*Congregational Hymn: *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* #438 Vs. 1

\*Closing Prayer

\*Choral Benediction: *God be with you till we meet again,*  
*God be in you, go in peace*

Postlude: *Light of the Living God*- David Paxton  
*You are invited to be seated and enjoy the postlude*

GOD'S  
**Wow!**

## Celebrating Confirmation

Pastor Chris Farmer Combined Worship  
November 6, 2022 10:30am

First United Methodist Church Van Wert, OH

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him." **John 2:11**



Advent Festival

Sunday, December 4th  
4:00pm - 6:00pm

MEAL IS BEING CATERED  
RSVPs TO CRISTI BY NOV. 13!

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feast meals

Meat Loaf  
Cheesy Potatoes, Peas,  
Hot Dog/Bun, Salad,  
Lemonade / Milk /  
Water / Coffee  
Variety of desserts

Join us!  
November 9, 2022

# WELCOME

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

10:30 AM  
NOVEMBER 6, 2022

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Embracing, equipping & empowering persons to  
know and follow Christ.

### CONTACT US

We are so glad you have joined us today! We want you to feel at home. You can find out what is happening at First Church on our website: [www.vanwertfirst.net](http://www.vanwertfirst.net). Also, check our Facebook Page for inspiration and information.

Of course, we do have a telephone: 419-238-0631

And the post office finds us at 113 W. Central Avenue,  
Van Wert, OH 45891

### KID'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT 10:45

**Nursery Ministry** (infant to age 2) is located near the Jefferson Street entrance. You may drop your child off at any time during the service. There are also rocking chairs located at the back of the sanctuary for your use.

**10:45 AWE** - AWE is an exciting interactive pursuit of personally knowing God through His Word and embedding all the found treasures into our hearts, minds, and daily lives. This class includes scripture memorization and presentation during service.

## Leaders in Today's Worship

**Pastor:** Chris Farmer

**Organist:** Scott Turner

**Acolyte:** Addie Breese

**Videographer:** Dave Thompson

**Greeter/Usher Coordinator:**

Neil Shaffer

**Liturgist:** Dillon Staas IV

**Choir Director:** Paul Hoverman

**Sound Engineer:** Ron Allison

**Projectionist:** Cayden Laukhuf

**Graphics:** Melinda Farmer  
and Sherri Arn

\*Denotes please stand if able

Please sign the attendance pad located in each pew.

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** *The Garden of Prayer*-Edward Broughton

Dillon Staas

Scott Turner

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: The Risen Christ is with us.

**People: PRAISE THE LORD !**

### \*Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision*

#451

### \*Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse our thoughts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may love you more perfectly and magnify your holy name, through Jesus our Risen Lord. Amen.

### Chat with the Children

Cristi Laukhuf

### Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *According to Thy Gracious Word*-Gilbert Martin

\*Doxology: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*

#95

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

### \*Gospel Lesson

John 2:1-12

Pastor Chris Farmer

**Series:** God's Wow

### Message

*The Best is Yet to Come*

### Confirmation

Introduction

Presentation of the Candidates

Lillie Best

Lauren Gearhart

Aydreigh Hanciq

Meah Johnson

Leah Krites

Noah Krites

Griffin McCracken

Ashlynn Shaffer

Allie Spieles

Grace Spieles

Historic Questions

Confirmation of Faith with the laying on of hands

Reception into the United Methodist Church

Commendation and Welcome