

Chat with the Children: Christi Wendel
Children are dismissed to AWE

Worship through Offering

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory: *It Took a Miracle* arr. Fred Bock

***Doxology:** *Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow* (sung to the tune :*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*)

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Choral Anthem: *A Voice Cries Out, "Prepare the way of the Lord"*-L. Larson Chancel Choir Eric Hurless-soloist

Worship with the Word

Series Christmas Letters

Message "*The Day Draws Near*" Pastor Chris Farmer

Scripture Lesson: Romans 13:11-14

Prayer Hymn: **Worship Through Prayer**
Emmanuel, Emmanuel #204

Prayer for the People

The Lord's Prayer (use trespasses)

Going Into the World

***Hymn** *People, Look East* #202 Vs. 1,4

***Spoken Blessing**

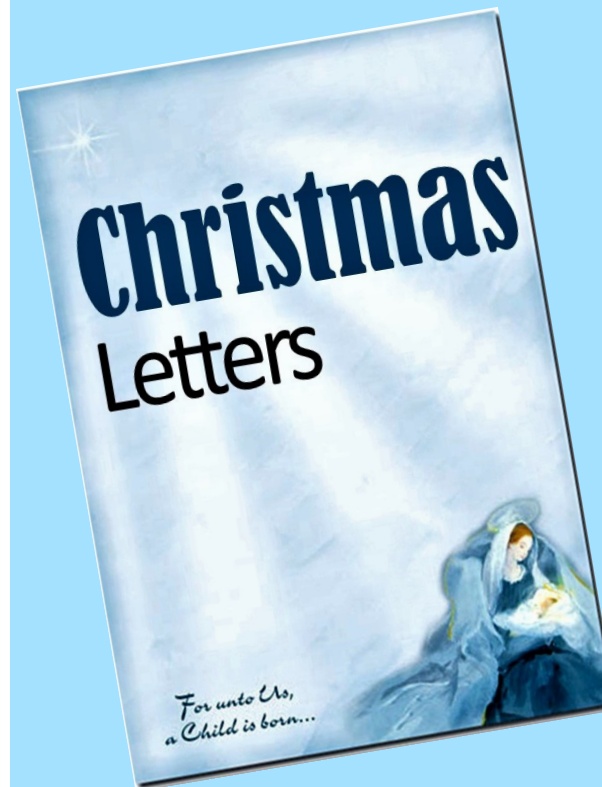
Postlude: *The Advent of Our God* by Edward Broughton



The Christmas bows on the wreaths
were donated in loving memory of

Bill and Marilyn McCracken

by their family: Mike and Pam Whetstone,
Kent and Kim McCracken, James and Susan McCracken,
Tony and Mary Lou Smith, Sherri Arn and
Eric and Melody McCracken



Pastor Chris Farmer
November 27, 2022
10:45 a.m.

The Day Draws Near

"And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

Romans 13:11

WELCOME

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:45 AM
NOVEMBER 27, 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. 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: Dillon Staas V

Videographer: Dave Thompson

Greeter/Usher Coordinator:
Neil Shaffer

Liturgist: Ned Compton

Choir Director: Paul Hoverman

Sound Engineer: Ron Allison

Projectionist: Noah Carter

Graphics: Melinda Farmer,
Cheri Oechsle, Sherri Arn

*Denotes please stand if able

Please sign the attendance pad located in each pew.

The Gathering

Christmas music

Linda Baum, Piano

Welcome and Moments of Sharing and Giving

Welcome and Announcements

Ned Compton

Voluntary *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Lani Smith

Scott Turner, Organ

***Call to Worship** Friends: In this season of expectation we invite you to hear these words of Jesus: *"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes."* (Luke 12:35-37a)

***Hymn**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

#196

Lighting of the Advent Candle Jordan, Rachael and Josie Ann Dettrow

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

People: That we may learn God's ways and walk in the light of the Lord.

Leader: The house of the Lord is a house of goodness and peace.

People: A time is coming when swords will be beaten into plowshares, and spears into pruning hooks

Leader: The house of the Lord is filled with justice and mercy.

People: Salvation is near to us, so let us live honorably and put on the armor of light.

Leader: The house of the Lord has been firmly established in Jesus Christ.

People: Let us clothe ourselves in Christ, ready and awake for his return.

Leader: Christ is coming to establish the house of the Lord forever.

People: All nations will stream to the light of Christ, Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

(Light one advent purple candle)

Leader: Christ is coming to establish the house of the Lord forever.

People: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Song

Lift Up Your Eyes-J. Raney (see insert)

Opening Prayer

O kind and living God, we thank you for coming to establish Your reign among us. We long for days when peace, justice and righteousness serve as the foundation of our world. Come and clothe us with the beauty of Your righteousness and mercy. Amen