Leader: We worship you, Lord, and magnify you, God our Savior! People: Our hearts will not be afraid! God, you are coming to save your people.

Song Lift Up Your Eyes- J. Raney

All: God in heaven, help us to be people who wait on you, watch for you, and with the help of your Spirit, prepare for you. Continue to shine your light in our lives as we look at all you have done, all you are doing, and all that you will do. Amen.

Children dismissed to AWE

#### **Giving of Tithes & Offerings**

Offertory: Andantino-E. MacDowell

\*Doxology: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (sung to The First Noel with refrain)

\*Prayer of Gratitude

#### **Reception of New Members**

Brad and Jody Lichtenberger, Carol Taylor

Reaffirmation of Faith

Congregational Response: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the Body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Anthem: Coventry Carol - arr. H. Helvey -Annette Hoverman, Scott Turner- piano

Scripture Lesson Series:	
Message	

Christmas Letters A Farmer's Letter Lift Up Your Eyes

James 5:7-11

Prayer Hymn:

Praver Moments

Lord's Prayer (use "trespasses")

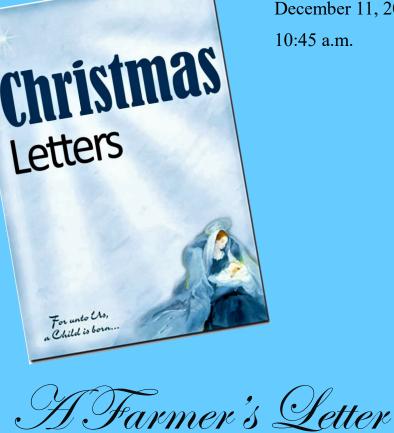
\*Closing Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem

#230 Vs. 1, 4

\*Choral Blessing: A Christmas Lullaby (Away in a Manger)- arr. D. Hustad

**Postlude:** *Hark, the Glad Sound!* - S. Landon

You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude, or leave quietly in peace.



"Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near." James 5:7-8

Pastor Chris Farmer December 11, 2022 10:45 a.m.

# WELCOME

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:45 AM DECEMBER 11, 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: Elora Hogan Videographer: Dave Thompson Usher/Greeter Coordinator: Neil Shaffer Liturgist: Marty Burchfield Choir Director: Paul Hoverman Sound Engineer: Ron Allison Projectionist: Noah Carter Graphics: Cheri Oechsle and Sherri Arn

#### Gathering in God's Name

Welcome a	nd Announcements	Marty Burchfield
Voluntary	And the Angels Sang-G. Peterson	Scott Turner
*Call to W	orship	
Leader:	With joy this day we anticipate the one	who is
People:	coming, the arrival of the Messiah. The one we call the Word! The one Our worship, we testify to the light.	
Leader: <b>People:</b>	Our testimony contains songs, scripture Our testimony involves our prayers and serving.	e, and teaching.
All:		l in God's ear.
	Jesus, the Light of the World-J. 1 congs from Arrest These Merry Gentil sented tonight at 6:30 pm	
A Peac	eful Little Town Elijah Pollock- narrat	or
Look fe	or the Light Soloists: Maddie & Vivian	Laukhuf, Amelia Wagner
Lighting of	the Advent Candle Mark	& Molly Spieles Family
	We worship you, Lord, and magnify yo Our hearts will not be afraid! God, yo	
Leader:	your people. The blind will receive their sight, the l dead will be raised.	ame will walk, the
-	Streams will pour forth in the wilder filled with the living water.	
	God will tear down the mighty from t up the lowly.	
-	Strengthen our hearts, Lord. Give us faith.	
	Sorrow and sighing will pass away, an every tear from our eyes.	
-	On that day we will be filled with eve gladness.	
	We wait patiently for you Lord, becau your promises.	
-	Your mercy is for those who fear you generation.	-
	Hear the good news. Christ is coming forever.	-
-	Praise the Lord! All our hope is in the come Lord Jesus.	e Lord our God,
(light	three advent candles)	

\*Denotes please stand if able