

Chat with the Children

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Children released to AWE

Offering

Offertory: *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

***Scripture Lesson:**

James 5:7-11

Series: Christmas Letters

The Message:

A Farmer's Letter

Pastor Chris Farmer

Song:

Revelation Song

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer- congregation

Blessing

Sending forth music

Sunday, December 18
 "Hope Rekindled" Service 7:00pm

Saturday, December 24⁺
 * Family Christmas Eve Service 5:00pm
 * Holy Communion 5:45-6:45pm & 8:15-9:00pm
 * Christmas Music 9:30pm
 * Classic Candlelight Service with the Chancel Choir 10:00pm

Sunday, December 25⁺
 One Service 10:00am
 preaching: Pastor Chris Farmer
 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, NURSERY or AWE

Sunday, January 1, 2023
 One Service 10:00am
 preaching: Pastor Chris Farmer
 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, NURSERY or AWE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 113 w central ave van wert ohio



Pastor Chris Farmer
 December 11, 2022
 8:15 a.m.

A Farmer's Letter

"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

WELCOME

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:15 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.

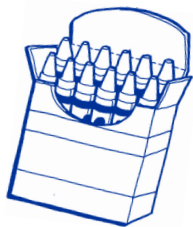
Of course, we do have a telephone: 419-238-0631

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

KID'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT 8:15

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.

8:15 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.



Uptown Kid Praise Packs are available in the Narthex (near the Welcome Table) for your children to use during worship. Please return the bags after worship.

*Denotes please stand if able

Please sign the attendance pad located in each pew.

The Gathering

Welcome and Praise Songs

Jeremy Laukhuf

Announcements

Matt Krites

Song

Jeremy Laukhuf & Praise Team

***Lighting of the Third Advent Candle** Aaron & Kristen Pollock & family

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.**

Leader: The blind will receive their sight, the lame will walk, the dead will be raised.

People: **Streams will pour forth in the wilderness and the desert filled with the living water.**

Leader: God will tear down the mighty from their thrones and lift up the lowly.

People: **Strengthen our hearts, Lord. Give us a steadfast and firm faith.**

Leader: Sorrow and sighing will pass away, and God will wipe every tear from our eyes.

People: **On that day we will be filled with everlasting joy and gladness.**

Leader: We wait patiently for you Lord, because you will fulfill your promises.

People: **Your mercy is for those who fear you from generation to generation.**

Leader: Hear the good news. Christ is coming and will reign forever.

People: **Praise the Lord! All our hope is in the Lord our God, come Lord Jesus.**

(light three advent candles)

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.