

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Come Thou Fount*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Blessing of Angel Tree gifts

***Scripture Lesson:** Romans 1:1-7

Series: Christmas Letters

The Message *A Letter from a Church Planter* Pastor Chris Farmer

Song: *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Prayers with the People

Various joys and concerns will be received from the congregation. After each praise and thanksgiving the congregation is asked to respond by Praying:

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord.

The Lord's Prayer- (use trespasses)

Benediction



Pastor Chris Farmer

December 18, 2022

8:15 a.m.

Happy Holidays!

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

A Letter from a Church Planter

"...the Gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding His Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. " **(Romans 1:2-4)**

WELCOME

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:15 AM
DECEMBER 18, 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.

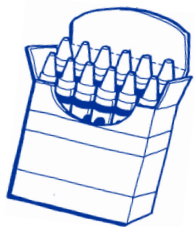
Of course, we do have a telephone: 419-238-0631

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
Announcements**

Jeremy Laukhuf
Paul Hoverman

Song *10,000 Reasons*

Jeremy Laukhuf & Praise Team

***Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle** Andrew Fox, McKenna Hicks
Carson and McKaylin

Leader: The voice of the prophets cry out, "Look, the young woman shall bear a son and they shall name him Emmanuel which means "God with us."

People: **Restore us, O God; let your face shine that we may be saved.**

Leader: His name is Jesus and he will save us from our sins.

People: **Stir up your might and come to save us!**

Leader: He is descended from David according to the flesh.

People: **You who reign on high with the angels, shine forth your light.**

Leader: He was declared to be the Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead..

People: **Restore us, O God of hosts, let your face shine that we may be saved.**

Leader: We belong to him, obedient in faith for the sake of his name.

People: **Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.**

Leader: Jesus is coming, prepare the way of the LORD !

People: **Restore us , O Lord God of hosts, let your face shine that we may be saved**

(light four advent candles)

Leader: Jesus is coming, and He will save us from our sins!

People: **Shine your light, O Lord, and we shall be saved!**

Song

Light of the World

All: Father in heaven, we look to you from a distance; from a world filled with darkness. Help us seek the light of your truth, as we remember your promises and offer our praise for your amazing gifts to us. Amen.