




PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
 Thursday, March 9th
 6:00 to 7:30pm

- Meet the teachers
- Tour the classrooms
- Learn about our curriculum
- Register for the 2023-2024 school year

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Can't make it? Call Administrator Marilyn Agler at 419-238-0631 ext. 308 to schedule a tour or register online at www.fumpreschool.com


The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of
 Roberta Miller
 by Gary & Barb Showalter & family.




March 12, 2023
 @12:15pm

Contact Pastor Chris for more information.

Do you want to take the next step in our life together? Come to Pizza with the Pastor.



March 1st Feast meal will be Cincinnati Chili served on spaghetti w/shredded cheese, onion, and beans, Chili dogs/hot dogs, rolls, chips, salad, drinks and a variety of desserts.

First Church's Maundy Thursday event will look differently this year! We are encouraging our congregation to join our brothers and sisters in Christ at Trinity Friends Church in a Community Event. FREE tickets (for seating purposes) are available at <https://www.trinityfriendschurch.com/events>.

We hope you will join us and bring a friend.



Christ in the Passover

An Exploration of Passover, The Last Supper, & Your Communion Experience

Thursday, April 6, at 6:30 PM
 in TFC's Family Life Center

**THE YOUTH ARE SELLING
 FLOWER / VEGETABLE PLANTS
 FOR THEIR UPCOMING FUNDRAISER!**



Please pick up an order form at one of the entrances.

from Teresa:

This will be the same greenhouse as the Cougar Boosters used in the past. If you would like to support [First Church Youth](#) groups mission trip to the Dominican Republic, please order from us.

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February 26, 2023 10:45 am

The Emptiness of this World

Pastor Chris Farmer

Our Vision Statement:

Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus

Thanks for joining us today! If you have any questions while you are here this morning, you can find an answer at the Welcome table, which is inside the doors off Jefferson Street. Whatever your circumstances, and no matter where you've been, you matter to God, and you matter to us. We are glad you are here! If you are a first time guest with us this morning, **Welcome!** Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.

“For if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!” (Romans 5:17)

The Gathering

Welcome and Moments of Sharing and Giving

Welcome and Announcements Eric McCracken

Voluntary: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* by J. Wyeth Scott Turner & Paula LaRue, piano

***Psalter:** **Psalm 32** with Response (General) at beginning and end. Page 766
For middle Response after 5 use insert “As The Deer” Paul Hoverman

***Hymn:** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #400

Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father, our hearts rejoice as we gather before you on this day. There are many times when we have failed to listen to Your voice, gone our own way, and fallen flat on our face! Thank You that we can confess our faults to You, and that You are faithful and just to forgive all sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Help us to grow in grace, mature in the faith, and draw ever closer to You. Keep me alert to your instructions, show us the path we should go, and guide us with Your Light, we pray. How wonderful to know You are the refuge we seek when we are troubled and the courage we need when we venture into the unknown. May we never stray from Your perfect path, and may our lives be a godly witness to others and a blessing to You, we humbly ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen

The Lord’s Prayer

Children are released to AWE

Worship Through Offering

Offering of Tithes & Gifts

Offertory: *Prelude* by Roy Todd

***Doxology:** *My Tribute* #99

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Choral Anthem *Music in the Air (African American Spiritual)* - arr. R. Murphy
Annette Hoverman, piano

*Scripture Lesson:

Worship with the Word
Romans 5:12-19

Series: Empty and Filled

Message

The Emptiness of this World

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Worship Through Prayer

Choral Call to Prayer: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*- L. Shackley

Mary Ann Falk , soloist

Prayer for the People

*Hymn:

Victory In Jesus

#370

*Spoken Blessing

Postlude: *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain* by A. Sullivan Scott Turner and Paula LaRue, piano

Leaders in Today’s Worship

Lead Pastor: Chris Farmer

Pianist: Scott Turner

Choir Director: Paul Hoverman

Projectionist: Cayden Laukhuf

Liturgist: Eric McCracken

Acolyte: Addie & Johnse Breese

and Demond Johnson

Videographer: Dave Thompson

Sound Technician: Kyle Wendel

Screen Creatives: Cheri Oechsle and Sherri Arn

Usher/Greeter Coordinator: Neil Shaffer

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.

