



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

VBS March 2023
Special Offering

Vacation Bible School

PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

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.

feast meals

March 8th

Taco Soup (cheese, Doritos chips, sour cream)
 Deviled Eggs, French Bread, Hot Dog/Bun, Chips, Salad, Drinks & 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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March 5, 2023 10:45 am

Saving Faith

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.

10:45 am ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 5, 2023

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR WORSHIP

“What does the Scripture say, Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” (Romans 4:3)

The Gathering

	Order of Worship	
Prelude	<i>Jesus Loves Me</i> - Cindy Barry	Scott Turner
Welcome		Dillon Staas

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Let’s lift up our eyes to the mountains - where does our help come from?
People: Our help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
 Leader: He will not let our feet slip - He who watches over you won’t get tired or even go to sleep.
People: The Lord watches over us. The Lord is like a shade tree at our right hand.
 Leader: The sun won’t harm you during the day. The moon won’t harm you during the night.
People: The Lord will keep us from every kind of harm. He will watch over our life.
 Leader: The Lord will watch over us no matter where we go, both now and forever.
Based on Psalm 121

*Hymn: *Fairest Lord Jesus* #189

OPENING PRAYER: O Lord God, the watchers of Zion have called peace, peace, where there is no peace. Why have you withheld from us the influence of your Holy Spirit? Why have you allowed the hardening of our hearts? Sadly, we have honored you with our lips, when our hearts were far from you. Return again to us, O Lord God, and pardon this immorality of your servants. Cause your face to shine upon us, and we shall be saved. O visit us with your salvation. Raise up sons and daughters from Abraham and Sarah, and grant that there might come a mighty shaking of dry bones among us, and a great gathering of souls. Be pleased to give the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ so that it may become built up among and through us. We pray that all might come to know and follow Jesus the Lord and Savior. May we at last join your people around your glorious throne in joyous praise. Amen. (Adapted from Maria Steward, 19th cent.)

Choral Anthem: *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*- R. Hobby Mary Dildine- guest flutist
Offering

Offertory: *There’s Something About That Name* arr. Fred Bock
*Doxology: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* #95
*Prayer of Dedication

*Scripture Lesson: Romans 4:13-25 Pastor Chris Farmer

Series: Empty and Filled

Sermon: *Saving Faith*

Hymn: *God Will Take Care of You* #130 Vs. 1, 3

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation
Prayer of Great Thanksgiving
The Lord’s Prayer
Distribution of the Bread & Juice
Prayer

Closing Hymn: *I Come with Joy* #617 Vs. 1, 5

Announcements

*Choral Benediction: *Peace I Give to You*- C. Courtney Mary Dildine- flute

Postlude: *When Morning Guilds the Sky* comp. John Wyeth
Paula Larue and Scott Turner

Leaders in Today’s Worship

Lead Pastor: Chris Farmer	Pianist: Scott Turner
Choir Director: Paul Hoverman	Projectionist: Cayden Laukhuf
Liturgist: Dillon Staas	Acolyte: Ansley Schwab
Sound Technician: Ron Allison	Videographer: Dave Thompson
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.