

## 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.



## **FIRST CHURCH**

OFFICE hours

MONDAY – THURSDAY 8:30-1:30 FRIDAY 8:30-12:00



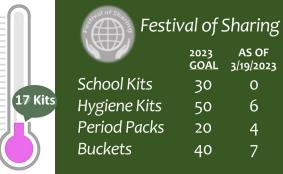


Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup> 6pm Dr. Scheidt Room Everyone welcome who wants to help!



Bake Sale athe Courthouse

FRIDAY APRIL 7, 2023 8:00am-11:30am



# FIRST united methodist CHURCH

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March 19, 2023 8:15 am
The Lifestyle of a Christian

**Our Vision Statement:** 

Pastor Chris Farmer

## 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.

## 8:15 am ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, March 19, 2023

## PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR WORSHIP

"But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

(Ephesians 5:14)

\*indicates please stand if you are able

The Gathering

Welcome and \*Praise Song(s)

Jeremy Laukhuf

\*Opening Prayer:

Thank You, Lord, that Your Son, Jesus is my good Shepherd. Lord, you are all that I need, and I love You. Thank You for the times that You bring me to a halt in the busyness of life, inviting me to rest in you. Help me listen to Your voice and respond to Your gracious leading. Help me to lie down in the green pastures into which You have led me. Your wonderful promises give me strength and comfort assuring me that nothing can separate me from your love. Thank You that regardless of my choices, You will restore me and lead me along a good path, for the honor of Your name. Keep me from wandering far from You. Help me to do everything for your honor and glory. Thank You for your presence through both dark and sunny days. Thank you that you provide all that I need according to Your riches in glory. Thank You my God and Saviour, for preparing an overflowing table before me in the presence of my enemies. Thank you for anointing my head with the oil of gladness. My cup overflows with Your never-ending blessings. Thank you kind and good shepherd. Amen. Based on Psalm 23

**Song:** You Are Holy (As For Me And My House)

Children's Blessing

Jeremy Laukhuf

Children released to AWE

**Giving of Tithes & Offerings** 

Matt Krites

Opportunities to Give

Offertory: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow Praver of Thanksgiving

Jeremy Laukhuf Matt Krites

\*Scripture: Ephesians 5:8-14

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Series Empty and Filled
Sermon The Lifestyle of a Christian

Song: Sanctuary Jeremy Laukhuf

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Prayers with the People Pastor Chris Farmer

Pastoral Prayer The Lord's Prayer

Introduction of New Staff and Church Life

Administrative Assistant: Jody Lichtenberger Nursery Coordinator: Kashionna Sanders

\*Benediction Pastor Chris Farmer

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 time of helping kids experience God through weekly Bible points, fun activities, and engaging worship. This class includes preparing a worship presentation during service.

**Leaders in Worship** 

**Pastor:** Pastor Chris Farmer

Worship Assistant: Matt Krites
Praise and Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf
Sound Engineer: Kyle Wendel
Projectionist: Jeff Welker
Videographer: Dave Thompson

**Graphics:** Cheri Oechsle, Sherri Arn

**Usher/Greeter Coordinator:** Dave Lichtle

## 2023 Offering Envelopes HAVE ARRIVED

Thank you for your patience. 2023 Offering envelopes may be picked up outside the church office (under the coat rack). If you would like envelopes, please send an email to firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net or call the church office.