

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.

VBS

March 2023
Special Offering

Vacation Bible School

To all the FEAST meal makers, bakers and clean up helpers:



We couldn't do it without you!



Festival of Sharing

| | 2023 GOAL | AS OF 3/19/2023 |
|--------------|-----------|-----------------|
| School Kits | 30 | 0 |
| Hygiene Kits | 50 | 6 |
| Period Packs | 20 | 4 |
| Buckets | 40 | 7 |



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

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



Registration is required for seating at:

<https://www.trinityfriendschurch.com/events>

Please join us and bring a friend.



Bake Sale
@the Courthouse

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

FIRST CHURCH

OFFICE hours

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

FIRSTunited methodist CHURCH

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March 19, 2023 10:45 am

The Lifestyle of a Christian

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 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)

Welcome and Moments of Sharing and Giving

**indicates please stand if you are able*

Welcome Jordan Dettrow

Handbell Choir: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*-arr. McChesney

*Call to Worship:

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!
People: We enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! We give our God thanks. Blessed be the name of the LORD our God.

*Hymn: *O Worship the King* UMH #73 Vs. 1, 2, 4, 5

*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 Savior, 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 for allowing us to lean on your everlasting arms, kind and good shepherd. Amen

Choral Anthem: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*-arr. E. Nelson
Michael Houff-violin, Gustavo Carpinteyro-cello

Chat with the Children Chris Gordon
Children dismissed to AWE

Giving of Tithes & Offerings Jordan Dettrow
Offertory: *Shine, Jesus, Shine*-arr. Scott Turner
*Doxology: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94
*Prayer of Gratitude Jordan Dettrow

Choral Anthem: *Mourning Hymn*-arr. H. Sorenson
Michael Houff-violin, Gustavo Carpinteyro-cello, Melinda Farmer-vocal solo

Worship with the Word

*Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14 Pastor Chris Farmer

Series Empty and Filled
Sermon *The Lifestyle of a Christian*

Worship through Prayer

Prayer Hymn: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* UMH #297 vs. 1,2

Prayer with the People Pastor Chris Farmer
The Lord's Prayer

Introduction of New Staff and Church Life Pastor Chris Farmer

Administrative Assistant: Jody Lichtenberger
Nursery Coordinator: Kashionna Sanders

Going Into the World

*Choral Blessing: *Old Irish Blessing*

Postlude: *Etude, OP 10 no. 8*-by Fred Chopin Scott Turner
You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace

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.

Leaders in Today's Worship

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| Lead Pastor: Chris Farmer | Pianist: Scott Turner |
| Choir Director: Paul Hoverman | Handbell Director: Kristina Welker |
| Liturgist: Jordan Dettrow | Projectionist: Noah Carter |
| Acolyte: Dillon Staas IV | Sound Technician: Ron Allison |
| Videographer: Kurt Massillo | Usher/Greeter Coordinator: Neil Shaffer |
| Screen Creatives: Cheri Oechsle and Sherri Arn | |
