

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



We couldn't do it without you!

Festival of Sharing 2023

Please bring in your completed kits.

Small Groups
Bible Studies
Families



Check out the weekly progress under the Shepherd's Window at the front of the church.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE OR ON THE TABLE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Contact us with any changes so we can update your records!
EMAIL US AT: firstchurch@vanwertfirst.net

- SEE JODY FOR UPDATES TO:
- ADDRESSES
 - PHONE NUMBERS
 - MARITAL STATUS
 - BIRTHS, ETC.



Graduation Sunday 2023

May 21, 2023

Information is needed to complete graduation arrangements.

Please contact Sierra Shaffer at sierra.shaffer@vanwertfirst.net ASAP!



VBS is in need of **LARGE** Cardboard Boxes
Contact Cris Laukhuf for more information. 419-238-0631 ext. 306

Preschool Art Show

Thursday, April 20, 2023 6 - 7:30pm

First United Methodist Church

113 W CENTRAL AVENUE, VAN WERT, OH

Join our little artists as they display their masterpieces. Parents are invited to enjoy pizza with us. Freewill donations will go toward our scholarship fund.

For more information contact Marilyn Agler, Administrator @419/238-0631 ext 308

ASSISTING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH SERVICE



IGNITE VAN WERT 2023 JULY 27-29

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE ACROSS FROM THE OFFICE

Pick yours up today!

MY SHARE IN CHRIST'S MINISTRY OF LOVE	
Unified Budget	\$ _____
Other (specify)	\$ _____
Other (specify)	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$ _____
Name	_____

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April 2, 2023 10:45 am
When Christ Comes to Town
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, April 2, 2023

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR WORSHIP

“Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” (Matthew 21:5, Zechariah 9:9)

The Gathering Order of Worship

**indicates please stand if you are able*

Prelude: *Mantos y Palmas (Filled with Excitement)* –by Ruben Avila Scott Turner

Welcome Dillon Staas

*Call to Worship:

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever.

People: Yes, Indeed, “His faithful love continues forever.”

Leader: Let’s give thanks to our God, because He has answered us. He has saved us.

People: The Lord watches over us. The Lord is like a shade tree at our right hand.

Leader: The stone the builders didn’t accept has become the most important stone of all.

People: The Lord has done it. It is wonderful in our eyes. The Lord has done it on this day. Let us be joyful today and be glad.

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. From the temple of the Lord we bless Our Lord.

People: The Lord is God. He has been good to us. Take branches in your hands. Join in the march on the day of the feast. March up to the corners of the altar. Give thanks to the Lord, because he is good. His faithful love continues forever.

Based on Psalm 118

***Hymn:** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* #134
Procession of Palms

*Opening Prayer:

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in this obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offering

Offertory: *Prelude*-by Fred Chopin

*Doxology: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* #95

*Prayer of Dedication

Dillon Staas
Scott Turner

Dillon Staas

Choral Anthem: *Via Dolorosa*-arr. Tom Fettke

***Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 21:1-11 Pastor Chris Farmer

Series **Empty and Filled**
Message *When Christ Comes to Town* Pastor Chris Farmer

Hymn: *Be Present At Our Table Lord* #621

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

Announcements

***Closing Hymn:** *Christ for the World We Sing* #568 vs. 1 & 3

Benediction Pastor Chris Farmer

Postlude: *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*-arr. Fred Bock Scott Turner

You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace

The altar flowers are given today in loving memory of

David Zeigler

by his family



Jean Leiendecker

by her family

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. Today, children will stay in worship.

Leaders in Today’s Worship

Lead Pastor: Chris Farmer

Choir Director: Larry Taylor

Liturgist: Dillon Staas

Acolyte: Ansley Schwab

Videographer: Kurt Massillo

Pianist: Scott Turner

Projectionist: Noah Carter

Sound Technician: Kyle Wendel

Usher/Greeter Coordinator: Neil Shaffer

Screen Creatives: Cheri Oechsle and Sherri Arn
