

ORDER OF WORSHIP

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11 NIV

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Please fill out the attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor*

Welcome & Announcements

Noah Krites

Prelude *This Little Light of Mine* arr. Linker/McFadden

Handbell Choir
Linda Mechling, Accompanist

*Call to Worship

Noah Krites

Leader: Come, walk in green pastures.

People: We follow the Shepherd.

Leader: Come, lie down in green pastures.

People: We trust the Shepherd.

Leader: Come, dine at the table of abundance.

People: We are fed by the Shepherd.

Leader: Come, dwell in God's house.

People: We live in the Shepherd's care.

***Hymn** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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*Opening Prayer

Noah Krites

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.

Song *My Jesus/Only A Holy God*

Chat with the Children

Children will be dismissed to AWE

Ruth Ann Dowler

Life in the Church

Noah Krites

*Scripture

Psalms 23

Anthem *God Is My Shepherd* by Antonin Dvorak/arr. Donald Moore Chancel Choir
Gloria Wendel, accompanist

**Series
Message**

Church Traditions
“The Great Shepherd”

Pastor Christian Taylor

What's Happening THIS WEEK

Come Join Us!



Sunday, 01/28	9:00am 8:45-10:00am 10:15am 11:30am	Sunday School for all ages Coffee & Donuts - Krout Worship Youth Group
Monday, 01/29	10:00am 11:30am 12:30am 1-3:00pm 6:00pm	Lifewise Class Staff Discipleship Staff Meeting Food Pantry Cub Scouts
Tuesday, 01/30	10:30am	Prayer Group
Wednesday, 01/31	6:30am 8:30am 1-3:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm 6:30pm 7:30pm	Men's Bible Study Men's Bible Study Food Pantry Women In the Word FEAST Meal Seekers Life Group (NEW TIME) Handbell Choir Chancel Choir
Thursday, 02/01	8:30am 5:30pm	Clay Pots Van Wert Basketball Meal
Friday, 02/02	10:00-Noon 6:00pm	Food Pantry Bread & Bowl
Saturday, 2/03		No Activities
Sunday, 02/04	9:00am 8:45-10:00am 10:15am 11:30am	Sunday School for all ages Coffee & Donuts - Krout Worship Youth Group

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Our Bible, Sex, Gender and Marriage

The Bible is a complex anthology. Many authors from many eras have poured into our Holy Scriptures. All of them trying to understand and articulate who God is. Join us for conversations about who we are as sexual beings in the eyes of a masterful creator.

We are excited to announce that First Church will be conducting a 7-week Bible study around the bible, sex, gender and marriage. The study will be split into a morning and afternoon session beginning Sunday, February 18th. Sign up begins February 4th.

This Bible study will be held **Sunday, February 18—March 24 and April 7 from 9-9:45 am in the Dining hall or 12-12:45 pm in the Scheidt room.** (no class on Easter, March 31st).

There will be a limited number of spots to encourage open and honest conversation. Sign-up beginning Sunday, February 4th on the Media board outside of Krout Memorial. Additional study times may be added during the week based on participation. You are more than welcome to get lunch after service and bring it to the 12 pm class.

If you'd like to know more about the study, contact Jeremy Laukhuf, Jeremy Stoller or Pastor Christian.

*Hymn *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

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Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

(Children return from AWE)

Offertory *Melody* by Philip Glass

*Doxology *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*Prayer of Gratitude

*Spoken Benediction:

Postlude: *Andante* by Lani Smith

*You are invited to be seated and enjoy the Postlude or leave quietly in peace.
Thank you for worshipping with us!*

The Altar flowers are given in loving memory of
Stuart Ramos by Jamie & Olivia Ramos

KID'S MINISTRY AWE

Children preschool through 5th grade have an opportunity to build their relationship with Jesus through uplifting songs and impactful Bible lessons by attending our Alternate Worship Experience. Children will be released to AWE after praise and worship and return during offering time. AWE will not meet Communion Sundays which is the first Sunday of the month.

Leaders in Today's Worship

Pastor: Christian Taylor

Projectionist: Noah Carter

Director of Music: Scott Turner

Sound Technician: Kent Smelser

Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf

Videographer: Kurt Massillo

Acolyte: Elora Hogan

Screen Creators: Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor

Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer and Dave Lichtle, Assistant





We have so many opportunities for you to engage with our church and our community.

Here are just a few:

- **Acolyte** - The acolyte is an important part of our worship service and worshipping community. We are in need of your help to fill this position and we invite anyone in the congregation to learn what it is and what it means to be an acolyte. Contact the church office or Pastor Christian.
- **H2O Mentor program** - Our H2O middle school aged mentoring program is in need of more adults! Make a difference in a student's life by spending 40 minutes 1x/week with them at school. Find out what it's like by asking current mentor, Kay Okuley about it.
- Our Youth group needs some help with **meals** for their group meetings on Sunday. Nothing fancy. Grab a friend and make a pot of soup! Call Sierra or Teresa to sign up.
- Our kiddos in the K-2 range, need an **assistant** on Sunday mornings, 9-10am. You won't regret this...these kids will make you smile. Cristi Laukhuf is your contact. **Position Filled! Thank you.**
- Wednesday Nights needs **clean up** folks and dessert **bakers**. Sign up on the media board (outside Krout by the kitchenette).
- **Greeters** on Sunday morning - need greeters and someone to help schedule them. Contact Jana.
- **Projectionist** for Sunday Mornings - we will train you. Contact the office.
- **Communion Stewards** and a **Coordinator**. Shirley Jarvis has been our coordinator, but needs to step back. Stewards prepare communion once a month. The coordinator schedules people.
- Middle School Students need a Sunday Morning **teacher** February - April. Contact Teresa.

What's Happening

Food Pantry - The January Food Pantry item is pasta. Donations may be placed in the baskets near our entrances.

Teddy Bear Sunday - Our Women's Ministry team is collecting Teddy Bears on Sunday, February 18th. The bears will be given to hospitals and first responders to comfort a child. Bring in a bear no more than 12" tall with no child endangerment attachments and place it at the altar. Bears will be blessed during worship that morning.

Wednesday Meal - Come enjoy a hot meal and fellowship Wednesdays at 5pm in the basement dining hall. This week's meal is Cranberry Chicken, Rice Pilaf, California Blend, Hot Dog/Bun, Tossed Salad and Dessert



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communicate our vision.**

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