

**Upcoming Summer Hours**  
**Service starts @ 9:30am**  
**Beginning June 16th to Sept 1st**

**VBS** Use the link or  
**Starts Tomorrow** QR Code  
**Registration is open to students & volunteers**



<https://vbspro.events/p/lumchometownvbs>

**"FLAT JESUS"**  
 -Pick up paper in office  
 -Color and cut out "Flat Jesus"  
 -Take a picture with you and Jesus on all your adventures this summer



Text your pic to Cristi  
 @ 719-232-3691  
 or email  
[cristi.laukhuf@vanwertfirst.net](mailto:cristi.laukhuf@vanwertfirst.net)




Streets around the church will be blocked off for the Peony Festival Friday and Saturday. Please make plans to visit the church early in the week. Thank you.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**TINGAPS GAME**  
**AUG 15, 2024**  
**7:05 PM**  
**\$12 EACH**  
**TICKET SALES START JULY 1ST**



**Operation Back to School**  
 Fountain Park July 28 2024  
 3pm - 5pm  
 Register on [vanwertfirst.net](http://vanwertfirst.net)



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**Preschool Enrollment Open**  
 Contact Marilyn for more information  
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FIRST CHURCH  
 OFFICE hours  
 MONDAY – THURSDAY 8:30-1:30  
 FRIDAY 8:30-12:00

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**Ascribe to God**

June 2, 2024

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.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Psalm 139:1-3

*\*indicates please stand if you are able  
Please fill out the attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor*

**Welcome & Announcements** Olivia Ramos

**Welcome Song** *Come Now is the Time to Worship* Praise Band

**\*Call to Worship** Lillie Best

L: The psalmist declares, "Lord, you have searched me and known me." Will you open yourselves to be searched by God?

**P: Search us, O God, and know our hearts.**

L: God searches you, knows you, and loves you, and invites you to search out God in return. Will you seek the heart of God?

**P: We will search you, O God, to know your heart.**

L: The Triune God who creates all and knows all is revealed in running rivers and fluttering butterflies, in warm sunshine and the smell of the earth. Will you pay attention?

**P: We will pay attention, O God, to your fingerprint of love on all of creation.**

L: Open our hearts today to encounter your love, holiness, and glory that create and sustain all that was, is, and will be.

**P: We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity, the all-knowing Creator and Sustainer of life.**

**\*Hymn** *Amazing Grace* Praise Band

**\*Opening Prayer** Ashlynn Shaffer

O God, you call to us today, just as you called to the boy Samuel so long ago. Gathered here today, we are many different ages, but we pray for the maturity of faith to hear your call and respond to your Word. Open our ears and our hearts as we worship, as we work, and as we care for one another. We ask that you would give us the courage and integrity to answer your call with the heartfelt words, "Here I am!" Amen.

**Chat with the Children** Maddy Laukhuf

**Life in the Church** Leah Krites

**Pray for Our VBS Families**

Heavenly Father, let the changes in kids' hearts this week be an inspiration to their families. Let parents and caretakers pursue a deeper relationship with you. Let family connections grow stronger, deeper, and focused on you. Give kids strength to stand firmly rooted in their faith and relationship with you. Amen

**Hymn** *Blessed Assurance* Praise Band

**\*Scripture** 1 Samuel 3:1-15 Nate Gearhart

**Series Message** **Ascribe to God**  
All-knowing Creator Pastor Christian Taylor

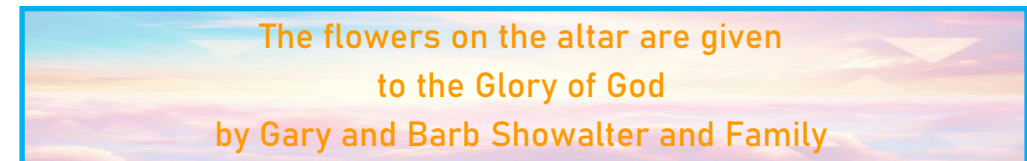
**\*Song** *Awesome God, I Love You Lord* Praise Band

**Giving of Tithes & Offerings**

**Offertory**  
**\*Doxology** *Sanctuary*  
**\*Prayer of Gratitude**

**Holy Communion**  
**Prayers of the People**  
**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Spoken Benediction**



**Kid's Worship Kits**  
Today, our children will remain in worship instead of going to AWE. We have **Worship Kits** located in the Narthex if they would like something to work on. The kits include activities that go along with today's service. Please remember to return the kits after service. Thank you.

**Leaders in Today's Worship**  
**Pastor:** Christian Taylor **Projectionist:** Cayden Laukhuf  
**Praise Band:** Cheri Oechsle, Jarred Conn, Rod Oliver & Noah Krites  
**Screen Creators:** Cheri Oechsle, Melody Taylor **Sound Technician:** Kent Smelser  
**Usher Coordinator:** Neil Shaffer and Dave Lichtle, Asst. **Videographer:** Kurt Massillo