

## December Prayer Partner *prayer*

*Be Kind and Compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,  
just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32*

Dear Lord, I pray that you fill (\_\_\_\_\_) heart with compassion. Give them compassion for the people they will come in contact with at school-friends, teachers, classmates, etc. I ask that you would help (\_\_\_\_\_) see these people through your eyes and show them the love of Jesus. I also ask for those working with and surrounding this child to have compassion as well. In Jesus' name. Amen."

**The Church Building & Office  
will be closed January 1st.**



*Heritage*  
**POTLUCK**  
**Sunday, January 12th**  
**5:00pm - 7:00pm**  
**\*bring a dish to share  
that tells about you**

Woman's Event  
all women are invited  
from the  
youngest to the oldest

**We are looking for Volunteers:**

Graphics Creator  
Sound Technician  
Projection Operator

Contact the office  
if interested

***Are you receiving the weekly emails  
from the Church?***

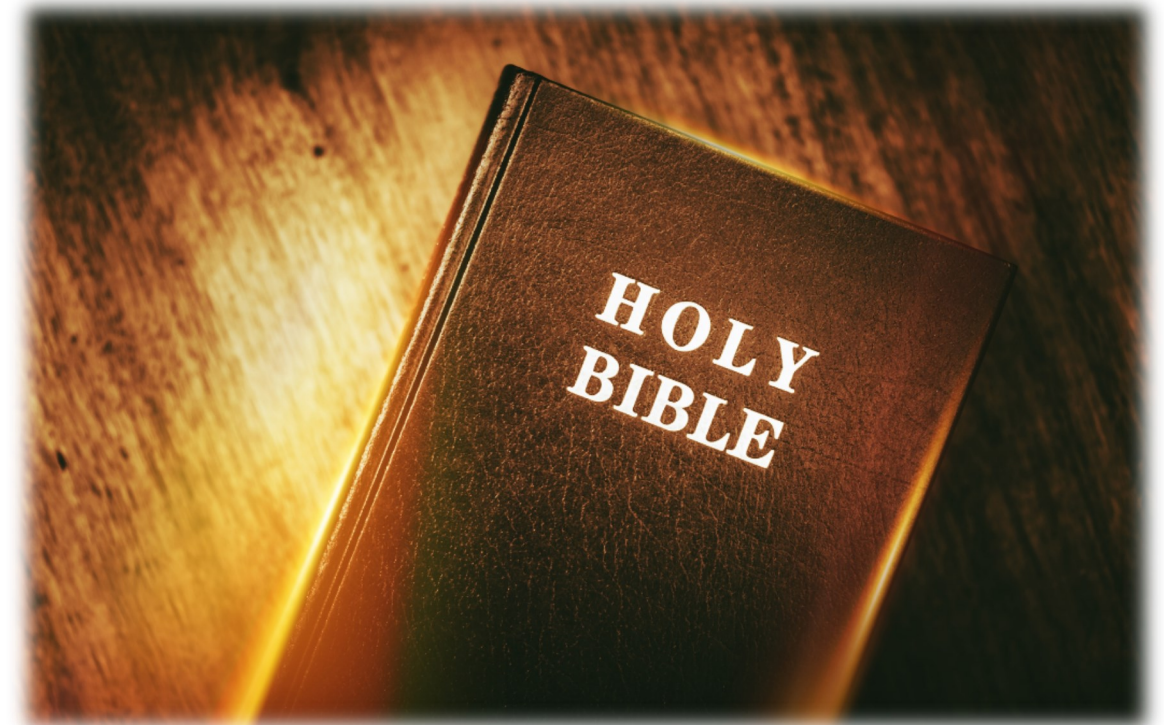
This is a good way to stay in-touch with the current activities and needs of the Church. If you would like to receive it, please contact Jana Thompson at [jana.thompson@vanwertfirst.net](mailto:jana.thompson@vanwertfirst.net). Or text her at 419-203-1137. Thanks, Storm.

**TEDDY BEAR SUNDAY  
FEB 16TH**



# FIRST united methodist CHURCH

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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

"When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"

John 8:12 NIV

*\*indicates please stand if you are able*

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

## Welcome & Announcements

Children

**Prelude** *O Holy Night* arr. Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir

## \*Call To Worship:

Leader: While it may be cold outside,

**People: Let the words of our Lord strangely warm us.**

Leader: Jesus is the Good Shepherd,

**People: Yet we clamor for another.**

Leader: Jesus reveals himself to us time and again,

**People: Yet we do not recognize our Lord.**

**All: Give us eyes to see and ears to hear Your saving words.**

**\*Hymn/Song** *Joy to the World*

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## \*Opening Prayer

Jackson Osburn

**Eternal Father, I am mortal and finite, limited and imperfect.**

**I do not always understand the big questions of life - why the good suffer, what happens to those who have not heard or cannot understand, why you do not stop wars or prevent disasters. But I do know that you are great and good and that your ways are above my ways and your thoughts above my thoughts. Help me rise beyond the here and now, the customs of my culture and time, and to see with eternal eyes. Help me to grasp the truths that are the solid rock beneath the shifting sands of culture, country, and time and to stand for eternal truths that I believe, even when they are not in vogue. Amen.**

**\*Song** *We Three Kings*

Vs. 1, 2, 5

## Chat with the Children

*(Children remain in Worship)*

Christie Wendel

## Life in the Church

Children

## \*Scripture

John 10:22-23

Dillon Staas

## Message

The Bible Says It; Let's Discuss It

**\*Song** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

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## Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer**

## Giving of Tithes & Offerings

**Offertory** *The First Noel* arr. Mark Hayes

**\*Doxology** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* (Tune: Greensleeves)

**\*Prayer of Gratitude**

## \*Spoken Benediction

**Postlude** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* arr. Cindy Berry

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

*Thank you for worshipping with us!*



## 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

**Worship Leader:** Jeremy Laukhuf

**Director of Music:** Scott Turner

**Acolytes:** Dillon Staas & Henry Schaffner

**Screen Creators:** Cheri Oechsle &

Melody Taylor

**Projectionist:** Noah Krites

**Sound Technician:** Kyle Wendel

**Videographer:** Dave Thompson

**Usher Coordinator:** Neil Shaffer &

Dave Lichtle, Assistant