

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. Thank You

**Preschool Fry Pie Sale** 

All orders are due by Feb 2nd  
Order forms are located on the Take 5 Kart and outside the church office



Deliveries will be Feb 20th

You are Cordially Invited to  
**FUMC 50 PRESCHOOL ANNIVERSARY**  
**MARCH 30TH 11:30am**  
Invite your Friends & Family



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**TEDDY BEAR SUNDAY**  
FEB 16TH



TEDDY BEARS SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN 12" HIGH WITH NO CHILD ENDANGERMENT ATTACHMENTS



**WNF MENU**

**Jan. 29, 2024**  
Meat Loaf  
Oven Roast Potatoes  
Corn Casserole  
Hot Dogs / Rolls  
Chips  
Tossed Salad  
Desserts

**AMAZING SUMMER**  
Mission Trip 2025





ASHEVILLE, NC    JUNE 8-14    \$150

Hurricane Clean Up & Disaster Relief    Worship, Devotions and lots of Fun!    Time to grow in your Faith and with your Youth Group/Church

\$100 DEPOSIT    DUE BY    JANUARY 27

PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE    SIGN UP TODAY

For More Information Call Teresa or Sierra

**L&T IT SNOW**

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT**    

Saturday, February 15th  
6:00 pm - 8:30pm  
rsvp to Cristi

January Prayer Partner *prayer*

*Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but who delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. Psalm 1:1-2*

“Father God, my heart breaks for these kids. There is so much pressure to be everything: perfection, the way they look, the things they have...but your Word tells us to delight in YOU, God. I ask that you would help (\_\_\_\_\_) meditate on your Word day and night and walk in step with you. Keep them from falling into temptation and fill them with your comfort in times of loneliness. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.”

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Where You Are:  
*Embracing the Familiar*

WORSHIP SERIES

January 26th, 2025

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

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14

*\*indicates please stand if you are able*

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

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jordan Dettrow

**PRELUDE** *Meditation on Beautiful Savior* arr. Cathy Moglebust Handbells  
Gloria Wendel, Director

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jordan Dettrow

Leader: Children of God, we gather to worship, to sing and proclaim with joy the good works God is doing in our midst.

**People: We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

Leader: We also gather today to pray for our families, our community, and our world. To name the challenges that press in around us, to lament the suffering in our world, to declare our trust in God in the midst of hardship.

**People: We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

Leader: We, like those in Nazareth, gather to hear and receive the Word of God proclaimed among us. To encounter the life-giving message of God's love redeems us to be bearers of love and freedom in this world.

**People: We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

Leader: Children of God, listen. Pay attention. Ready your hearts. God is here.

Jesus has come among us. The Spirit brings the Word to life in our midst.

Are you ready?

**People: We gather to worship, as is our custom. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*SONGS** *Here I Am To Worship*  
*10,000 Reasons*

Jeremy Laukhuf

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Jordan Dettrow

*We thank you, O God, for calling us into your church to be your people.  
We have gathered, God of grace and wisdom, because we have heard your call.  
You have reached out to us in Jesus Christ; you have touched us with your Spirit,  
and we have turned toward you, seeking to love as we have been loved.  
We call upon your holy name: empower us to worship and serve you,  
walking gently on this earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## Leaders in Today's Worship

**Pastor:** Christian Taylor  
**Worship Leader:** Jeremy Laukhuf  
**Director of Music:** Scott Turner  
**Acolytes:** Henry Schaffner & Ceci Staas  
**Screen Creators:** Melody Taylor

**Projectionist:** Noah Krites  
**Sound Engineer:** Kyle Wendel  
**Videographer:** Kurt Massillo  
**Usher Coordinator:** Neil Shaffer & Dave Lichtle, Assistant

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESENTATION

### CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN

*(Children are dismissed to AWE - Preschool through 5th Grade)*

Judy Krites

### LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Jordan Dettrow

### \*SCRIPTURE

Luke 4: 14-21

### SERIES

**Where You Are: Embracing the Familiar**

### MESSAGE

*As Was His Custom*

Pastor Christian Taylor

### ANTHEM

*Softly and Tenderly* arr. René Clausen

Chancel Choir  
Gloria Wendel, accompanist

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Christian Taylor

## GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

*(Children return from AWE)*

### OFFERTORY

*Meditation* arr. Scott Turner

### \*DOXOLOGY

*Glory Be to the Father* (#70)

Scott Turner

### \*PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

### \*HYMNS

*His Name Is Wonderful*

(#174) TWICE

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

(#328) TWICE

Scott Turner

### \*SPOKEN BEDICTION

Pastor Christian Taylor

### POSTLUDE

Scott Turner

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

*Thank you for worshipping with us!*



## 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 Sunday which is the first Sunday of the month.