

50th Preschool Anniversary
March 30th 11:30am
 The celebration will take place in the Dining Hall

First Church Lent Mission Project
Baskets & Blessings
 Collection dates - March 5th - April 5th

Kids VS Adults

Kids bring in
 Play Dough
 Bubbles
 Sidewalk Chalk
 Chocolate Cross or Bunny
 Ring Pops

Adults bring in
 Cereal
 Ravioli
 Canned Fruit
 Canned Meat
 Juice
 Dish Soap
 Laundry Detergent

Goal is 600 items!

All donations will go to the Cooperative Ministry Food Pantry

Drop items in the bins provided in Krout

Contact Teresa Shaffer 419-203-1538

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2025 LENTEN FISH FRIES
 Van Wert Knights of Columbus Hall
 425 Woodland Ave.
 Serving 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm the following Fridays of Lent

March 21 - benefiting Van Wert Co. Cooperative Food Bank **CARRY-OUT or DINE-IN**
 April 11 - benefiting Haven of Hope

Fish Dinner - \$10.00
 Shrimp Dinner: \$12.00
 Box of Fish Only - \$17.00

Wednesday Night Feast

Mar. 19, 2024
 Ham Loaf
 Sweet Potato Casserole
 Peas & Carrots
 Hot Dogs / Rolls
 Chips
 Tossed Salad
 Desserts

Lessons in Legos
 Sunday, March 23rd
 4:00pm

a fun afternoon learning how Jesus can use tiny blocks to teach big ideas

Steadfast Love

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."
 Lamintations 3:22-23*

March 16th, 2025
 2nd Sunday of Lent

March Prayer Partner *prayer*

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

“Lord I lift up (_____) to you right now. I pray 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 my child to have compassion as well.

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

“Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.” Psalm 92:9-10

**indicates please stand if you are able*

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matt Krites

PRELUDE

Hymn Setting

by Noreen Grey Lienhard

Scott Turner

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

Matt Krites

Leader: Children of God, what do you say when you are surrounded on every side by shadows that frighten and voices that deride and confuse?

People: God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?

Leader: What do you say when threats bombard you from every corner, stealing the security and peace you long for?

People: God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

Leader: What do you say when anxiety and loneliness overwhelm you, and you do not know who or what to trust anymore?

People: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Leader: Because God known our suffering. God makes a home among us, welcoming us to come home to God and one another.

People: Come! Let us worship God who hides us in the day of trouble and conceals us together under the cover of the tent of Love.

*HYMN

You are My Hiding Place

Scott Turner

*OPENING PRAYER

Matt Krites

Lord, we come to you this morning with many concerns and issues that demand our attention. Our lives are burdened; our spirits are tired. Guide our lives and steps as we walk this Lenten journey, inward and outward. Help us discern what you would have us do so that others may be healed. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Leaders in Today's Worship

Pastor: Christian Taylor

Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf

Director of Music: Scott Turner

Acolytes: Willow Snyder

Screen Creators: Melody Taylor

Projectionist: Noah Carter

Sound Engineer: Kent Smelser

Videographer: Kurt Massillo

Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer & Dave Lichtle, Assistant

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN

(Children remain in service)

Ruth Ann Dowler

ANTHEM

Lift Your Light

by Mary McDonald

Chancel Choir
Gloria Wendel, accompanist

*SCRIPTURE

Psalm 27

SERIES

Steadfast Love

MESSAGE

Conceal Me

Pastor Christian Taylor

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Christian Taylor

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Andante*

by W.A. Mozart

Scott Turner

***DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (#95)

Scott Turner

***PRAYER OF GRATITUDE**

*HYMN

There's Within My Heart a Melody

(#380) Scott Turner

*SPOKEN BENEDICTION

Pastor Christian Taylor

POSTLUDE

Postlude

by Franklin Ritter

Scott Turner

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.

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- VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
- CLOSURE DATES
- STATISTICS
- HELP FUNDRAISE
- GENERAL COMMUNICATION

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