

Uptown Kid Praise Packs are available in the Narthex (near the Welcome Table) for your children to use during worship. Please return the bags after worship.

If you are thirsty, coffee is available in the Kitchenette outside Krout.

- ◆ All 2021 donations need to be in the office by Thursday, December 30 if you want 2021 tax credit. If you want to know your current giving, please call the office. 419-238-0631
- ◆ There will be no food pantry or Bread and Bowl the week of December 27, 2021
- ◆ The church office will be closed December 24 & December 27.

TONIGHT

Children's Christmas Musical
Make plans to attend
DECEMBER 19 @6:30PM
The Children have been working hard on this performance!



The Christmas Offering will go to the following funds:

**Agape Fund
Preschool**

Haven of Hope

You may designate which fund if you like or the money will be divided among the three.

8:15am

December 19, 2021

Why Christmas.....

Why Music at Christmas?



Suddenly, a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

*“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those
on whom his favor rests.”*

Luke 2:13-14

Friday

December 24

Family Christmas Eve service
5:00pm

Holy Communion
in Krout Memorial
5:45-6:45pm and 8:15-9:00pm

Music Prelude 9:30pm
Candlelight Christmas Eve
at First Church 10:00pm

Sunday

December 26

One service - 10:30am
No Sunday School

WELCOME

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:15AM
DECEMBER 19, 2021

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Embracing, equipping & empowering persons to evangelize through Jesus.

CONTACT US

We are so glad you have joined us today! We want you to feel at home here. You can find out what is happening around here on our website: www.vanwertfirst.net and check out our Facebook Page for inspiration and information.

Of course, we do have a telephone: 419-238-0631

And the post office finds us at 113 W. Central Avenue, Van Wert, OH 45891

KIDS MINISTRY OPPORTUNITES AT 8:15

Nursery Ministry (infant to age 2) is located near the Jefferson Street entrance. You may drop your child off at any time during the service. There are also rocking chairs located at the back of the sanctuary for your use.

AWE our Alternative Worship Experience is for children, age 3 through 5th grade. Children will be dismissed from the service. Children may be picked up at the Scheidt Room following the worship service.

GIVING:

In the wooden boxes around the sanctuary.
On line @ vanwertfirst.net
Text: 419.963.3557
Thank you for your faithfulness.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Lead Pastor	Chris Farmer
Worship Leader	Jeremy Laukhuf
Sound Engineer	Ron Allison
Videographer	Dave Thompson
Projectionist	Jill Smelser

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING STATEMENT

*WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Aaron, Kristen, Elijah, Jovie Pollock

Leader: Advent is a time to praise.

People: Praise the Lord and rejoice in his goodness.

Leader: Advent is a time to remember God's faithfulness.

People: Praise the Lord and rejoice in his goodness.

Leader: Advent is a time to remember God's blessings.

People: Praise the Lord and rejoice in his goodness.

Leader: Advent is a time to remember God's promises.

People: Praise the Lord and rejoice in his goodness.

Leader: Advent is a time to celebrate the end of darkness.

People: Prepare for Jesus, the Light of the World.

Reader: This morning we light four candles. The fourth candle reminds us that Advent is a time to give praise for what God has done, for what God is doing, and for what God will bring to completion. As the light of Advent grows brighter, it reminds us that we move closer to receiving the gift of a Savior - Jesus, the Light of the World.

All: Father in heaven, we look to you from a distance, from a world filled with darkness. Help us seek the light of your truth, as we remember your promises and offer our praise for your amazing gifts to us. Amen.

SONG

Jesus, the Light of the World

J. Raney

CHAT WITH THE CHILDREN

Children dismissed to AWE

Brooklyn Laukhuf

SONG

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

#213, vs. 1 & 3

*SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:13-14

MESSAGE

Series: Why Christmas?
Why Music at Christmas?

Pastor Chris

In the Bleak Midwinter

#221, vs. 1 & 4

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

#240, vs. 1-3

Joy to the World

#246, vs. 1 & 4

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

*BENEDICTION