

***New Testament Reading** Acts 26:19-30 Pastor Chris Farmer
Series: Words from Wesley

Message *Almost*
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation
Great Thanksgiving
Lord's Prayer
The Distribution of the Elements
Prayer of Gratitude

***Congressional Hymn Response** *I Surrender All* #354 Vs.1,5

***Closing Prayer and Benediction**

Postlude *Revolutionary Etude*— F. Chopin
Out of respect for our music minister, please be seated to enjoy the postlude, or leave quietly in peace.



Words from Wesley

Almost

“Then Agrippa said to Paul, ‘Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?’ Paul replied, ‘Short time or long—I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains.’” Acts 26:28-30

Pastor Chris Farmer
Combined Worship
August 7, 2022
9:30 a.m.

First United
Methodist Church
Van Wert, OH

If you have a few spare moments to help we can still use a few volunteers from 1-3pm (set up) & 5-7pm (tear down) today! Thank you ~



Faith & Works, Works & Faith, fit together hand and glove.

Now accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 school year.




Also, scheduling private tours!

Register online at www.fumpreschool.com or contact Administrator Marilyn Agler at marilyn.agler@vanwertfirst.net 419-238-0631 ext. 308.

Grown Ups are needed for the Graduates 2 Grown Ups ministry.

You will be matched to a recent graduate (up to age 25). You will send them notes, texts, and care packages so they know that First Church - and you - Love Them. We give you guidelines and encouragement along the way. It's pretty easy!

If you are a graduate (25 and under) or have one in your household and they want to be a part of this, have them see Teresa too!



Our Agape Fund is running low. If you feel so moved, please donate today. Our community thanks you!



WELCOME

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FRIENDSHIP DAY

9:30 AM
AUGUST 7, 2022

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

**Embracing, equipping & empowering persons to
know and follow Christ.**

CONTACT US

We are so glad you have joined us today! We want you to feel at home. You can find out what is happening at First Church on our website: www.vanwertfirst.net Also, 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

KID'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES AT 9:30

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 ages Preschool and up. Children will be dismissed from the service. Children may be picked up at the Scheidt room. AWE will be available during the summer every Sunday except for the first Sunday of the month (due

Leaders in today's Worship:

Lead Pastor: Chris Farmer

Liturgist: Eric Hurless

Organist: Scott Turner

Children's Message: Grace Dowler

Sound Technician: Kyle Wendel

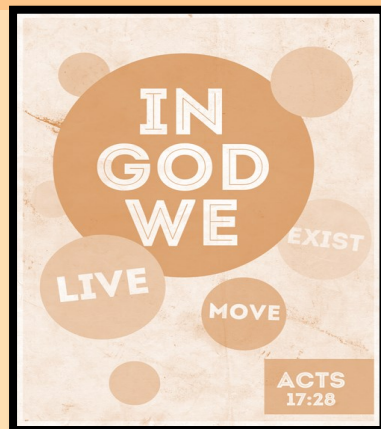
Videographer: Dave Thompson

Projectionist: Cayden Laukhuf

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Neil Shaffer



*Denotes please stand if able

Please sign the attendance pad located in each pew.

Prelude *A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining*-Sarah Douglas

Scott Turner

Welcome and Announcements

Eric Hurless

*Call to Worship

Leader: As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

People: so God seeks and saves the lost.

Leader: Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

People: so God rejoices over one soul returned to wholeness.

Leader: As a father receives a returning wayward son,

People: so God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Leader: Therefore, let us praise God in thanksgiving that we are received.

People: Let us receive, welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus our Christ.

*Praise & Worship

Jeremy Laukhuf

Chat with the Children

Grace Dowler

Prayer of Confession: Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence filled with regret for our many sins and failings. Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness, we have often denied our better selves and refused to yield to your tender voice calling us to rise to the full potential of our humanity. For there is weakness in us, as well as strength. At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured by the glitz and glamour of distractions. We do not care to look within, and we are unwilling to look for those who need our help. O God, we are too weak to walk unaided. Be with us as a strong and wise friend and forgiving presence who teaches us to walk in the light of Your truth. Receive our silent confessions. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor Chris Farmer

The LORD God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving, and true, showing mercy to thousands, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin and granting forgiveness.

Hymn

Just As I Am

#357 Vs. 1,5

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *With this Cup and Bread*-Ben Logan

*Doxology: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

#92 Vs. 6

*Prayer of Thanksgiving