

Series: Words from Wesley

*The Witness of the Spirit*

**Message**

**Special Music** *Be Still My Soul /What a Friend We Have in Jesus-*

Arr. Sponberg/Hall Mary Ann Falk-vocalist, Scott Turner-accompanist

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer** (Use "trespasses")

**\*Congregational Hymn Response** *Spirit of the Living God* #393

**\*Closing Blessing**

**Postlude** *Postlude in B flat* –C. Simper

*Out of respect for this ministry of music, please be seated to enjoy the postlude, or leave quietly in peace.*

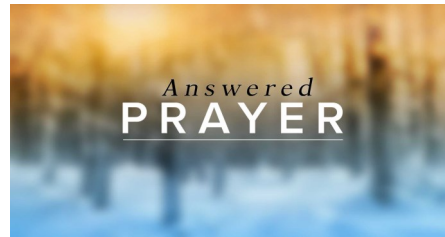


## *Words from Wesley The Witness of the Spirit*

“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him, we cry, “Abba, Father.”  
Romans 8:14-15

Pastor Chris Farmer  
Combined Worship  
August 28, 2022  
9:30 a.m.

First United  
Methodist Church  
Van Wert, OH



We received a surprise (and exciting) phone call from Michele Mendenhall. She has been approved for a kidney transplant! This has been a long and difficult journey for their family. Prayers have definitely been answered and are extremely appreciated. It is a wonderful gesture to be able to donate to someone that is in need. If you feel so moved, please check out the website following: <https://www.osuwexmedlivingdonor.org/>. The phone number to reach the facility is 614/293-6724. Who knows – maybe you could be someone's perfect match.



The altar flowers are given this morning in loving memory of Harold Kreisler by Sherry Kreisler. Also, by David and Sandy Knight in loving memory of her father Dale Hutcheson.



BEGINS SEPTEMBER 11, 2022  
DURING THE  
SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

*If you're not registered,  
contact the church office to sign up.*

# WELCOME

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 AM  
AUGUST 28, 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](http://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 to communion).

## Leaders in Today's Worship

<b>Lead Pastor: Chris Farmer</b>	<b>Organist: Scott Turner</b>
<b>Praise and Worship Leader: Jeremy Laukhuf</b>	<b>Sound Technician: Ron Allison</b>
<b>Liturgist: Eric Hurless</b>	<b>Videographer: Kurt Massillo</b>
<b>Graphics: Melinda Farmer, Sherri Arn</b>	<b>Projectionist: Noah Carter</b>
	<b>Usher Coordinator: Neil Shaffer</b>

\*Denotes please stand if able

Please sign the attendance pad located in each pew.

## Welcome and Announcements

Eric Hurless

## Voluntary *Moment by Moment*-Broughton/Saint Saens

Scott Turner

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: Sing a new song to the LORD.

**People: Sing His praise all the earth.**

Leader: Praise Him, you who sail the seas.

**People: Praise Him all creatures of the seas.**

Leader: Let those who live in distant lands.

**People: Give Praise and Glory to the Lord of heaven and earth.**

Leader: The LORD is our GOD who is eager to save.

**People: So we exalt His Laws and Honor His teachings.**

**\*Hymn** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* (Tune: Ellacombe #278) #152  
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**\*Opening Prayer: Gracious Father, we are here because we find the meaning of life nowhere else. We have pursued careers. We have made money. We have taken vacations. We have achieved some things which make us proud. We have shared the love of family and friends. For all these we give our humble thanks because nothing but goodness flows from your heart. Yet, Father, in none of these things do we find the ultimate meaning of our existence. None of them, as good and worthy as they are, give us the sense of worth beyond our years. So, we gather today to stretch our souls, to grasp the depth of your love, to catch a vision of your plans for our lives, and even to catch a glimpse of our glory in eternity. Thank You that your Son, Jesus Christ, has made this known to us and us to you. Amen.**

## Praise and Worship Time

Jeremy Laukhuf & the Praise Band

*Children may be dismissed to AWE*

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Improvisation on "Somos"*-S. Turner

\*Doxology: *Majesty* #176 vs.1

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

## \*New Testament Reading

Romans 8:12-17

Pastor Chris Farmer