

8:15 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 22, 2019

The Gathering

Please sign the attendance pad located in each pew.

Welcome & Announcements

Natasha Breese

*Worship through Praise

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Johnson Family

Demond, Lisa, Michaela, Dru, Macy, Meah Johnson

Song

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Advent Candle Litany: Everlasting Father

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Chat with the Children

Anita Zuber

AWE children dismissed. Preschool - 5th grade.

Worship with Offering

Demond Johnson

Celebrate the Season arr. M. Conaway

VWHS Instrumental Ensemble: Kayla Krites, clarinet; Grace Dowler, tuba; Aubree Bear, french horn; Ali Gemmer, trumpet

*Scripture Lesson

Lamentations 3:20-26

The Message

Series: Carols

O Holy Night

Pastor Chris

Song of Prayer

Silent Night

arr. R. W. Smith

VWHS Instrumental Ensemble

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Chris

*Closing Song

*Benediction

Praise Team Leader: Wayne Wells

Nursery: Jessica & Aubree Bear Welcome Table: Mona Massillo

FUMC PRAYER CONCERNS Esther Ley - health, Darin Hoffacker - cancer, Kathy Sink - liver transplant, Karen Smith - health, All those suffering loss, Paula Goins - MS, Lois Haller - cancer, Bella Hurlless - rehab, Linda Jeknavorian - health.

Please see the long term prayer list in the Friendly Visitor for other prayer needs or check the website under the drop down menu "newsletters" @www.vanwertfirst.net.

Military: Caleb Kreischer, Evan Wells, Bryan Zinsmaster, Conner Gordon, Noah Sease, Nick Gutierrez, Ben Scheidt, Gerald Christobaker, Ethan Glass, Michael Hellman, Greg Henry

Missionaries & Ministries: Stephen Ministry, Stand for Truth Ministry, Jeanne & Gaston Ntambo, Mission of Hope - Haiti.

10:45 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Voluntary

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Brass & Organ

Lighting of Altar Candles

*Call to Worship

Craig Duff

Leader: The Shepherd of Israel gathers us to offer praise and to pray.

People: **O Lord, awaken your might; come and save us. Restore us and make your face to shine on us that we might be saved.**

Leader: Sometimes we feel as if we're fed with the bread of tears. It may feel like we drink tears by the bowlful.

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WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

*Processional Carol: *Joy to the World* #246 setting by D. Wolf

*Opening Prayer

Craig Duff

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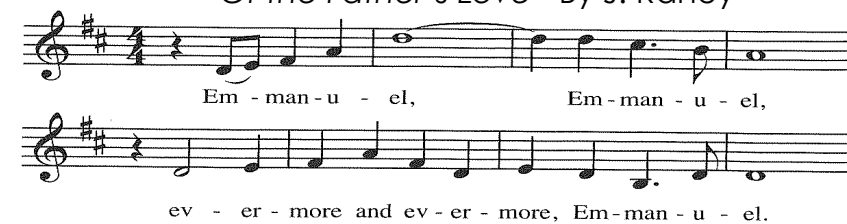
Craig Duff

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Laukhuf Family

Jeremy, Christy, Brooklynn, Cayden, Maddy, Vivian, Lillian

Of the Father's Love By J. Raney



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WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Giving and Receiving of our Tithes and Offerings

AWE children dismissed. Kindergarten and up

Offertory

Carol of the Bells

arr. Robertson/Alessandrini

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Sung to the melody of *What Child is This?*

*Prayer of Dedication

Children's Story

Marcia Wise

Children's Prayer

Away in a Manger

D. Hustad

Chancel Choir

Children dismissed to AWE - Kindergarten and up

WORSHIP WITH THE WORD

*Scripture

Lamentations 3:20-26

Message

Series: Carols

Pastor Chris

O Holy Night

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

Prayer Song

O Holy Night

arr. S. Hyslop

Men's Quartet: Jeremy Stoller, Jake Wilder,

Eric Hurlless, Paul Hoverman

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE

*Christmas Gloria

Choir, Brass & Organ

arr. L. Larson

Congregation join on: Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Angels We Have Heard on High

*Benediction

Postlude

Caroling, Caroling

arr. D. Bish/Alessandrini

Organ & Brass

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

arr. Ijames/Alessandrini

Brass Quartet

*Indicates an Invitation to Stand

Participants in 10:45 worship

Lead Pastor:

Chris Farmer

Dir of Student & Adult Ministry:

Demond Johnson

Liturgist:

Craig Duff

Organist:

Gloria Wendel

Choir Director:

Paul Hoverman, Scott Turner

Acolytes:

Ashlynn Shaffer, Ansley Schwab

Sound Engineer:

Ron Allison

Brass Quartet:

Tim Hoverman, Paul Hoverman,

Dale Laukhuf, Tony Alessandrini

Welcome Table:

Dick & Reha Atwood

Nursery:

Denise Gutierrez

2-3 year olds:

Anjie Tobias & Ryleigh Hanicq





Tuesday, December 24

ABCs of Christmas for the entire family Candlelight 5pm

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

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

Sunday, December 29

Combined Worship Experience 10:30am
Reception of New Members
Sunday School 9:30-10:15am
Meal following service

Series: Carols Title: "O Holy Night"

Text: Lamentations 3:20-26

"The Lord is my portion; therefore, I will wait for Him. The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord."

Big Idea: A new day with Christ brings great joy.

Truths that bring a thrill of hope in our weary world:

1. A new day with Christ brings _____ what we _____.
2. A new day with Christ brings us the _____ to _____.
"Let us hold firmly to the hope we claim to have, for He who promised is faithful." (Hebrews 10:23)
3. A new day with Christ brings the _____ we _____.
"The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is... nearly over; the day is...almost here." (Romans 13:11-12)

Seek Need Hope
Exactly Help Keep Going

What's Happening THIS WEEK

Come Join Us!



Sunday, 12/22	8:15am 9:30am 9:15-10:30am 10:45am Noon	Worship Sunday School for all ages Coffee & Donuts - Krout Worship HS & MS Youth Christmas Party
Monday, 12/23	1-3:00pm	Food Pantry
Tuesday, 12/24	8:30am 10:30am Office Closes at Noon See Christmas Eve Worship Schedule on previous page	Staff Meeting Prayer Group
Wednesday, 12/25	Office Closed	
Thursday, 12/26	Office Closed	
Friday, 12/27	10 - Noon Noon-12:45pm 6:00pm	Food Pantry Fridays @ First - Meditation & Organ Music - Sanctuary Bread N Bowl

Thank you!

Melinda and I have been so blessed to be a part of this wonderful church. Your love is deep and wide in so many ways that it is hard to find words to adequately express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude. Your grace, and kindness during the past week with the recent death of Melinda's dad, Keith Rawlings, has soothed our grief and strengthened us through this season. The cards, notes, gifts, and most importantly your presence has changed our weary world into a song of joy. Your prayers have upheld us when we thought we could not stand. Yes, even in the darkness of death we have been surprised by a thrill of hope. Thank you.

With all our love, Pastor Chris and Melinda

Coming next week! Sign up for pictures for our new pictorial directory! Pictures will be taken January 21 & 22. Look for more information on the web site, Facebook and the office.

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December 22, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Advent
O Holy Night



Pastor Chris Farmer

Our Vision Statement:

Enlarging the circle of disciples through Jesus.

Our Mission Statement:

Embracing, equipping and empowering persons to evangelize 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, **we welcome you and look forward to seeing you again!**

Please stop by the welcome table and pick up a welcome packet.