

# WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**December 18, 2022**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**

## **PRELUDE**

(8:00 AM)

“Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine”

arr. Hayes

“A Rosetti Christmas”

arr. Hayes

## **ORGAN PRELUDE**

“Sheep May Safely Graze”

Bach

## **HANDBELL PRELUDE**

“Christmas Joy”

arr. Michael Helman

## **ORGAN PRELUDE**

“Rise Up Shepherd”

arr. Leatherm

(10:00 AM)

## **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We are glad that you are worshipping at First United Methodist Church this morning. Please SIGN AND PASS the attendance pad at the end of the pew. If you are visiting with us, we would especially appreciate having your name, address, and phone number, because we would like to thank you for being with us.**

## **\*HYMN No. 213**

“Lift Up Your Heads Ye Mighty Gates”

Truro

## **ANTHEM**

(10:00 am only)

“Joy to the World!”

Mark Hayes

## **LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH CANDLE OF ADVENT**

## **A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

## **\*PSALTER**

Psalm 80

Pages 801 – 802, Response 2

## **\*GLORIA PATRI No. 71**

## **CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER** (using sins)

*Our Father; who art in heaven Hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth,  
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power; and the glory, forever.  
Amen.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

“What Child is This?”

Mark Hayes

(10:00 AM only)

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

(10:00 AM only)

\*Doxology

\*Offertory Prayer

**SCRIPTURE**

“John 1:1-18”

Pew Bible Page 966

**MESSAGE**

“This is the Word of the Lord”

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

(8:00 AM only)

**\*HYMN No. 218**

“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”

Carol

**BENEDICTION****BEARING OF LIGHT**

(10:00 AM only)

**POSTLUDE**

(8:00 AM)

“While By My Sheep”

arr. Hayes

**POSTLUDE**

(10:00 AM)

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

arr. Greene

**\* Indicates Please Stand if Able**

**MUSIC** today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg, pianists Nettie Swart, Michele Sandberg, and Zachary Nelson, our Chancel Choir, our Youth Choir, and the Peals of Praise Handbell Choir. The 8:00 AM pianist is Cathy Peterson.

**LITURGIST** today is Kayla Giambrone

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES** today are the Zimmerman's (8:00 AM) and Cindy & Rusty Blodgett (10:00 AM).

**ACOLYTES** today are front candles: Anika Wyman and Anna McCord and aisle candles: Tage Wyman and Grace Carr.

**USHERS** today are Team 4- Captain Gary Kell.

**PEDESTAL FLOWERS** today are in memory of our son, Daniel Oberg, given by Ed and Marilyn Derby.

**CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK** ~ Mrs. Joyce Mangini, 4 Stephens Rd, Warren, PA 16365. - Please consider sending her a card.

**YOUTH COOKIE BAKING** ~ Today in the Founder's Hall kitchen, from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Tawni Betts will be hosting youth in grades 6-12 for an afternoon of cookie baking. Cookies are being made to take home, so make sure to bring a container to take some goodies home. We will also have plastic storage bags available. Founder's Hall is located upstairs on the 2nd floor.

**STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN** ~ Our stewardship campaign for 2023 is well underway. Please remember to **return your pledge** card to the church. If you have yet received a pledge card, you may pick one up at the office or visit our website at [firstumwarren.com](http://firstumwarren.com).

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** ~ There will be a New Member Class on Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM, beginning January 15, 2023. A light meal will be offered with this class!

**PARTICIPATION** ~ We are looking for members of the congregation who welcome the opportunity to participate in the worship service as a liturgist or give the children's message. If you would like to be a part of the Sunday worship service, please contact the church office at 814-723-4930, or speak to Rev. Hecht. Thank you!

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** ~ The offering envelopes for 2023 are now available and can be found in the side hall just outside the church office.

**HEARING ASSIST DEVICES** ~ New hearing assist devices are now available. The channel selector needs to be kept on channel 1. Also, please make sure to turn them off after each use. Thank you!

**FELLOWSHIP** ~ In the new year, the fellowship will continue on Sundays between the 8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament and the 10:00 AM Worship Service. We are looking for volunteers to supply snacks for our Sunday fellowship hour. It is more than coffee and donuts; It's fellowship and faith building. If you would like to share snacks and goodies with the congregation during our Sunday fellowship hour in the new year, there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board across from the office.—Thank you!

**HOLIDAY SERVICES** ~ Our 2022 Christmas Eve Worship Service will begin at 7:30 PM with glorious Christmas music. Then, at 8:00 PM, our traditional candlelight service will start. In addition, we will only have one Worship Service on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th, at 10:00 am, and we will only offer one worship service on New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, 2023, at 10:00 am.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT APPRECIATION** ~ We will be celebrating Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on Sunday, January 8, 2023, during the 10:00 AM worship service. Invitations have been sent out to all those who are working in this area, inviting them to attend this worship service. We will be having a fellowship time in the parlors afterward, and we hope you will consider attending the service and staying after to thank them for all they do to keep us safe. The parlors are located across from the hallway that leads to the Sanctuary.

**BOOKS NEEDED** ~ The Warren County Jail is in need of reading material. We are collecting books over the next several Sundays to help meet this need. Please limit your contributions to the following categories; Romance, Self-help, Mystery, Crime, Word Searches and Crosswords. Books **MUST** be soft-covered. A tote is available outside Pastor Hecht's office. Thank you in advance for helping.

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF**  
**December 18, 2022 – December 24, 2022**

**SUNDAY**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Crary Chapel**

**8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room**

**9:45 AM Prayer; Crary Chapel**

**10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary**

**2:00 PM - 5:00 PM Youth Cookie Baking; Founder's Hall**

**MONDAY**

**6:45 AM Christian Men's Accountability Group**

**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours**

**6:00 PM Adult Incarceration Support Group; FH**

**6:00 PM Trustees Meeting; Covert Room**

**6:30 PM Sharing Christmas Advent Study; Covert Room**

**6:30 PM Silver Winds Flute Choir; Sanctuary**

**7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Troop 9 Boy Scouts; Downstairs**

**TUESDAY**

**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**

**1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Covert Room**

**5:15 PM WHS Soccer; Gym**

**5:30 PM Madrigals; Choir Room**

**WEDNESDAY**

**8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours**

**8:30 AM Covenant Discipleship Group; Mark's Office**

**12:00 PM Wednesday Advent Message; Online**

**3:30 PM LOGOS—Last LOGOS for Semester**

**6:30 PM Chancel Choir Party; Shirley Crone's**

**THURSDAY**

**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours**

**1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room**

**5:30 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Parlor B**

**FRIDAY**

**8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours**

**12:00 PM Senior Christmas Party; Founder's Hall**

**SATURDAY**

**7:30 PM Christmas Eve Christmas Music; Sanctuary**

**8:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; Sanctuary**