

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
January 26, 2025 – February 1, 2025**

SUNDAY

8:00 AM Service of Word and Sacrament; Crary Chapel
 8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room
 8:45 AM Class Meetings Study; Parlor A
 9:45 AM Prayer; Crary Chapel
 10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary
 11:00 AM Hospitality Winter Lunch; Founder's Hall
 11:15 AM Wesleyan Handbells; Sanctuary

MONDAY

6:45 AM Christian Men's Accountability Group; Covert Room
 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage
 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Eagle Knights Soccer; Gym
 4:30 PM Monday Nite Meal Team A; Founder's Hall
 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Kids Soccer; Gym
 6:30 PM Council Meeting/Charge Conference; Covert Room

TUESDAY

8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3-4 Year Old Preschool
 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
 1:45 PM Peals of Praise; Sanctuary
 3:30 PM Youth Handbells; Music Room and Sanctuary
 6:30 Epworth Bellringers; Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY

8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3-4 Year Old Preschool
 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage
 5:00 PM Chancel Rehearsal; Music Room

THURSDAY

8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3-4 Year Old Preschool
 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class
 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
 6:00 PM Divorce Care; Covert Room
 6:30 PM Warren Philharmonic Rehearsal; Founder's Hall

FRIDAY

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours
 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage
 12:00 PM Senior Lunch; Founder's Hall

Visitation Pastor
 Director of Music
 Organist/Pianist
 Pianist
 Carillon
 Soloist
 Office Manager
 Office Assistant/Streaming Tech
 Coordinator of Community Programs
 Custodian
 Acolytes
 Liturgist
 Usher Captain Team 2
 Ushers
 Jim Reynolds
 Tom Lobdell

Larry Sutton

Rev. Mike Rutenber
 Ruth Nelson
 Michele Sandberg
 Cathy Peterson
 Caroline Curren
 Pam Lewis
 Debbie Giambrone
 Barbara Young
 Heidi Ketzko
 Bob Confer
 Aiden Ellis and Tage Wyman
 Kayla Giambrone
 Rusty Blodgett

Ron Casteel
 Bob White



**WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
January 26, 2025**

Pastor Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

*We are glad that you are worshipping with us at
First 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.*

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Service of Word and Sacrament 8:00 AM

PRELUDE “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” arr. Molly Ijames
“This is My Father’s World” arr. Molly Ijames

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are those who are authentic before God, who come to God with honesty and humility.

People: Our sins are not counted against us. Our hearts are free of deceit.

Leader: In community we encourage the practice of confession, to speak freely with Jesus—our Savior.

People: God is our hiding place, our safe refuge in the storm.

Leader: God surrounds us with songs of deliverance, God’s loving eye is upon us!

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***HYMN No. 122** “I Stand Amazed In the Presence” My Savior’s Love

NEW TESTAMENT “Luke 6:46 - 49” Pew Bible Page 940

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.*

***HYMN No. 611** “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

SCRIPTURE “Matthew 19: 16 - 22” Pew Bible Page 897

MESSAGE “The Almost Christian” Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN No. 612** “Here at the Cross”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

Please place offerings in the offertory plate as you exit the chapel.
We welcome you to share some fellowship in the Covert Room
after the service.

Worship Service 10:00 AM

PRELUDE "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" arr. Wyrzten
"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" Mark Hayes
"Fugue in G Minor" Beauvarlet-Charpentier

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ANTHEM “God’s Gifts” arr. Benjamin Harlan

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OFFERTORY “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” arr. Cindy Berry

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology No. 682
*Offertory Prayer

***HYMN No. 611** “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”
*(Children are welcome to come forward for the Children’s Message
during the last verse.)*

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Dee Dee Tucker

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BEARING OF LIGHT

POSTLUDE "God of Grace" arr. Hal Hopson

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ALTAR FLOWERS today are in loving memory of Raymond Nelson, Grandma Betty and Lucy Nelson, given by Carla and Nick Johnson and Seth and Amanda.

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ LaDonna Johnson, 205 Water Street, Room 544B, Warren, PA 16365 - Please consider sending her a card.

WINTER LUNCH ~ Our Hospitality Ministry will be serving a Winter Lunch directly following the 10:00 AM worship service. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy some good food and fellowship.

COUNCIL MEETING/CHARGE CONFERENCE ~ Our next meeting will take place at 6:30 PM on Monday, January 27th, in the Covert Room.

VALENTINES CARDS ~ We would like to begin collecting hand-made Valentines to share with residents in local nursing homes and with our Shut-Ins. We are in need of 425 Valentines for this year. We will be delivering to the Nursing Homes (handing them to staff at the door if necessary) on **Sunday, February 9th**. Please consider joining us in this wonderful ministry. If you need supplies, please see Heidi. Thank you.

WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER! ~ New Members Classes: Starting SUNDAY, February 2 (11:00- 12:15). We are excited to announce that our next “New Members” Class will begin on Sunday, February 2nd. We will meet in the church parlors for THREE WEEKS immediately following the 10:00 AM Sunday Service. Our time together will offer an overview of our Church’s mission, history and core beliefs. This is a great opportunity to learn more about how First Church lives out its mission to make disciples in our community and world. Additionally, this is a chance for you to consider where you are being called to serve! The class will be led by Mark Hecht and Tawni Betts. Please sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office at 814-723-4930.

LADIES GAME NIGHT ~ Mark your calendars for our next Ladies Game Night taking place on Friday, February 7, 2025, from 6:30 PM—8:30 PM. We welcome you to come join in the fun!