

WARREN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 27, 2022
1st Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

(10:00 AM)

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
“Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming”
“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

arr. Schrivener
arr. Young
arr. Owens

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. 203

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

Ellacombe

ANTHEM

“Come Messiah!”

Lloyd Larson

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE OF ADVENT

A MOMENT WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*PSALTER

Psalm 122

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*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 “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Gustov Hoist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

“Romans 12:1 - 2”
“Be Transformed”

Pew Bible Page 1033
Mary Jo Zubrod

**SCRIPTURE
MESSAGE**

“Isaiah 2:1 - 5”
“Hope”

Pew Bible Page 618
Tawni Betts

***HYMN No. 206**

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Houston

CHORAL BENEDICTION

BEARING OF LIGHT

POSTLUDE

“Processional in C”

Hal Hopson

*** Indicates Please Stand if Able**

MUSIC today is provided by organist Michele Sandberg, our chancel Choir and percussionist David Dorn. The soloists on the second anthem are Hope Punsky and Chad Betts. The postlude is played by Judd Demers.

LITURGIST today is Michaela Giambrone.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES today is the Crone Family.

ACOLYTES today are Ian Montour and Anna McCord.

USHERS today are Team 3- Captain Larry Loughlin.

PEDESTAL FLOWERS today are in memory of Nick & Hazel Merenick, David A. Merenick, Elsie Hollabaugh, and Scot & Mabel Phillips, given by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Merenick and Family.

SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE ~ There will be a Special Church Conference for disaffiliation in the sanctuary, immediately follow the worship service and will be officiated by Rev. Dr. Sang Choi, DS of Kane District along with Rev. Dr. Renee Mikell, Assistant to the Bishop. The vote on disaffiliation will take place during this special church conference.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD ~ Thank you to all those who helped to make Operation Christmas Child a success! We were able to pack 52 boxes this year! Thank you again to everyone involved!

DEVOTIONAL ~ Our members have written daily devotionals this year to take us through the Advent Season. This devotional will be available to be picked up this Sunday, November 27th. They will be located in the hallway by the office, or in the narthex.

ADVENT MESSAGES ~ For years First Church Warren has hosted a midweek Community Advent Service. This year our service takes the form of an online offering. Please watch for a weekly Advent message by Rev. Hecht along with music of the season. New services will be available on Wednesday mornings beginning November 30 and can be found on our website and the Facebook page.

MUSICALE POTPOURRI ~ You won't want to miss Musicale Potpourri on Sunday, December 4th, at 4:30 PM in our sanctuary. Our musical groups will combine to present a varied program of choral, bells, organ, instrumental, and surprises. Following the program, supper will be shared in Founders Hall, followed by a musical send-off. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the office or call the office if you plan to attend the supper. Invite your families and friends as everyone is welcome. Reservations are optional, but we'd like an idea of how many to plan for the dinner.

YOUTH COOKIE BAKING ~ The youth in grades 6-12 are invited to an afternoon of cookie baking with Tawni Betts from 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM in Founders Hall kitchen on December 18th. We will bake cookies to take home, so bring a container (or we'll have plastic storage bags available). Please call the church office at 814-723-4930 or text Tawni at 814-730-3861 to RSVP so that we have enough ingredients.

ANGEL TREE ~ The Angel Tree Christmas program is an opportunity for us to support families who are separated from a loved one due to incarceration. There are many ways you can become involved. If you would like to provide a gift(s) for an Angel Tree child, the Angel tags are on the Christmas tree in the hallway with specific gift suggestions. We would like to have the unwrapped gifts returned by November 26th. The Christmas Party is on Saturday, December 10th beginning at 1:00 PM. This event is open to all so please join us in sharing the true meaning of Christmas. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board with other volunteer opportunities. Please contact the church office or Mary Jo Zubrod with any questions you may have or if you'd like more information.

GIVING TREE ~ Additional names have been added to the giving tree. We are also collecting food items including boxed cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned soups and fruits, and canned or boxed macaroni dinners. We welcome cash donations to give each family a gift card to Aldi's for perishable items. Cash can be left in the office or dropped into the mail slot on the office door. Thank you for your generosity.

“SHARING CHRISTMAS: A FOUR WEEK ADVENT STUDY” ~ On Monday evenings from November 28th - December 19th, from 6:30 PM—7:45 PM, come and learn about the history behind many of our Christmas traditions. We will discuss everything from the prophecies fulfilled in the birth of a baby to the misconceptions we have about the origins of the Christmas celebration. There is no study book, but handouts will be available each evening. This study promises to be a fun and educational way to prepare for Christmas. Hope to see you there! Please sign-up on the bulletin board across from the office.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN ~ Our stewardship campaign for 2023 will be coming to a close. Please remember to return your pledge card to the church. If you have not received a pledge card, you may pick one up at the office or visit our website at firstumwarren.com.

BLUE CHRISTMAS ~ Not everyone finds the holiday season a time for celebrating and rejoicing. For those who have experienced a loss in recent days or months and for those who have experienced pain and challenge, the holiday season only serves to emphasize all the things that seem missing. For this reason, First Church Warren has chosen to offer an online Blue Christmas worship experience that might be viewed any time during the Advent Season. The Blue Christmas service provides a quiet and contemplative worship experience that hopefully allows the viewer to be comforted. This service can be found on our website.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
November 27, 2022 – December 3, 2022

SUNDAY	8:45 AM Fellowship; Covert Room 9:45 AM Prayer; Crary Chapel 10:00 AM Worship Service; Sanctuary Following 10:00 Worship – Special Charge Conference
MONDAY	6:45 AM Christian Men’s Accountability Group 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM Office Hours 6:30 PM “Sharing Christmas” Advent Study; Covert Room 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM Troop 9 Boy Scouts; Downstairs
TUESDAY	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours 8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Preschool 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class 1:00 PM Staff Meeting; Covert Room 1:45 PM Peals of Praise Handbells; Sanctuary 3:30 PM Youth Music Program; Music Room 5:15 PM WHS Soccer; Gym 5:30 PM Madrigals; Music Room 6:30 PM Epworth Bells; Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours 8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Class 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class 8:30 AM Covenant Discipleship Group; Mark’s Office 11:30 AM Toy Shoppe Luncheon; Covert Room 12:00 PM Wednesday Advent Service; Online 3:30 PM LOGOS - Frog Night 6:15 PM Chancel Choir
THURSDAY	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours 8:20 AM - 11:15 AM 3 Year Old Class 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM Pre K Class 1:00 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Covert Room 5:30 PM Covenant Discipleship Group; Parlor B 6:00 PM Divorce Care; Covert Room
FRIDAY	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours 12:00 PM Senior Lunch; Founder’s Hall 6:00 PM - Private Event; Founder’s Hall
SATURDAY	2:00 PM - Private Event; Founder’s Hall

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Dorothy Sutton, 701 Rouse Ave, Room 108, Youngsville, PA 16371. - Please consider sending her a card.