

Service of Word and Sacrament 8:00 AM

PRELUDE “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” arr. Hayes
“The Wexford Carol” arr. Hayes

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come from a world of darkness

People: Into Christ’s world of light.

Leader: We come from a world of weariness

People: Into God’s strength and hope

Leader: We come from a slumbering world.

People: Strengthened by the Spirit, we come to awaken our souls and watch for the coming of Christ.

***HYMN No. 165** “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” Ellacombe

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

LET US PRAY: O God, who gave us the Light, thank you for giving us hope in the form of a child at Bethlehem. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of this holy child, may we be willing to be your servants, lighting the candle of hope in the darkness of despair. Amen.

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. 163** “Come Thou Long – Expected Jesus” Hyfrydol

SCRIPTURE “Matthew 1:18 - 25” Pew Bible Page 877

MESSAGE “I Believe” Rev. Dr. Mark E. Hecht

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN No. 162** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Veni Emmanuel

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “The First Noel” arr. Tornquist

* **Indicates Please Stand if Able**

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

Worship Service 10:00 AM

PRELUDE “Lo, How A Rose E’re Blooming” arr. Pethel
“Wake, Awake, for Night is Falling” arr. Walther
“Veni Emmanuel” arr. Ellasser

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OFFERTORY MUSIC “A Christmas Blessing of Peace” Douglas Nolan

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology No. 682
*Offertory Prayer

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(Children are welcome to come forward for the Children’s Message during the last verse.)

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BEARING OF LIGHT

POSTLUDE “Hark! The Herald Angel’s Sing” arr, Greene
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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE today are Mark and Michelle Bupp (8:00 AM) and Patty and Bill Hannold (10:00 AM).

CONCERNS FOR THIS WEEK ~ Darla Peterson, 701 Rouse Ave., Room 603A, Youngsville, PA 16371 - Please consider sending her a card.

OFFERING ENVELOPES ~ The offering envelopes for 2025 are now available and can be found in the side hall just outside the church office.

BOOK CLUB ~ The Book Club will have their Christmas Lunch, December 4th at 12:30 P.M. at Shirley Crone's home, 605 Madison Ave. Which dishes will she use? Come and join the Book Club for a fun filled afternoon. - Bring some books if you like!

THE GIVING TREE ~ Thank you to all who took tags from The Giving Tree. Gifts should be wrapped and returned to the office or music room desk no later than December 15th. If any questions, contact Ruth Nelson at 814-688-8238.

ADVENT SOUP AND STUDY ~ There will be Advent noon Worship Services in Founder’s Hall on December 5th, 12th, and 19th, with a meal immediately following. Each week we will remember another Christmas carol and see how the carols of the season speak to our hearts and have relevance for us in our faith walks as well.

CONTINUING THE JOY OF ANGEL TREE CHRISTMAS ~ Last year, our congregation provided gifts to over 30 children in our area who were spending Christmas without a loved one due to incarceration. We have the opportunity to continue to make a difference in the lives of these children and their families. As we offer a gift and personal message of love on behalf of an incarcerated parent, family connections are strengthened, joy and hope are renewed and doors are opened for year-round ministry.

Angel Tree tags are on the Christmas tree in the hallway outside of the Parlors. Tags will continue to be added so please keep checking the tree. Gifts need to be returned, unwrapped, no later than December 5th. This year, our Angel Tree Christmas party will be on Saturday, December 14th at 1:00PM (complete with a special guest-of-honor!). Please plan to join us as we celebrate the joy of Christmas!

FLUTE CHOIR ~ Join the Silver Winds Flute Choir at First Lutheran Church, 109 3rd Ave., Warren, for a FREE concert as they present “Classics and Carols,” on December 5, 2024 at 7:00 PM. Donations are accepted

ASSISTANCE NEEDED ~ A family is in need of furniture, household goods, and clothing. Please contact Laura Drake at 814-706-8001 with any questions, or drop off items to the Faith Inn. Thank you.

MAGNIFIERS ~ The Worship Commission has purchased 2 lighted page magnifiers. Please ask an usher if you are in need of one and return to an usher following the service. We would appreciate it if you make sure the light is off. Thank you.

CANTATA ~ The Chancel Choir will present the cantata “The Seven Noels” by Pepper Choplin during the 10 AM worship service on December 22nd. We urge you to invite your neighbors and friends to hear the Christmas story using tunes from favorite carols and taking us from the prophecy to the birth of Jesus.

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF
December 1, 2024 – December 7, 2024**

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

MONDAY

8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Office Hours
10:00 AM Toy Shoppe Christmas Party; Covert Room
1:00 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage
3:00 PM Eagle Knights Soccer practice; Gym
4:30 PM Monday Nite Meal; Founder's Hall
4:30 PM Warren HS BB Team; Covert Room & Kitchen

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
6:00 PM GreifShare; Parlor B
6:30 PM Epworth Bells; 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
8:45 AM Moms of Minis; Covert Room
12:30 PM Book Club Christmas Lunch; Shirley Crone's House
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM Chosen Ministry; Garage
1:00 PM Worship Staff Meeting; Mark's Office
6:00 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
12:00 PM Advent Worship Service; 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
 Office Manager
 Office Assistant/Streaming Tech
 Coordinator of Community Programs
 Custodian
 Acolytes
 Front Candles:
 Aisle Candles:
 Liturgist
 Usher Captain Team 2
 Ushers

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Nick Johnson

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 Ruth Nelson
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 Barbara Young
 Heidi Ketzko
 Bob Confer

Sam McCord and Abby McCord
 Attie Corey and Lilly Newton
 Kayla Giambrone
 Larry Loughlin



WARREN FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
First Sunday of Advent—Hope
December 1, 2024

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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