

Activities & Meetings

Sunday, January 14

8:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 am	Sunday School for All	All Rooms
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
5:45 pm	Wesleyan Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:30 - 9:00 pm	Youth Dance for All Youth	Belfry

Monday, January 15

2:00 pm	Covenant Group 2	Room 24
7:00 pm	Finance Committee	Room 36
7:00 pm	Jane Payne Circle	Dining Room

Tuesday, January 16

1:00 pm	Dorcas Circle	Library
7:00 pm	Covenant Group 1	Room 24

Wednesday, January 17

9:00 am	Lectionary Group	Library
10:00 am	Interest Group	Rooms 11,12
6:00 pm	Leader's Orientation	Belfry
7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting with Special Church Conference	Library
7:00 pm	Troop 221	Downstairs

Thursday, January 18

4:00 pm	VUMmer Hummer Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Finance Update:

Year end financial statements are available under the balcony. This is the itemized statement you need for your tax returns.

Attendance for January 7: 155



Welcome to all our visitors today! Please find our welcome packets in the pew back in front of you. Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to talk with any of our staff or volunteers.

Vestal United Methodist Church

Is it you, God? Sermon Series Part 2



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* Indicates to stand if you are able

Pre-service Music - A time of preparation for worship

Announcements and Greeting (Please pass the attendance pads to those near you.)

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Prelude *Berceuse* LOUIS VIERNE

Bringing in the Light

* Call to Worship

Leader: Listen! Do you hear it? Do you hear what I hear?

People: That whisper? The wind in the trees? The sound of water? The warmth of the sun?

Leader: Yes! That nudging feeling. The longing in our hearts.

People: Yes! The voice of God calling to us.

All: Calling us to come closer, calling us to feel God's presence, calling us to know God's grace and love. Calling us to lift our hearts, an offering to God, in worship and praise.

* 2120 FWS Hymn of Praise *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS

* Passing of the Peace

Gathering Prayer

God of grace and mercy, you call to us constantly, asking us to come closer to you, to love you more completely, with our whole hearts. You call to us endlessly, with infinite patience, beckoning and enticing us to know you more fully. God, help us to know the voice that is yours. Help us to feel it in every part of our being – to feel it so fully that we have no choice but to respond as completely and wholeheartedly as you love us. Amen.

Silent Prayer and Meditation

The Lord's Prayer (895 in the red hymnal)

Anthem 8:30 *Be Not Afraid* CRAIG COURTNEY

Prayer for Illumination

Loving Lord, you have spoken your Word and by your Word you give light to our souls. Prepare our hearts, Lord, that they may be humble and teachable hearts. Silence in us any voices but your own so that we may hear and receive your Word and do what you have commanded. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:1-7 Pew Bible OT p. 637

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Nursery is available during the entire hour for children age 0-3 in room 21 of the church. Children age 3-5 may leave after the Children's Message for a 3-K nursery in room 22.

* 2218 FWS Hymn *You Are Mine* YOU ARE MINE

New Testament Reading Luke 3:21-22 Pew Bible NT p. 57

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon *Claimed by the Grace of God* Sharon Harris

Renewal of Baptism (p.50)

Today we are celebrating the baptism of Jesus, and we are remembering our own baptisms. If you have not been baptized you are fully welcome to participate in anyway you feel comfortable. If you would like to know more about baptism, or a life of following Christ, be sure to speak with one of our pastors.

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Offertory 8:30 *You Raise Me Up* LOVLAND & GRAHAM; ARR FETTKE

* 94 Doxology

* Presentation of Gifts

* 2130 FWS Hymn *The Summons* KELVINGROVE

* Benediction

* God's Light Goes Forth

* 2162 FWS Congregational Response *Grace Alone* [verse 2] GRACE ALONE

* Postlude *Prelude in Classic Style* GORDON YOUNG

Those Serving in Worship Today:

8:30	11:00
Acolyte: Megan Jones	Ally Mariano
Reader: Dana Gleason	Dick Cook
Organist: Dan Rosenau	Dan Rosenau
Music: Chancel Choir	Tim Andrews
Greeters: Lana Roske	Mary Chittenden & Doris Brearley
Usher Team: Bob Hinkley	Mike Macey
Welcomers: Sandy & Rich Bear	Alice Weston & Cinda Gausman