



# *First United Methodist Church in Downtown Erie*

*An Historic Church Serving the People of Erie*

*On the Corner of Seventh and (707) Sassafras Streets*

*Erie, Pennsylvania 16501*

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**January 23, 2022**

**9:00 a.m. "Light for the City" Worship**

**10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Worship**



***OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT:***

*"To share our passion for Jesus Christ with Erie's next generations."*

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\*Indicates the people may stand if able.*

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

*Pastor Bob*

*(If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer card, found on the back of the pew in front of you, and give it to an usher during the prelude.)*

### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

BRINGING THE LIGHT:

*Megan Whitehill, acolyte*

PRELUDE:

*“Sing a New Song to the Lord”  
First United Methodist Vocal Ensemble  
Bruce R. Gingrich, Music Director/Organist*

*Natalie Sleeth*

WELCOME to those listening on the radio on WERG 90.5 FM and on the web.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP :

*Fred Erickson, liturgist*

*L: Come and receive the gifts God brings for us.*

*P: We rejoice that God is among us, to bless us.*

*L: God is richly blessing us and through us, God is blessing others.*

*P: We gladly welcome the chance to be God's blessing.*

*L: The gifts of God are for the healing of creation.*

*All: We will use God's gifts so that all may be made whole.*

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\*OPENING HYMN: *“Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast”* No. 339  
*Red Hymnal All 5 Verses*  
(Please be seated)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (In Unison)

*Holy One, we thank you for the gift of the Bible, for its psalms and poems, myths and stories, histories, teachings, and prophecies. May the Holy Spirit who called out those ancient writings continue to call us out today, that our lives may reflect the first sermon of Jesus, our crucified and risen Christ, who brings good news to the poor and lets the oppressed go free. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.*

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC:

*“Ancient Words”* Mark Hayes  
*First United Methodist Vocal Ensemble*  
*Bruce R. Gingrich, Music Director/Organist*

KIDS’ MESSAGE:

*Pastor Bob*  
*Children 12 and under may come to the chancel area. Parents: If your little one needs some encouragement, please feel free to come and sit with them.*



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PRAYER HYMN:

***“I Sought the Lord”***  
***The Red Hymnal (3 Verses)***

*No. 341*

MORNING PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

*Pastor Bob*

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison):

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE:

**Luke 15:11-32**

THE MESSAGE

***“A Familiar Story”***  
***Reverend Robert Trask, preaching***



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## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### OFFERING CALL

*Please pass the Friendship Pads so all may sign and know with whom they worship today. Please return to the center aisle. Thank you!*

### OFFERTORY:

**“Allegro”** **Georg Phillip Telemann**  
*Cindi Reid, clarinet*  
*Bruce R. Gingrich, Music Director/Organist*

### \*DOXOLOGY:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here be-low;  
praise God a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;  
praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.**

### \*THE OFFERING PRAYER

*Pastor Bob*

## SENDING FORTH THE PEOPLE OF GOD

### \*CLOSING HYMN

**“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations**  
***Red Hymnal 4 Verses***

**No. 569**

### \*BENEDICTION

*Pastor Bob*

### \*MUSICAL RESPONSE TO THE BENEDICTION

**“Go Now in Peace”**

**No. 665**

### \*POSTLUDE:

**“Fanfare & Processional”**  
***Bruce R Gingrich, Director of Music Ministries/Organist***

*Lynn Trapp*



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Office Hours: Monday Thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ *We thank God for your presence this morning with us!* If you are a **visitor or college student**, please fill out one of the **Visitor Cards** found in the attendance pad on the pew at the center aisle and place it in the offering plate. Please feel free to take a **Welcome Brochure**.
- ◆ **Children** are important to us and we strive to include them in worship. Children's activity bags are available from an usher for quiet activity during the service. A children's message is offered during the service, please come forward when invited by the pastor. Also, a staffed nursery is available for children.
- ◆ **Restrooms** are located on the lower level, below the sanctuary, or upstairs in the lobby of Oxford Center (through the door to the left of the chancel). Accessible restrooms are on the first floor (level L) near the elevator.
- ◆ **Personal listening devices are available for the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service!** You may use a headset provided by the church or plug your own headset (with a 1/8" audio jack) into one of the church's portable receivers. Please see an usher for assistance.
- ◆ **Just as a reminder....**we do not send year-end statements to everyone in order to save on postage, but if you would like a report, please contact Melodye McFadden, Financial Administrator and she will gladly send you a 2021 year-end giving statement. Email: [mmcfadden@fumcerie.org](mailto:mmcfadden@fumcerie.org) or call 814-881-2035. THANK YOU!

### **The flower vase on the alter**

is given this week by Bob Rodgers in honor of his wife Rebecca's birthday.



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## Two Week Calendar

January 23, 2022 to February 5, 2022

<i><b>This Week</b></i>				<i><b>Next Week</b></i>			
Jan Sun	23	<p>9:00 am 9:30 am</p> <p>10:30 am 1:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Light for the City Svc.</b> Sunday School- adult &amp; children</p> <p><b>Sanctuary Worship</b> <b>Victory Church/ Oxford</b></p>	Jan Sun	23	<p>9:00 am 9:30 am</p> <p>10:30 am 1:30 pm</p>	<p><b>Light for the City Svc.</b> Sunday School- adult &amp; children</p> <p><b>Sanctuary Worship</b> <b>Victory Church/ Oxford</b></p>
Mon	24	<p>1:00 pm 7:00 pm</p>	Knitting Group Naranon (Wesley)	Mon	24	<p>1:00 pm 7:00 pm</p>	Knitting Group (Naranon (Wesley))
Tue	25	<p>10:00 am 12Noon :00 pm</p>	<p>EHCA Sign Class</p> <p><b>Trustees Meeting</b> NA (Fellowship Hall)</p>	Tue	25	<p>10:00 am 7:00 pm</p>	<p>EHCA Sign Class</p> <p>NA (Fellowship Hall)</p>
Wed	26	<p>10:00 am</p>	Book Study	Wed	26	<p>10:00 am</p>	Book Study
Thu	27	<p>5:30—6:30 pm 7:00 pm</p>	Spaghetti Dinner N/A Fellowship Hall	Thu	27	<p>7:00 pm</p>	N/A Fellowship Hall
Fri	28	<p>7:00 pm</p>	<b>Erie United Methodist Connection Erie Otters Event</b>	Fri	28		
Sat	29			Sat	29		

**Prayer List:**

Mike McCreary, our custodian, (for the recent passing of his father) ; Barb Fish's sister Bunny (recovering from a fall from a horse); Mary Jane Van Voorhis (for medical issues, sister in law of Marilyn Voshall); Ryan Raybuck (medical issues) Priscilla Ferebee (heart issues), Tina Iddings, Valerie Radtke (medical issues). Adam and Amanda Sturgis (Flo Sturgis' grandson and granddaughter -in-law). Ida Sweet and Joyce Mayer (medical issues) Louise Stewart & those suffering from loneliness.

**In the Military:** Michael Reim, Alec Nolan, Cody Nolan, Ben Rea, Dustin Witsch

**Greeters: Brauns Doors: Merritt & Barbara Fish Elevator Entrance: Karen Downs**

<b>10:30 a.m. Worship Volunteers:</b>			<b>Birthdays this week</b>	
	This Week	Next Week	01/25	Alex Cherpak
<b>Liturgist</b>	Fred Erickson	Donna Burkhart	01/25	Charlie McNamara
<b>Acolyte</b>	Megan Whitehill	Azath Siwakoti	01/27	Keith Donati
<b>Projectionist</b>	Elliott Arndt	Azath Siwakoti	01/27	Ruby Hull
<b>Sound</b>	Bob Rodgers	Bob Rodgers		

**Live Stream, Radio Broadcast, DVD, & Podcast:** Worship with us live on-line at 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. at [facebook.com/ERIEFUMC/](https://www.facebook.com/ERIEFUMC/) or after-the-fact on the church's **YouTube** channel. Or listen to the entire 10:30 a.m. service tonight on Gannon radio **WERG 90.5 FM** at 7:00 p.m. also simulcast on the radio station's live web feed. Or receive via mail a **DVD** of the 10:30 a.m. service by contacting the church office. Or listen to recent sermons at anytime on the church's **Podcast page: [fumcerie.podbean.com](http://fumcerie.podbean.com)**.

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