Week 32: Influence

Memory Verse:
“You show that you are Christ’s letter, delivered by us. You weren’t written with ink but with the Spirit of the living God. You weren’t written on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.”
(2 Corinthians 3:3)
Welcome to First Church, we are so happy that you chose to worship with us! Here are some resources available to you this morning:

- **Children’s Activity Packs** are located at the entrance and rear of the sanctuary.
- **Nursery Childcare** (under 3 years of age) is available during services (pagers available at the Check-In Childcare Greeter Desk).
- You are also welcome to bring your infant with you to worship! A **Comfort Corner** is available for your convenience, ask an usher for directions.
- **Wee Worship** (ages 3 to 5) and **Kids Worship** (ages 6 through 5th grade) follow the praise music at the 10:45 service. This program is designed to help children become accustomed to the structure and purpose of worship. Wee Worship is in Room 118 and **Kids Worship is taking a break for the summer**.
- For **Hearing Assistance**, wireless receivers are available. See an usher for assistance.
- **Large Print Hymnals** are available, see an usher for assistance.
- **Seat Cushions** for the wooden pews are available at the Sound Desk located in the rear of the Sanctuary.

Thank you for joining us today and we hope to see you again! Please visit the **Welcome Desk** (located outside the multipurpose room) for more information and to receive a special gift.

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**FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:15 AM**

“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.” ~ I Corinthians 3:11

**Gathering and Praise**

**Prelude** ........................................Prelude on “Come Thou Font of Every Blessing” .......... Gilbert Martin

**Welcome**

**Greeting (Responsively)**

*Leader:* You are the light of the world.

*People:* A city set on a hill can’t be hidden.

*Leader:* Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a basket.

*People:* Instead, they put it on top of a lampstand, and it shines for all who are in the house to see.

*Leader:* In the same way, let your light shine before people,

*People:* so they can see the good things you do and praise your Father who is in heaven.

**Hymn of Praise** ........................................ “Come, Thou Almighty King” ........................................ No. 61

(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)
*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Praise Chorus......................................................“Seek Ye First”.................................................................No. 405

Proclamation and Response

Scripture Lesson........................................2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6.........................................................CEB Page 882
Ministry of Music........................................“There’s No Other Name”......................................................Abby Wertz
Words and Music by Francesca Battistelli
Dan Wertz—Vocal Solo
Seth Wickenheiser—Accompanist

Scripture Reading.....................................Numbers 22:1-28.........................................................CEB Page 120
Sermon.............................................................“The Talking Donkey”............................................Pastor Keller

*Hymn..........................................................“Open My Eyes, That I May See”.................................No. 454

Concerns and Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer (sins)

Offering

Offertory......................................................“Softly and Tenderly”.......................... arr. Chester Norman

*Offering Response...........“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”..............................No. 94

*Offering Prayer

Sending Forth

*Hymn..........................................................“Christ for the World We Sing”.........................................................No. 568

*Offering Response

*Offering Prayer

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Benediction

Postlude..............................................................Improvisation on “St. Agnes”

*Please stand as able.
SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 9:30 AM

❖ Children’s Sunday School ❖

- Classes for 3 year olds to 5th grade are using the Deep Blue Curriculum where kids dive deep into the bible and learn more about God, Jesus, faith and how it all fits together into life today. All classes learn the same bible lesson, but at different levels appropriate for their age.
- Classes for babies and toddlers are located on the first floor of the Children’s Department. Check in with the greeter who will guide you to your child’s room.

❖ Youth Sunday School: 4G ~ Morning Edition ❖

- Youth students will be participating in the Summer Sunday happening in the Multipurpose Room
- UMHC Students: B005

❖ Adult Sunday School ❖

Walk-in visitors and new class members are welcome in all classes.

For information on adult Bible studies held during the week and other small-group opportunities contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com.

- GUYER CLASS (Room 123) - A well-established group of elders in the church who study the United Methodist Quarterly Adult Bible Studies, which are designed as encouragement and instruction in living a life of faith.
- COMBINED ADULT CLASS (Multipurpose Room)

GOSPEL SHAPED OUTREACH

God’s mission of salvation in the world is also our mission! God calls us to proclaim the good news to our family, friends, co-workers and neighbors around the world in a way that brings hope, invites commitment, and makes disciples who follow Jesus.

This summer we will learn together and gain a deep appreciation for the gospel in a manner that we will be EXCITED to share with others! Along the way we will hear from a variety of mission workers that First Church supports. They will be our guest teachers on this adventure, and will share a lesson/presentation that includes thoughts from their own personal experiences in their mission field, so join us for the journey!

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**Guest Speaker: Graham Bowen (Cru)**
CONVERGENT SERVICE ~ 10:45 AM

“Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.”

Gathering and Praise

Greeting

*Hymn of Praise.................. “Open My Eyes, That I May See”........................................ No. 454

*Opening Prayer

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*Praise and Worship

“We Believe”
“Cornerstone”

(During this song, children ages 5 and under are welcome to Wee Worship)

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Praise Song

“God I Look to You”

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (sins)

Offering

Sending Forth

*Closing Song

“You Have Won Me”

*Blessing

*As you feel led, please stand or be seated.
The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Randy Hassinger, placed by Peg Hassinger and family.

Lifelong Learner

Have you accepted the Be One, Make One challenge? Please visit the display in the church lobby for more information on our Bible reading plan, upcoming Bible studies and other opportunities to grow as disciples who make disciples!

The library is having a mini book sale of discards from our shelves. Stop in the library for a chance to buy these great reads, before we offer them at the August 18th yard sale. Each book is just 25 cents and several complete series are available.

A Fall Bible Study on the book of Romans (chapters 9-11) begins August 30. Study focuses on the Sovereignty of God and the past, present and future of God’s people. Thursday morning and evening classes are available. Sign up at the display in our Welcome Center. Workbook Cost is $18. Questions? Contact Juanita Guise at kguise@comcast.net.

Praying Follower

Love & sympathy to the family upon the death of Ken Rapp’s father, Lenny, on August 6th.

Special Circumstances: Harry Woods is at Messiah; Ken Nelson is at Messiah

Recovering at home: Ezra Eckman

In light of seeking leadership to fill open music positions here at First Church, we invite you to join together in praying as we seek God’s wisdom and direction. Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart; don’t rely on your own intelligence. Know him in all your paths, and he will keep your ways straight.” We are excited by the possibilities of how God will continue to shine through the long-time treasure and tradition of beautiful musical offerings in our worship. To God be the glory!

Passionate Worshipper

Join us for our Rejoicing Spirits service August 26 at 4:00 pm. Fellowship with other Rejoicers in the multipurpose room following the service.

12 new cushions for the wooden pews have been placed for the comfort of those who need a softer seat. If you are looking for one, but none are available in the pews, please pick one up next to the Sound Desk in the back of the Sanctuary.
**Dedicated Missionary**

**Grocery Bagging for Bethesda Mission** - Wednesday, August 15th at 6 pm. Join others from First Church at Mission Central. Contact Eric King at eeking@verizon.net for more information.

**Help feed the sheep with Isaiah 61 Ministries** - Wednesday, August 15th at 6 pm. Contact Tiffany Holland at tholland1967@gmail.com for more information.

**Relationship Builder**

**Muffin Monday** – August 13th – 10 a.m. If you enjoy baking, please come to the church kitchen to help bake zucchini and banana muffins! The muffins will be shared with some of our members at home. If you have extra zucchini, please place in the church kitchen marked “Muffin Monday!” Thank you! Questions? Janice Bowen (WeCare@fumchurch.com 717-766-4611 x112)

The widows/widowers group will dine at Rock Bass restaurant on Tuesday, August 14th at 5:30 p.m. If you plan on attending, please contact Bonnie Guyer at 717-766-0145. Transportation will be provided upon request.

**Senior Fellowship** - Tuesday, August 21st 1-3 pm - All senior members are invited for a casual time of fellowship in the Sanctuary Gathering space. Rev. Buddy and Jeanne Eakin-Miller will share about their Mission Trip experiences, and Kristin Brown will present an update on Sierra Leone! Questions? Janice Bowen (WeCare@fumchurch.com 717-766-4611 x112)

**Interested in adopting a college student** and keeping them connected to their First Church family while away at school? Contact Lynn Rapp to adopt one of our remaining students in need of adoption.

**Generous Giver**

**Share the Harvest continues!** Feel free to share your extra flowers, fruits or veggies with others. Bring them to the coffee prep area (turn right at end of Main hallway) anytime this summer. Feel free to help yourself to the garden goodies, if you don’t have a garden. Bags are available at the display. Questions, contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com.

**UMW Yard Sale donation** - The library is taking donations of gently used books, puzzles, dvds and cds—children's or adult's. The week prior to the sale the youth will be accepting gently used household goods for their tables. Sorry, but we can’t accept furniture or electronics. Be sure to mark your calendar for this treasure hunt!

**Calling all bakers!** We are looking for donations of baked goods or home made snacks for the upcoming Bake Sale at the Annual UMW Yard Sale on August 18th. Please bring any of the following items: pies, cakes, cookies, whoopie pies, fudge, sweet breads or Rice Krispie squares to the church kitchen by Friday, August 17 or by 8:30 am on Saturday, August 18. Questions, contact Pat Sheely. Thank you!
Support Missions in Sierra Leone through Boscov’s *Friends Helping Friends*, an opportunity for local non-profit organizations to raise funds by selling shopping passes to the *Friends Helping Friends Day* event on October 16th. For only $5 and you receive a 25% discount shopping pass to use on October 16th. See any team member to purchase your pass or contact the church office at 717-766-4611. Increase your support by purchasing Boscov’s gift cards through the Scrip Program to use when you shop on October 16th.

**Scrip Gift Cards** - It is never too early to start thinking about Christmas shopping. Use gift cards from the Scrip Program to buy your gifts and support First Church ministries. From now through November, proceeds from the purchase of the following cards will support Missions in Sierra Leone.

*Bass Pro Shops, Boscov's, Harry and David, Marshall's/TJ Maxx/Home Goods, Ross Dress for Less, Stein Mart, Cracker Barrel, Olive Garden/Longhorn Steakhouse/Papa John's, Panera Bread, Red Lobster, Texas Roadhouse, Giant Foods, Weis Markets*

Pick up a scrip order form at the Scrip box located in the gathering area by the stairwell or at the Sierra Leone Display in the tower hallway. Place your completed form and payment in the Scrip box in the gathering area.

**Yard Sale:** start collecting items that the youth can sell at the First Church Yard sale on August 18th. The youth table will benefit youth missions. Items can be brought to room 105 starting August 12th.

**The Flower Committee** is in need of large cans for delivering flowers.

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**Children’s Announcements**

**Children's Department Help** – There are many opportunities available! Please check the clipboards under the children's department bulletin board or contact Dawn Fisher or Anna Harris. Even if you can help just one Sunday a month!

**Summer Sunday School** - All children’s Sunday School classes will be held in the first floor children’s hallway Room 118.

**Kid’s Worship** – We will not have Kid’s Worship upstairs until September 9. Please enjoy worship with your family. We will still have Wee Worship and Nursery for the younger children 5 and under.

**Kids Worship Bulletin**- Be sure to have the kids collect a new kid’s worship bulletin at the doors into the sanctuary. It has fun games, puzzles and questions they can use to follow through service. Don’t forget the bucket of crayons too!

**Kid’s Fellowship Lunch at JoJo’s** - Sunday, August 26th at 12:00pm. All 3rd, 4th and 5th graders invited. Join us to learn about this awesome new kid’s fellowship and what our new name will be! We will walk over to JoJo’s after 2nd service, pickup at 2:00pm at the church. Permission slips available at the Children’s Display area.
SUMMER CAMP UPDATE

This week we have no known First Church campers at camp.

However, we will have at least one more camper going in September. As noted before, there may still be time to sign up. Please continue to pray for camps that are occurring this week. Your many prayers and financial gifts have provided an environment where campers and staff experience love and support vital to growing relationships with the Lord.

Ask someone on a previous camp listing to share some of their experiences at camp this year.

p.s. It is never too early to begin looking for day and weekend camp opportunities scheduled for this fall. Remember camping is a year-round experience!

Questions, contact one of our Camp Coordinators:
Deb Noss at sdppp@msn.com or
Amy Ogden at amy.ogden7@gmail.com

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Periphery for the Summer: August 15, 6:00-8:00 at Pleasant View Park.

Stay connected as fall begins! We use Remind to send updates and reminders. Text @4gyo to 81010 to be added to the distribution text for "4G news".

Seniors: Make sure to leave your senior photo on the fridge in the youth lounge and share with Lisa your fall contact information.

Yard Sale: Bring items to sell at the Yard Sale on August 18. The youth table will benefit youth missions. Items can be brought to room 105 starting August 12th. Sign up to help at the sale: timetosignup.com

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Week 33: Theme ~ *Leadership*

Daily Bible Readings

**August 13**  
*Servant Leadership*  
John 13:1-20

**August 14**  
*Shepherding Leadership*  
1 Peter 5:1-10

**August 15**  
*Leading by God’s Direction*  
Exodus 33:7-23

**August 16**  
*Delegating Leadership*  
Exodus 8:7-17; Deuteronomy 1:9-18

**August 17**  
*Giving Encouragement*  
Deuteronomy 4:1-14; Hebrews 3:12-13

**August 18**  
Relax & Reflect

**August 19**  
Worship

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**LEADING IN TODAY’S MORNING WORSHIP**

Preaching...............Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller  
Worship Leader........Rev. John Shellenberger  
Organists...............Frank Heberlig  
Sound & Media ........Fred Espenshade & Michael Garman (8:15);  
                      Fred Espenshade & Holly Kurten (10:45)

**SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP**

Sunday School Greeter.....TBD  
Worship Greeter..........Sandy Walton (8:15); Brandy Zimmerman (10:45)  
Crib/Toddlers:..............TBD (8:15); Marcia Espenshade, Jody Smithmeyer (10:45)  
Wee Worship (10:45) .......Karen Hutter, TBD, Kylee Fisher
# This Week at First Church

## Sunday, August 12
- 8:15 am  Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am  Sunday School (various)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)

## Monday, August 13
- 9:00 am  Squares & Prayers Quilting Circle (FH)
- 10:00 am Zucchini Bread Bake (Kitchen)
- 6:30 pm  Al-Anon (223)
- 6:30 pm  Monday Night Basketball (MP)
- 7:00 pm  Al-Anon (216)

## Tuesday, August 14
- 7:00 pm  Staff/Parish Committee Meeting (207)

## Wednesday, August 15
- 9:30 am  Covered In Love (FH Café)
- 9:30 am  Staff Meeting (207)
- 6:00 pm  LFP Board Meeting (B002)
- 7:00 pm  Worship Planning Meeting (207)
- 7:30 pm  Narcotics Anonymous (FH)

## Thursday, August 16
- 5:30 pm  Guitar Lessons (123)
- 6:30 pm  Knit@Nite (Tower Meeting Room)
- 7:30 pm  Endowment Committee Meeting (MP)

## Friday, August 17
- 12:00 pm  Al-Anon (216)
- 12:00 pm  Church office closes
- 5:00 pm  Third Friday Food Truck Feast (Parking Lot)

## Saturday, August 18
- 8:00 am  Yard, Book & Bake Sale (Parking Lot)

## Sunday, August 19
- 8:15 am  Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am  Sunday School (various)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
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Security Announcement

We are always attentive to matters of safety and security, for the children and youth in particular, but also for adults and for the building itself. If you encounter an unexpected locked door and must walk down a hallway and up a different stairway to reach your destination, remember the children, youth and other adults who share this building with you and know that your mild inconvenience enhances their safety. Please make sure your children and youth are supervised at all times when they are in the church building.