

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

December 1, 2019



“Prepare Him Room: Hopeful Joy”

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

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Sunday Services

Worship: 8:15 AM, 10:45 AM

Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 AM





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 (paggers 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 in Room 216.
- 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.



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."

~ 1 Corinthians 3:11

Prelude

Gathering and Praise

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: God comes! So don't let go of all the reasons to rejoice.

People: **We will sing a song of Advent to the One who fills our lives with joy.**

Leader: God comes! So don't stop lifting your prayers with thanksgiving.

People: **We will sing a song of Advent, to the One who hears our words and silence.**

Leader: God comes! So don't stop giving your hearts to God.

People: **We will sing a song of Advent to the One who graces us with a peace we cannot begin to understand.**

*Opening Hymn “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus” No. 196
(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

*Lighting of the First Candle of Advent

*Hymn of Response “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” No. 206 v. 1

Proclamation and Response

*Scripture Reading Romans 13: 11-14 (CEB)

Anthem “Bring Us Hope” Sounds of Worship
arr. Ruth Elaine Schram Janice Bowen, cello

*Scripture Reading Isaiah 2: 1-5 (CEB)

Sermon “Prepare Him Room: Hopeful Joy” Pastor Denny

Invitation

Confession and Pardon No. 12

Passing the Peace

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

*Offering Response “Emmanuel, Emmanuel” No. 204

*Offering Prayer

Thanksgiving and Communion

The Great Thanksgiving for Advent

The Lord’s Prayer (sins)

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

(Gluten-free wafers can be found in the center of the bread plate)

Sending Forth

*Closing Hymn “Joy to the World” No. 246

*Blessing

**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 ☪

- **Middle School and High School:** Join us in the MultiPurpose room to hear a presentation from our CRU missionaries.

☪ Adult Sunday School ☪

Walk-in visitors and new class members are always welcome!

- **GROWING IN CHRIST** (Room B004) - A class for people of all ages/stages of faith that engages in short-term studies intended to create fruitful conversation of Christian principles. Currently studying "Anxious for Nothing" by Max Lucado. This study focuses on Philippians 4:4-8, which contains an antidote for anxiety that will help you take control of your thoughts and rest in the peace of God. Contact Tina Eaton for more details.
- **FAITH IN EVERYDAY LIFE** (B006) - A class that focuses on fellowship and friendship. Class members share in leading reflections on Scripture and discussion of contemporary topics. Currently studying "Fresh Expressions: A New Kind of Methodist Church for People Not in Church". All are invited to join in this Bible study and conversation! Contact Jenell Paris for more details.
- **FAITHFUL FAMILIES** (Room B005) - This class is made up of parents who are in the child-raising stage of life, and who enjoy discussion-based Bible studies related to living a faithful, Christ-centered life. Contact Bob Wertz, Jr. for more details.
- **CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** (Room 223) - A multi-generational adult class that selects short-term studies which generate challenging discussion of Christian principles. Come join us as we study about Paul's mission trips to Athens and Corinth through the latest 5 part DVD series led by Ray Vander Laan, titled "Cultures in Conflict". Contact Mark or Nancy Rouch for more details.
- **HELPING HANDS CLASS** (Room 105) - A group of active seniors who focus on studies designed to provide encouragement and instruction on living a life of faith. Interactive studies and discussions are led by several class members. Also, class members enjoy many Christian social activities together. Contact Sue Chilton for more details.
- **GUYER CLASS** (Room 123) - A well-established group of elders in the church who study together using the United Methodist Quarterly Adult Bible Study lessons. Each lesson is focused on scripture, and encourages participants to live a faith-filled life. Contact John Nesbit for more details

*For information on adult **Bible studies** held during the week and other **small-group opportunities** contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com or call the church office at 717-766-4611.*



CONVERGENT SERVICE ~ 10:45 AM

Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways."

Gathering and Praise

Welcome

*Praise and Worship

"Even So Come"

"Shout to the Lord"

"What a Beautiful Name"

Lighting of the First Candle of Advent

(Children are dismissed to Wee Worship and Kids Worship)

Proclamation and Response

Scripture Reading

Romans 13: 11-14 (CEB)

Isaiah 2: 1-5 (CEB)

Sermon

"Prepare Him Room: Hopeful Joy"

Pastor Denny

Invitation

Confession and Pardon

*Passing the Peace

The Offering

Thanksgiving and Communion

Communion Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

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Sending Forth

*Worship Song

"Joy to the World"

*Benediction

**As you feel led, please stand or be seated.*



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

December 1, 2019

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Harold & Doris Zimmerman and Merle & Della Zimmerman placed by the family.

Lifelong Learner

New Bible Reading Plans for Advent are available at the Welcome Center display. Pick yours up today! Need a bible? You can also pick one up at the display. Large-print versions are available.

All are invited to a special **Cru mission presentation** TODAY from 9:30 - 10:30 am in the multipurpose room! Come to hear from Matt and LeeAnn Herring, Jenna Mengle and Graham Bowen regarding their overseas mission and their work to connect people to Jesus at West Chester, Eastern and Cheyney Universities.

Three new 4-week Advent studies are being offered - all are welcome to attend!

- **The Redemption of Scrooge** - based on the Charles Dickens story, "A Christmas Carol" this study explores the world of Ebenezer Scrooge, Tiny Tim, and the Cratchits from a Christian faith perspective. Begins December 8 in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour.
- **Light of the World** - Biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the story of the birth of Jesus. Join her as she traces through the stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem, the Magi and more! Begins December 8 in room B006 during the Sunday School hour.
- **Let Heaven and Nature Sing** - a Tuesday "Lunch & Learn" with Pastor John on December 3, 10 and 17. Based on our Advent sermon series, come to study under the balcony in the sanctuary at 11 am, then enjoy a "dutch treat" lunch at noon.

Praying Follower

Is there someone you are praying for or haven't seen at church for a while? Is there someone in our church family celebrating a special anniversary or birthday? Someone you want to thank or someone who is sick? Visit the **new card carousel** at the Welcome Center display, pick out a card and send it off with your caring thoughts today!

Passionate Worshipper

New Sermon Series for Advent - "Heaven and Nature Sing" - a sermon series based on the beloved Christmas classic, "Joy to the World", which is turning 300 years old this year! Receiving Divine inspiration for these lyrics from Psalm 98, composer Isaac Watts calls us to sing a "new song" in celebration of the coming of the Lord into the world. Come to discover the depths of JOY we proclaim whenever we sing these ancient words!

TODAY	1st Sunday of Advent	“Prepare Him Room: Hopeful Joy”
December 8	2nd Sunday of Advent	“Repeat the Sounding Joy: Loving Joy”
December 15	3rd Sunday of Advent	“Make the Blessing Known: Unabashed Joy”
December 22	4th Sunday of Advent	“Make the Nations Prove: Peaceful Joy”
December 24	Christmas Eve	“The Lord is Come: Incarnate Joy”
December 29	1st Sunday after Christmas	“Wonders of His Love: Compassionate Joy”

Join us for our **Rejoicing Spirits** service every 4th Sunday of the month at 4:00 pm. Fellowship with other Rejoicers in the multipurpose room following the service.

If you are grieving this holiday season and missing your loved ones or experiencing loss of any kind, please join us for a **Service of Remembrance and Hope** TONIGHT at 7pm. During this time we will gather to remember and honor the memory of cherished family and friends. Questions? Contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112 for more information.

LFPS invites all church members to its annual **Christmas Concert** featuring the angelic voices of all the little children of our school, from age 18 months through age 5 years! Thursday, December 19th, 9:15 am in the Sanctuary. Come support our Little Friends as they lift up their voices to praise God’s name!

Dedicated Missionary

Monthly Mission Opportunities:

FUMC grocery bagging for Bethesda Mission Outreach at Mission Central on the third Wednesday each month at 6 pm. Contact Eric King with questions.

Help feed the sheep with Isaiah 61 Ministries also is the third Wednesday of the month at 6 pm. Contact Tiffany Holland at tholland1967@gmail.com for more information.

The Sierra Leone Mission Team still has a few “Together in Taiama 2020” t-shirts left. The sign up form is in the binder at the Welcome Desk, or ask a member for one.

Relationship Builder

The **widows/widowers fellowship** will dine at the Boiling Springs Tavern on Tuesday, December 10th at 12:30 p.m. If you plan on attending, please contact Bonnie Guyer at (717) 766-0145. Transportation can be provided upon request.

Ruth Circle will meet on Wednesday, December 4 at 11:15 am at Hoss’s for lunch followed by our regular meeting. Please call Janet Baker if you will not be attending.

Attention Veterans! In seeking information for our First Church Honor Wall (located at the Frederick Street entrance), we are asking for all past and present Veterans (and their family members) to visit the display outside the multipurpose room and enter the following information in our Ledger: Name, Dates of Service, and Branch of Military. Thank you for helping us give our Veterans the honor they so deserve! If you have questions or a Veteran picture to share, please contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4166, ext. 112.

Interested in connecting with one of our college freshmen? Consider adopting a student for their college time. Contact Lynn Rapp at minion.youth17@gmail.com for more info.

Generous Giver

Calling all bakers! The youth are still in need of cookies for the annual Cookie Walk on December 14th. Please help us with this youth mission trip fundraiser and fill out a cookie donation sheet found in the main lobby. Let us know by today if you can bake.

The **Neighborhood Center Angel Tree** is out and this year we have three families with a total of eight children. Take an ornament and bring back the gift unwrapped by December 8th. If there is a large gift, Sunday School classes or groups can go together for a gift. There will be a bin in the hall beside the tree to deposit your gifts. Thank you for blessing these children with your gifts.

The **New Hope Ministries** Christmas tree is in the Narthex. You are invited to take an ornament, shop, and return the unwrapped gift to the box along side the Christmas tree.

LFPS is currently having a **Sub/Pretzel Sandwich sale and a Soup sale** through December 3. Grab some easy dinner options to get your family through the busy holiday season! Order forms for each sale are in the binder at the Welcome Desk. Delivery of both items (R&K subs and frozen Country View Grocery soups) will be Tuesday, December 10, after 11 am. Make checks out to LFPS and place in the tuition lockbox located near the sofas in the Children's Wing lobby.

Alter flowers are still needed for Sunday, August 2, 2020. Please contact Marty Otto at 717-462-4198 if interested in having flowers placed in the church in memory of your loved ones.

CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wonderful Wednesday- December 4th, 4:45pm-7:00pm. Dinner: Family Christmas Dinner! Ham and Salad provided, bring a covered dish to share. The Big Idea: God is great, so we should give Him all the glory.

Wanted: Recycled Gifts – For our Wonderful Wednesday Christmas Shop. If you have mugs, candles, ornaments, or other small gift items, please drop them off in the tower hallway by TODAY. Thank you!

Night in Bethlehem – Sunday, December 8th, 4:00-4:45pm preview for special needs families; 5:15-7:30pm for all families. Families are invited to come and experience life as it was when Jesus was born.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Join us Sunday evenings for 4G! 6th-12th graders are invited to meet in the youth lounge on Sunday evenings from 6:15-8:15 as we GATHER together to GAIN from the Bible as we GROW into more committed followers of Jesus and GIVE ourselves to His kingdom purposes (4G is tonight)

Monday Night Football: meets from 8-10 at Mark and Cheryl Mengle's house on Monday nights.

Winter Retreat Participants: watch email for details on packing and transportation for this weekend.

4G Next Week (Dec 8): sign up at www.timetosignup.com/kidscount to help with the Mission Meal and Night in Bethlehem.

Cookie Walk - Sign up to help sell cookies at the Cookie Walk on December 14 at www.timetosignup.com/kidscount

Zeteo: Still interested in attending this winter high school conference Jan 30-Feb 2? The next deadline to register is December 22nd.

Mission Trip: Are you interested in being a part of the summer 2020 youth mission team serving in Harrisburg from June 28-July 3? If so grab an information packet and registration form today. Deadline is Dec 15.

Advent & Christmas Services and Event Schedule

December 1 – 1st Sunday in Advent

Worship, Holy Communion 8:15 & 10:45 am

Service of Hope and Remembrance 7 pm

December 8 – 2nd Sunday in Advent

Worship 8:15 am & 10:45 am

Night in Bethlehem 4:00 & 5:15 pm

December 14

Marketplace of Miracles/Cookie Walk 10:00 am - 1:00 pm in the multipurpose room

December 15 – 3rd Sunday in Advent

Worship 8:15 am & 10:45 am

Christmas Caroling 5:30 pm

December 16

Handbell and Harp Concert, 7 pm, Fredericksen Library in Camp Hill

December 19

Little Friend's Nursery School Christmas Program 9:15 am

December 22 – 4th Sunday in Advent

Worship 8:15 am & 10:45 am

Christmas Eve Worship Services

5 pm ~ *Family Service* ~ Designed for families of all ages, but especially sensitive to families with young children. Join Pastor Denny by the fireplace and hear the story of our Savior's birth. Service will conclude with candle lighting.

8 pm ~ *Service of Christmas Eve Simplicity* ~ Designed as a quiet, prayerful service for individuals and families. Simplicity marks this service with instrumental music, Communion, Prayer Time and a brief candle lighting service.

11 pm ~ *Festival Service of Light and Wonder* ~ Includes Holy Communion, lessons and carols, music by our choirs, and candle-lighting.

Weekly Bible Readings:

Week of December 2



Monday	Isaiah 11: 1-10
Tuesday	Psalm 72: 1-7
Wednesday	Psalm 72: 18-19
Thursday	Romans 15: 4-13
Friday	Matthew 3: 1-12
Saturday	Rest and Reflect

Sunday ***“Repeat the Sounding Joy:
Loving Joy”***

LEADING IN TODAY’S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching Rev. Dennis Keller

Worship Leader Rev. John Shellenberger

Acolytes TBD

Accompanist Caleb Flick

Sound & Media Bob Bittenbender and Ron Nichols (8:15); Ron Nichols and TBD (10:45)

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Greeter TBD (8:15); Eve Kellenberger (10:45)

Crib/Toddlers: Lora Bourgeois, Sarah Jones (8:15); Karen Smith, Janet Almond (10:45)

Wee Worship (10:45) Deb Karns, Deb Ferguson, Liam Smith

Kids Worship (10:45) Janice and John Bowen, Leah Krnjaic

This Week at First Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Various Sunday School Classes
- 9:30 am CRU Mission Update Presentation (MP)
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 8:00 am LFPS
- 9:00 am Squares and Prayers Quilting (FH)
- 10:00 am Christmas Decorating (Sanctuary)
- 11:30 am LFPS - Lunch Bunch (MP/120)
- 6:30 pm Handbells (Music Room)
- 6:30 pm Monday Night Basketball (MP)
- 7:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 7:00 pm West Shore Symphony Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 8:00 pm Youth Monday Night Football (Offsite)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 8:00 am LFPS
- 10:00 am Christmas Decorating (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 am LFPS Photos with Santa (Various)
- 11:30 am LFPS - Lunch Bunch (MP/120/218)
- 4:30 pm Independent Living Class (FH/B003/B004)
- 5:30 pm Zumba Fitness (MP/B003)
- 7:00 pm Sound/Media Team Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm Mission Committee Meeting (207)
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting (B004)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 8:00 am LFPS
- 9:00 am Staff Meeting (207)
- 9:30 am Covered In Love (FH Café)
- 11:30 am LFPS Lunch Bunch (MP/120)
- 4:45 pm Wonderful Wednesday (Various)
- 7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous (FH)
- 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 8:00 am LFPS
- 11:30 am LFPS Lunch Bunch (MP/120)
- 1:00 pm Zumba Fitness (MP/B003)
- 2:30 pm Studio 1 Percussion (Sanctuary)
- 5:30 pm Guitar Lessons (123)
- 6:30 pm Worship Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 pm Sounds of Worship Rehearsal (Sanctuary/B024)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 8:00 am LFPS
- 12:00 pm Al-Anon (216)
- 5:30 pm Youth Winter Retreat (Offsite)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

- Youth Winter Retreat (Offsite)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- 8:15 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am Various Sunday School Classes
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 pm Youth Worship Practice (B024/Sanctuary/Youth Lounge)
- 6:15 pm 4G Youth Group (Youth Lounge)
- 5:15 pm Night In Bethlehem (Sanctuary)



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