

Welcome to

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors

November 21, 2021



The One Who Returned

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“The One Who Returned”

135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg

717-766-4611

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

"Fairest Lord Jesus" - arr. Ruth Schram

Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsively)

Opening Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth" - No. 92

Unison Prayer

Ministry of Music

"A Thanksgiving Prayer"

Scripture

Luke 17: 11-19 (CEB)

Sermon

"The One Who Returned" – Pastor Denny

Hymn of Response

"Now Thank We All Our God" - No. 102

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"Crown Him With Many Crowns" - No. 327

Benediction

Postlude

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" - arr. Mark Hayes

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader Al Robinson

Worship Team Sounds of Worship Choir, Karen Philp

Sound & Media Fred Espenshade, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten, Ken Rapp



THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship
"Majesty"
"Crown Him (Majesty)"

Scripture
Luke 17: 11-19 (CEB)

Sermon
"The One Who Returned" - Pastor Denny

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship
"The Blessing"

Benediction

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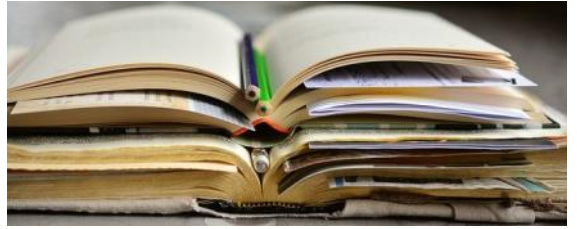
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Worship Team Dave Florey, John Gross, Emily Hammaker, Ellen Hill,
..... Jason Kichline, Sarah Pugh

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Weekly Bible Readings

Week of November 21



Sunday

“The One Who Returned”

Monday

Joel 2:21-27

Tuesday

Psalms 126

Wednesday

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Thursday

Matthew 6:25-33

Thanksgiving Day

Friday

Matthew 1:2-3a, 16

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

“The One Who Returned”

“Jesus, Master, show us mercy!”

1. The one who returned **remembered the trouble** he was in.

When Jesus saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” As they left, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw that he had been healed, returned and praised God with a loud voice. (Luke 17:14-15 CEB)

Jesus replied, “Weren’t ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? No one returned to praise God except this foreigner?” (Luke 17:17-18 CEB)

“I’m going to get on with my life.”

When you have eaten your fill, be sure to praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. But that is the time to be careful! Beware that in your plenty you do not forget the LORD your God and disobey his commands, regulations, and decrees that I am giving you today. (Deuteronomy 8:10-11 NLT)

2. The one who returned **valued God’s grace** in his life.

*He fell on his face at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. He was a Samaritan.
(Luke 17:16 CEB)*

He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along. (Psalm 40:2 CEB)

3. The one who returned **was made whole**.

Then Jesus said to him, “Get up and go. Your faith has healed you.” (Luke 17:19 CEB)



First News First

Weekly Edition

Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors

November 21, 2021

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mary M. Florey, placed by the family.



Lifelong Learner

Interested in taking a **first step** to grow in your faith? Try our **daily Bible reading plan**, which is customized to go along with our weekly sermons! Find it in this bulletin or on our church website, fumchurch.com. Looking to add additional faithful **steps beyond** that? Consider these opportunities to deepen your journey with Jesus – newcomers are welcome to any group at any time!

- **Sunday School Enrichment** - The start time for all of these Sunday morning groups is **9:45 am**.
 - o **Faith in Everyday Life** - Meets in room 207, targets 30-50something
Contact: Jenell Paris at jparis@messiah.edu
A group focused on fellowship and friendship/mutual support in and outside the classroom. Class members share in leading reflections and discussions based on Scripture.
 - o **Growing in Christ** - Hybrid (meets both on zoom and in-person in room 105), targets adults all ages/stages of faith
Contact: Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com
All are invited to come and trace the steps of Jesus through Israel and explore the major themes of the Gospel of Mark. Study runs through December 19. Contact Tina for Zoom link or drop by in-person anytime!
 - o **Christian Fellowship** - Meets in room B003, targets adults all ages/stages of faith
Contact: Wayde Leister at waydeleister@outlook.com
A caring group, eager to apply God's Word to life's challenges. Enjoys short-term Bible studies that challenge and inspire.
 - o **Faithful Families** - Meets in room B005, targets parents
Contact: Bob and Tracy Wertz at wertzfive@gmail.com
An active group of parents with older school-aged and young adult children who study Scripture, encourage one another, and celebrate life together in and out of the classroom.
 - o **Helping Hands** - Meets in room B004, targets primarily 60+
Contact: Bob Wertz, Sr. at robert_wertz@plantsitelogistics.com
A group of active seniors who focus on studies which provide encouragement and instruction on faithful living, and who enjoy fellowship activities together outside of class.
 - o **Guyer Class** - Meets in room 123, targets primarily 70+
Contact: Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com
A lecture-based class, taught by a variety of church leaders, is comprised of a group of elders in the church who use the United Methodist quarterly adult Bible lessons.
- **Additional Learning/Growth Opportunities**
 - o **Wednesday Men's Group** – Currently studying "The Book of James For Men" by Vince Miller, the founder of Resolute, a mentoring ministry for men of all ages/stages of life (visit beresolute.org for

more information). Meets in-person at the home of Barry Eaton at 8:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Contact Barry at 1785eaton@gmail.com if interested.

- o **MOPS** – A group for mothers of young children that meets to embrace the journey together once a month from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Wednesday evenings. Next meeting is November 17. Registration is \$32.00 (covers full year of special guest speakers/dinner, scholarships available). Additional outings with kids scheduled throughout the year! Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com for more details.
- o **Thursday Bible Study** – Led by Juanita Guise, meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm on zoom. Come to study the topic of holy living in, “Live Like You Belong to God”. Contact Juanita at kguise@comcast.net for more details and to order your study book (or order for \$7.99 at shop.precept.org).
- o **Monday Men’s Bible Study** – Led by Ken Guise, meets on Monday evenings at 6:45 pm on zoom. Currently working on “The Key to Living by Faith”, a study of the book of Hebrews. Contact Ken Guise at guiseken100@gmail.com for more details and the zoom link.



Praying Follower

Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation: Steve Almond

Green Prayer Cards are available at each sanctuary entrance upon arrival for worship. We invite you to take a card to share your joys and concerns with us. Please place them in the designated basket (along with the pen) as you leave worship. You can also use this [google link](#) to share your joys and concerns with us, or share your prayer requests by contacting Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112.

November Prayer Challenge – 30 Days of Gratitude

During this Thanksgiving season, let’s practice the spiritual discipline of gratitude together! *Revive our Hearts* has an easy to use guide for a 30-Day Gratitude Challenge, so why not give it a try? Go to reviveourhearts.com/articles/growing-in-gratitude-a-30-day-challenge to get your copy of the guide, or pick up a copy at the prayer display under the balcony at church. Each day you will be challenged to grow in gratitude through the devotional challenges.

We encourage you to take notice of what God does in your heart over this next month. If you would like a journal to keep track of your progress, you can pick up a blank journal at the display too. Cultivating a heart of gratitude is the beginning of your journey to joy! Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com if you have questions or would like to share any stories about how this challenge has blessed you!



Passionate Worshipper

Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on December 12 and 19. You have the option of purchasing a poinsettia for \$9.50 or giving a monetary gift in memory/honor of your loved one. For more details and the order form, see page 10 of the bulletin. Orders are due to the church office by November 26. Questions? Contact Ellen Hill at office@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611.

If you are grieving this holiday season....missing your loved ones, experiencing loss and isolation....please join us for worship and reflection to remember and honor the memory of cherished family and friends at our

Service of Remembrance and Hope. For those desiring in-person worship, we will gather in the sanctuary at on Sunday, December 5 at 4:00pm. (The service will be recorded and available afterward for virtual viewing from home.) Contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611 x112 or wecare@fumchurch.com) for more information.

Join us and invite others to worship from home with us any day of the week! All worship services are posted on our church website, fumchurch.com. Sing, pray, hear the message proclaimed and respond through your weekly giving. If you, or someone you know, are unable to access the online worship service, please contact Janice Bowen at wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611 x112 for other ways to connect with our worship.



Dedicated Missionary

Change for Water - Help support the Well Drilling Fund by dropping your loose change, even bills, into the blue "Change for Water" bucket in the Main Entrance hallway. 100% of donations go to training and digging wells for schools/communities in Sierra Leone.

Thanks for your support of the **Little Free Pantry** on our property. Please consider helping to stock our pantry during this difficult time for families. If you or your group would like to sign up, see the available months [here](#). Please be sure to place items that are not expired or near expiration. A list of suggestions for the spring/summer months can be found [here](#). Thanks for sharing and caring for our community! Questions about the Little Free Pantry, contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com.

FUMC Ministry and Employment Opportunity

First United Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg is seeking a full-time Director of Children and Family Ministry. This person will be responsible for the overall vision and implementation of the faith development of children (birth through 5th grade), in partnership with their families. Education related to children and/or family ministry, or applicable experience is required. To view the full job description, visit the church website at fumchurch.com or <https://fumchurch.com/director-of-children-and-family-ministry/>. Please submit resumes to office@fumchurch.com or to Ellen Hill, Office Manager, at 135 W. Simpson St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.



Relationship Builder

Christmas Elves are needed to help **decorate our Sanctuary** on Monday, November 29, starting at 9:00 a.m. Feel free to show up or if you have any questions, contact Steve Zimmerman at 717-697-0177.

Hospitality takes many forms and extends beyond Sunday mornings! How can we practice "purposeful hospitality" this Thanksgiving season? We can reach out to those individuals who may be feeling lonely or isolated or are perhaps experiencing the recent loss of a loved one. Open your table, listen and share, do something with the leftovers! And don't let your hospitality end when the meal is over!

Ministry Safe Training- Anyone working with children or youth in any capacity is required to complete the new online Safe Sanctuary training. You will receive an email with a link to the training and it will appear as it is coming from Pastor Denny. Questions can be directed to kidscount@fumchurch.com.



Generous Giver

Christmas is just around the corner! First Church will once again be collecting **Christmas Gifts for New Hope Ministries Christmas Blessings Express**. Visit the table outside the multipurpose room to pick up and to locate the Scrip order form for gift cards for New Hope. See details [here](#). Questions? Contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com.

We encourage you to continue to respond through your weekly giving. **Offerings** can be mailed in to the church office. Now is also a great time to sign up for electronic giving! Please contact the church office at office@fumchurch.com with any questions or for more information.

CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sunday Childcare Help Needed!!- Your help is needed for many openings in the Children's Department for the fall. All services! Please prayerfully consider offering your help just one Sunday a month to spend some time and get to know the children of First Church. Please email kidscount@fumchchurch.com to sign up.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help us connect with you! Watch these platforms and your emails for opportunities to connect and learn with others!

- Instagram: [fouryouthministry](#)
- FB page: 4G - First United Methodist Youth Group
- Remind text list - Text @4Gyo to 81010

Honor your loved ones this Christmas

Poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on **December 12 and 19**. You have the option of purchasing a poinsettia for **\$9.50** or giving a monetary gift in memory/honor of your loved one. Gift donations will be forwarded to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

Please complete the form below, indicating the number of “plants” or “gifts” and place it in the offering baskets or send it to Ellen Hill in the church office by **November 26**.

If you plan to worship in-person on Sunday, December 26, plants may be picked up after the service. If you are unable to attend worship in-person, other arrangements to pick up your plant can be made by contacting the church office. Plants not claimed by December 31 will be disposed of. If you are not planning on taking your poinsettia please consider a monetary gift instead.

POINSETTIA OR GIFT ORDER FORM

Please indicate below, in the correct section, the number of plants and/or gifts that you are giving and who they are being given in memory/honor of.

1. Number of plants _____

Please circle whichever is appropriate: In Memory of / In Honor of

Name(s): _____

2. Number of Gifts _____

Please circle whichever is appropriate: In Memory of / In Honor of

Name(s): _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Placed by: _____

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