

*Welcome to*  
**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
*Opening Doors with Christ, One Another, and Our Neighbors*  
*January 9, 2022*

*you*  
are the body



***“You Are the Body: God’s Beloved”***

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# FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:30 AM

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

*"Spirit of God" - No. 2117*

Opening Prayer

Praise Chorus

*"Sweet Sweet Spirit" - No. 334*

The Gospel

*Luke 3:15-22 (NRSV)*

Ministry of Music

*"Down to the River to Pray" - arr. Jay Althouse*

Sermon

***You** Are the Body: God's Beloved" - Pastor Denny*

Prayer Hymn

*"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" - No. 420*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

*"Spirit Song" - No. 347*

Benediction

Postlude

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## LEADING IN WORSHIP

*Preaching*..... Pastor Dennis Keller

*Worship Leader* ..... Al Robinson

*Worship Team* ..... Caleb Flick, Sounds of Worship Choir

*Sound & Media* ..... Michael Garman, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten, Ron Nichols



# THE GATHERING SERVICE ~ 11:00 AM

Welcome

Praise and Worship

*"Reckless Love"*

*"Run to the Father"*

The Gospel

*Luke 3:15-22 (NRSV)*

Sermon

*"You Are the Body: God's Beloved" - Pastor Denny*

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship

*"In Christ Alone"*

Benediction

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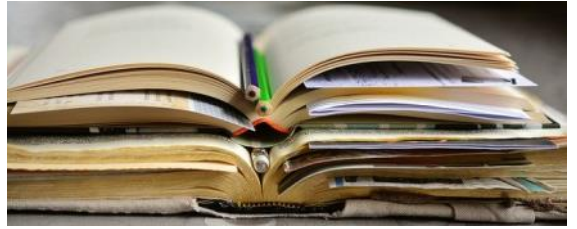
*Worship Leader* ..... George Canonizado

*Worship Team* ..... George Canonizado, Dave Florey, Emily Hammaker, John Gross,  
..... Allison Ometz

*Sound & Media* ..... Michael Garman, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten, Ron Nichols

## Weekly Bible Readings

Week of January 9



***Sunday***

***“You Are the Body: God’s Beloved***

Monday

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Tuesday

Psalm 29

Wednesday

Psalm 36

Thursday

John 2: 1-11

Friday

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

# ***“You Are the Body: God’s Beloved”***

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Now ***you are the body*** of Christ and individually members of it. (1 Corinthians 12:27)

“What does it look like for ***you*** to be the body of Christ ***now?***”

1. Wade into the water with ***all*** the people.

Now when ***all the people*** were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized...  
(Luke 3:21a)

Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which He looks  
Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are His body.  
Christ has no body now but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
compassion on this world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.  
— St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582)

2. Hold on to God in ***prayer***.

...and was ***praying***, the heaven was opened, and the ***Holy Spirit*** descended upon him in  
bodily form like a dove. (Luke 3:21b-22a)

Now during those days ***he went out to the mountain to pray***; and he spent the night in  
***prayer*** to God. (Luke 6:12)

And while he was ***praying***, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became  
dazzling white. (Luke 9:29)

*He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “**Lord, teach us to pray**, as John taught his disciples.” (Luke 11:1)*

*All these were **constantly devoting themselves to prayer**, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. (Acts 1:14)*

### 3. Embrace your identity as **God’s beloved**.

*And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved;<sup>j</sup> with you I am well pleased.” (Luke 3:22b)*

**agapatos**

=one who is loved, “beloved”

“When God called Jesus his beloved, Jesus did something truly remarkable. He believed God. Jesus lived every moment of his life fully convinced of his identity. And unlike every other person in history...Jesus never forgot. — Jonathan Martin, *The Prototype*



# First News First

# Weekly Edition

*Opening doors with Christ, one another and our neighbors*

## January 9, 2022

The **altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Elizabeth C. Brandt, placed by C. Richard Brandt, II.



### 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](http://fumchurch.com). Looking to add additional faithful **steps beyond** that? Consider these opportunities – 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 a.m.**
  - **Faith in Everyday Life** - Meets in room 207, targets 30-50somethings  
Contact: Jenell Paris at [iparis@messiah.edu](mailto:iparis@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.
  - **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](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com)  
**New 7-week study of 1 Peter starts January 16.** Join us as we walk through this short letter and discover the importance of our witness in this world. Drop in or contact Tina at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) for zoom link.
  - **Christian Fellowship** – Meets in room B003, targets adults all ages/stages of faith  
Contact: Wayde Leister at [waydeleister@outlook.com](mailto: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.
  - **Faithful Families** - Meets in room B005, targets parents  
Contact: Bob and Tracy Wertz at [wertzfive@gmail.com](mailto: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.
  - **Helping Hands** - Meets in room B004, targets primarily 60+  
Contact: Bob Wertz, Sr. at [robert\\_wertz@plantsitelogistics.com](mailto: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.
  - **Guyer Class** - Meets in room 123, targets primarily 70+  
Contact: Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto: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**
  - **First Step Gathering:** All newcomers are invited to attend a special gathering on January 23 from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Denny and the staff are looking forward to connecting

with you to share more about the many ministries and missions of First Church. Contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) if interested in attending.

- o **Next Step - New Member Class:** Our next 4-week new member class will be held in Fellowship Hall from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. beginning February 6. Contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) if you have questions or are interested in attending.
- o **New Bible Study for women!** "Jesus in Me: Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion" by Anne Graham Lotz. 8-week study begins January 12 over lunchtime from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. under the balcony in the church sanctuary. Contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) for more details and workbook, which is just \$10 (scholarships available).
- o **MOPS** – A group for mothers of young children that meets once a month, 6:00 to 8:15 p.m. 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](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) for more details.



### [Praying Follower](#)

**Our love and sympathy** to the family and friends of Milt Dougherty who passed away on January 4, 2021.

**Hospitalized:** Peg Hassinger

**Recovering at Home/Rehabilitation:** Caroline Brown, Tracy Rainelli

**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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x112.



### [Passionate Worshipper](#)

**Current Sermon Series: “You Are the Body”** - Wise men from the East came to Jerusalem asking, *“Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we have observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.”* They see something of significance in the baby in Bethlehem, even when many of those closest don’t see it. Like the wise men, we who have seen the light of Christ are called to reflect it so that others see Christ through our loving presence. As we begin 2022, you are invited to journey with us through our daily Bible readings and Sunday worship services. We are guided by Paul’s instructions in 1 Corinthians 12-15 to let the light of Christ shine around us and in us, and then through us to a world yearning for the love that *“never ends.”* (1 Corinthians 13:8). **You** are the Body of Christ.

We have several **openings in 2022** for Sundays needing **altar flowers:** January 23 and 30, April 10, July 10 and November 6. Please contact Gretchen Nesmith at [gnesmith@comcast.net](mailto:gnesmith@comcast.net) or 717-691-9199 if you are interested in putting flowers on the altar for one of these Sundays.

**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](http://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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611 x112 for other ways to connect with our worship.





## *Dedicated Missionary*

**Collection for Women Refugees:** The Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church is working with the International Service Center to support Afghan families that are coming to our area. In response to the needs of these families, the United Methodist Women at First Church will be collecting items to support the women. We will be collecting the following items during the month of January: ***shampoo, conditioner, body wash, feminine hygiene products (such as maxi pads, panty shields, etc.)***. Look for the collection boxes at the Alley Entrance and outside the Multipurpose Room starting this Sunday! Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle, UMW president, at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com).

**In response to the recent tornadoes in the mid-west, we encourage you to give to our partner organizations, Mission Central and UMCOR.** Mission Central is standing by to send needed items to the affected communities. You can support that effort by making a donation to Mission Central [here](#). You can also give to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), in which 100% of your donation reaches the chosen mission project. Find the link to make a donation [here](#). If you would like to give through our church, please indicate on your check if you would like it to go to Mission Central or UMCOR. Join us as we continue to keep these families and communities in prayer. Questions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com).

Are you looking for the **collection containers for eye glasses, Squares & Prayers quilting kits/ donations and more?** Check out our central collection station outside of our library (conveniently located by the alley entrance so you can easily drop off donations on Sunday mornings when you come for worship). Thank you!

**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. If you or your group would like to sign up, see the available months on the Time to Sign Up at [tsu.me/ryyuur](https://tsu.me/ryyuur). Thanks for sharing and caring for our community! Questions or for a list of donation suggestions, contact Lori Hoffnagle at [outreach@fumchurch.com](mailto:outreach@fumchurch.com).

## **FUMC Ministry and Employment Opportunity**

First Church 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](http://fumchurch.com). Please submit resumes to [office@fumchurch.com](mailto:office@fumchurch.com) or to Ellen Hill, Office Manager, at 135 W. Simpson St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.



## *Relationship Builder*

As we enter into the New Year, it is more important than ever to show **EXTRAVAGANT HOSPITALITY** to those both inside our church doors and to the community beyond! Wearing your nametag inside the church building helps newcomers to get to know others and feels very welcoming! But we must remember to

focus outside our building as well...to extend our hospitality into our community. The Lewis Center for Church Leadership suggests that one important way to do this is to get to know the community surrounding the church ~ walk the streets and observe how the community is changing, assess the community needs and determine how we can serve those needs and, most importantly, be attuned to where God is already at work in our community!

**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](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com).

**Women's Retreat, February 5, 2022.** New for next year, we are holding a **one-day** retreat at Mt. Asbury Retreat Center, Newville! All women are invited and encouraged to attend. Cost is just \$25 and includes 2 meals and program led by local Christian authors of the book, 'The River Journey.' Space is limited, sign up today! Questions contact Patti Herring at [familyzeke@verizon.net](mailto:familyzeke@verizon.net). Find the form at the display table outside the Multipurpose room or click on the Google form here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQhNZyoMDIAtQwd-LDj5O4cTjY-iqY2C3BsuRv1TpDb5ezEA/viewform>.



### *Generous Giver*

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](mailto:office@fumchurch.com) with any questions or for more information.

### **CHILDREN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Want to know more and **stay connected** to the happenings in the children's department? Email [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com) to be added to the monthly email newsletter..

### **YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- Remind text list - Text @4Gyo to 81010
- Instagram: fouryouthministry
- FB page: 4G - First United Methodist Youth Group
- Email [uthrock@fumchurch.com](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com) to receive emails

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