
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



NO ORDINARY

LIFE

LIVING THE FAITH
DAY BY DAY

“The Water’s Fine”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

JAN. 8, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn

"Amazing Grace" - No. 378

Opening Prayer

Choir Anthem

"Wade in the Water"

Scripture

Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon

"The Water's Fine"

Littany

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Handbell Anthem

"Majestic Alleluia"

Invitation, Confession, Pardon and Sharing Signs of Peace

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Bread and the Cup

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"Spirit Song" - No. 347

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Sarah Pugh

Accompanist..... Taylor Shepley, Handbell Choir, Sounds of Worship

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

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Welcome

Praise & Worship
"Hope Has a Name"
"King of Kings"

Wee and Kids Worship Dismissal

"A Thousand Hallelujahs"

Scripture
Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon
"The Water's Fine"

Littany
"The Heart of Worship"

Communion Prayer and Communion
Offering and Announcements

"Christ be Magnified"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Sarah Pugh

Worship Team.....Dave Florey, Sarah Pugh, Lauren Sanker, Abigail Wertz, Tracy
Wertz, RJ Wertz

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

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

Moms In Prayer

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Deborah's Circle

Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Covered In Love

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

NEXT WEEK

Youth 4G

Sunday, 6:30 p.m.

MOPS

Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Al-Anon

Friday, 12 p.m.

***Scan here or
visit our website at
fumchurch.com for
more details on all
of our upcoming
events!***



WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

WEEK OF JAN. 8

Sunday

Worship "The Water's Fine"

Monday

Psalm 40:1-11

Tuesday

Psalm 49:1-7

Wednesday John 1:29-42

Thursday

I Corinthians 1:1-9

Friday

Matthew 7:7-12

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

*This week's flowers are given to
the glory of God and in memory of
Dr. and Mrs. C. Richard Brandt by
C. Richard Brandt II.*

TEACHING NOTES

“The Water’s Fine”

First in the Series: “No Ordinary Life”
Matthew 3:13-17

“Come on in; the water’s fine!”

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”
Matthew 3:13-14

“Come on in...”

Repentance is turning away.

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”
Matthew 3:1-2

“The water’s fine...”

Repentance is turning toward.

But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.
Matthew 3:15

“Amazing grace!
How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.”
– John Newton

“The water’s fine...”

There is always a family around you.

¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3:16-17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Women's Book Study Group | Wednesdays, Jan. 11, 18 and 25, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Join us in the Church Library for tea and discussion of "God's Guest List" by best-selling writer Debbie Macomber. Purchase the book on your own and start reading before the first gathering. Contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com) to RSVP.

Wednesday Men's Group | First and Third Wednesdays, 8-9:30 p.m.

We often tell people what we are against, instead of what we're for. Our current study, "Know What You're FOR" by Jeff Henderson, presents a better strategy for life. Join us at the home of Barry Eaton on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Contact Barry (theeaton5@verizon.net) for more details.

Wonderful Wednesday – Expanded! | Wednesdays, Feb. 8-March 15, 5-7 p.m.

Children, youth and adults are all invited to participate in this six-week family fellowship and learning program. This session's theme, "Growing with Jesus," focuses on Jesus' journey and what his death and resurrection means for each of us. Mark your calendars now and look for registration information later in January!

Passion Play Update

First Church is currently planning for the return of a reimagined Passion Play in 2023! Stay tuned for more details later in January about how we will continue to help First Church experience the story of Jesus's final days and invite our community to learn about His love and sacrifice. If you have questions, please contact Katie Knorr, Lisa Aronson or Tina Eaton.

Sunday School | Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

Here's a list of new or currently ongoing studies that new participants can jump into anytime!

- **Book of Romans (Fellowship Hall)** – Walk, chapter-by-chapter, through Paul's letter to the church in Rome. Contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com) for details.
- **The Lord's Prayer (Room B003)** – Most of us know the Lord's Prayer by heart, but do we really appreciate its power? This six-week study begins in January. Contact Wayde Leister (waydeleister@outlook.com) if interested.
- **Power & Love** – Lessons in January focus on the strength and spiritual maturity that develops through belonging to a family of faith. Choose from two different classes:
 - ◊ **Helping Hands (Room B004)** – Contact Bob Wertz, Sr. (robert_wertz@plantsitelogistics.com) to learn more.
 - ◊ **Guyer Class (Room 123)** – Contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com) to learn more.



PRAYING FOLLOWER

Share Your Prayer Requests

To share joys and concerns, visit our Prayer Station under the balcony to share joys or contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 112).

Joy in the Morning | Next Meeting Monday, Jan. 23, 1 p.m.

If you live with chronic pain or ongoing health challenges, we invite you to join in sharing discussion and supportive friendship with this spiritually-focused small group. We meet Monday afternoons once a month from 1 to 2 p.m. Terry Ketrow and Janice Bowen co-facilitate, drawing upon readings and devotionals. Contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611, ext. 112 or wecare@fumchurch.com) for more details.

Moms in Prayer | Mondays, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Join a group of mothers with kids of all ages and stages of life to pray for your children, school and community each week in room 105. Contact Deb Noss (sdppp@msn.com) or Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com) for more details.



PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Online Worship

Worship with us and invite others to join us any time of the week! Check out our livestream at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays or watch recorded messages on our YouTube and Facebook pages 24/7. If you're unable to access online worship services, contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com) for other ways to connect to First Church.



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Work at First Church!

First Church is hiring a part-time (10 hours/week) Director of Finance. This person is responsible for the payment and recording of church expenditures, managing payroll, providing monthly financial reports to church leadership, and assisting in developing and monitoring the annual budget. Experience in general accounting and Quickbooks is preferred. For more details or to submit your résumé, contact the church office (office@fumchurch.com).

Cru Mission Presentation | Jan. 22, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Thanks to the generous support of First Church and others, Matt and LeeAnn Herring have served on staff with Cru for the past seven years. LeeAnn works at West Chester University, training and equipping college students in evangelism, discipleship, and studying the Bible, while also working as the Finance Administrator for her team. Matt runs Cru's internship program for the Northeastern U.S., which sends people around the world to share the Gospel. Join us in the multipurpose room to hear an update on Matt and LeeAnn's ministry and how God is at work on college campuses around the U.S. and the world!



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

New Church Directory!

Our new directory is almost complete, and we don't want to miss including YOU! Please ensure that your information is up-to-date by filling out a Directory Profile Update form or by downloading our Church Center app so you can create your account and update your personal information yourself. And, don't forget to add your photo! If you need assistance or would like someone to take your picture, stop by our Church Center Helpdesk in the lobby before or after Sunday worship or contact the church office.

Soupy Saturday | Jan. 28, 9 a.m.

If you enjoy cooking, join us in Fellowship Hall to make some delicious soup and muffins to share with a friend, neighbor or church member at home! Contact Janice Bowen ([717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112 or wecare@fumchurch.com) with any questions.

Women's Retreat | Feb. 3-5

Join us for our 2023 retreat, "Anxious for Nothing" (based on the best-selling book by Max Lucado), at Mount Asbury Retreat Center. Choose a one-day option or a full-weekend experience! Find more details and register on our Church Center app. If you have questions, please contact Patti Herring (familyzeke@verizon.net).



GENEROUS GIVER

Change for Water

The CDC estimates only 2% of the population in Sierra Leone has access to clean, readily available drinking water. Help us support the Sierra Leone Well Drilling Fund by dropping your loose change (or bills) into the blue Change for Water bucket located at the collection center by the church library stairs. 100% of your donations help provide training and dig wells for schools and communities in need.

KIDS

Stay Connected!

Want to know more about First Church Kids? Check out our landing page or contact Katie Knorr, Director of Children and Family Ministries (kidscount@fumchurch.com).

Wonderful Wednesday Expanded!

Wednesdays Feb. 8 - March 15,
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Registration opening soon!

YOUTH

Keep in Touch!

Help us connect with you so that you don't miss any of the fun!

- Join our Remind text list (text @4Gyo to 81010).
- Follow our Instagram (@four-youthministry).
- Like us on Facebook (4G- First United Methodist Youth Group).
- Email Lisa to receive emails about all things First Church Youth.

Contact Youth

Pastor Lisa Aronson (uthrock@fumchurch.com) with any questions.

Coming Up:

Zeteo | Feb. 3-5

Reflection Questions:

1. Are there situations in your life that are disrupting your God given peace that you should turn away from?
2. How can you commit to turning towards God in those difficult times?