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WELCOME TO

First United  
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



NO ORDINARY

LIFE

LIVING THE FAITH  
DAY BY DAY

*“Blessed Are”*

FOUNDATION SERVICE

JAN. 29, 2023

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn

*"Be Thou My Vision" - No. 451*

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Sins)

*"Into My Heart"*

Scripture

*Matthew 5:1-12*

Sermon

*"Blessed Are"*

Hymn

*"Jesu, Jesu" - No. 432*

Congregational Response: *"For the Mind of Christ"*

Announcements and Offering

Doxology #94 and Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

*"Christ for the World We Sing" - No. 568*

Benediction

Postlude

## **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Pastor Lisa Aronson

Accompanist..... Gail Leinhos, Sounds of Worship

Sound and Media.....Fred Espenshade, Roger Walton, Sara Pugh, Holly Kurten

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**THE GATHERING SERVICE**

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Welcome

Praise & Worship

*"Great Are You, Lord"*

*"Graves Into Gardens"*

Wee and Kids Worship Dismissal

*"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"*

Scripture

*Matthew 5:1-12*

Sermon

*"Blessed Are"*

Pastoral Prayer

*Offering and Announcements*

*"Build Your Kingdom Here"*

Benediction

Postlude

## **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Team.....Janice Bowen, Geri Nuss, Sarah Pugh, RJ Wertz, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media.....Fred Espenshade, Roger Walton, Sara Pugh, Holly Kurten

# COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

## ***THIS WEEK***

### **Youth 4G**

Sunday, 6:30 p.m.

### **Men's Group**

Wednesday, 8 p.m.

### **Sounds of Worship Rehearsal**

Thursday, 7 p.m.

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## ***NEXT WEEK***

### **Martha Circle**

Tuesday, 1 p.m.

### **Covered In Love**

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

### **Handbell Pie Pickup**

Saturday, 12-2 p.m.

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visit our website at  
[fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com) for  
more details on all  
of our upcoming  
events!***



# WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

## ***WEEK OF JAN. 29***

### **Sunday**

Worship "Blessed Are"

### **Monday**

Isaiah 58:1-9a

### **Tuesday**

Psalm 112:1-10

**Wednesday** | Corinthians 2:1-12

### **Thursday**

Matthew 5:13-16

### **Friday**

Matthew 5:17-20

### **Saturday**

Rest and Reflect

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

*This week's flowers are given to  
the glory of God and in memory  
of Charles and Virginia Bobb, Guy  
and Emma Wagner, Raymond  
Glance and Sarah Massa by Kirk  
and Sue Bobb.*

# TEACHING NOTES

## “Blessed Are”

Matthew 5:1-12

### 1. Living the blessed life: *Simplicity*

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Matthew 5:3*

Today's Diagnosis: *Restless Heart Syndrome (RHS)*

“It is right to be contented with what we have,  
but never with what we are.”  
– James Mackintosh

### 2. Living the blessed life: *Hopefulness*

Disciples of Jesus Live in Two Worlds

*Blessed are...                      they will...*

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
Matthew 5:4*



*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
Matthew 5:6*

“The church, the community of Christ, is a joyful people, but the source of their joy is not that they live easy lives in a happy world or that things are getting better every day, but that their trust is in God’s coming kingdom.”  
– Thomas Long, Matthew

### 3. Living the blessed life: *Compassion*

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
Matthew 5:7*

To whom is God calling me to be merciful? (Put their initials in the appropriate box)

\_\_\_\_\_ Someone who is unpopular or lonely.      \_\_\_\_\_ Someone who has hurt or offended me.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LIFELONG LEARNER

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

Looking for intentional learning and community on Sunday mornings? Find a complete list of current studies on our website ([fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com)), and jump into a class anytime!

### **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. Learn more and register now on the Church Center app or on our website ([fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com))! Please note: Passion Play Experience rehearsals will be held separately from Wonderful Wednesday.

### **In the Footsteps of Jesus: A Passion Play Experience | April 6**

First Church is planning for a reimagined Passion Play Experience in 2023! . If you have children or youth interested in participating or if you would like to assist with rehearsals or costumes, sign up on Church Center. Please contact Katie Knorr ([kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com)) or Lisa Aronson ([uthrock@fumchurch.com](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com)) with questions.

### **Small Groups for Lent | Begin Meeting Week of Feb. 26, Various Times**

Join us for a 6-week, small group study that goes along with our Lenten sermon series, In the Footsteps of the Savior. Registration and additional details coming soon! Contact Tina Eaton ([717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611) or [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com)) for more information.

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

Beginning a new study, "Irresistible: Reclaiming the New that Jesus Unleashed for the World" on Feb. 1. Contact Barry Eaton ([theaton5@verizon.net](mailto:theaton5@verizon.net)) for more details.

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## 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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112). While you're there, help yourself to a devotional book or journal to enhance your personal prayer time.

### **Joy in the Morning | Next Meeting Tomorrow, Feb. 13, 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. Contact Janice Bowen ([717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)) for more details.

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## 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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)) for other ways to connect to First Church.

### **Greeters and Ushers**

We are looking for more greeters and ushers to serve on Sunday mornings. These important members of our welcoming ministry arrive at church about 30 minutes before the



service starts and greet those arriving with a smile and a warm hello. If you want more information or can volunteer for one Sunday a month, please contact Judi Buddenbaum ([ljcbuddenbaum@verizon.net](mailto:ljcbuddenbaum@verizon.net)).

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### **DEDICATED MISSIONARY**

#### **Wonderful Wednesday Volunteer Opportunities!**

We're looking for some volunteers to make our winter/spring session of Wonderful Wednesday... wonderful! We need volunteers to assist with preparing meals and adults (with clearances) to help with child care. Please contact Katie Knorr ([kidscount@fum-church.com](mailto:kidscount@fum-church.com)) if you have questions or are interested in serving for any portion of the six-week session!

#### **Day of Blessing | Saturday, Feb. 25, 1 p.m.**

Our Day of Pampering has a new look, but the same focus: to celebrate women who serve as caregivers for loved ones with extraordinary needs through special worship and fellowship. Please contact Tina Eaton ([adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com)) if interested in helping.

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### **RELATIONSHIP BUILDER**

#### **Men's Breakfast | Saturday, Feb. 4, 7:30 a.m.**

Join other First Church men for good food and light-hearted fellowship on the first Saturday of each month at Brothers Restaurant (705 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg). Please contact Barry Eaton ([theeaton5@verizon.net](mailto:theeaton5@verizon.net)) to RSVP.

#### **Widows and Widowers Valentine's Day Luncheon | Tuesday, Feb. 14, 11:30 a.m.**

This group is invited to a special luncheon at First Church in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Bonnie Guyer ([717-766-0145](tel:717-766-0145)). Transportation will be provided upon request.

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### **GENEROUS GIVER**

#### **Handbell Choir Pie Fundraiser | Pickup on Saturday, Feb. 11, 12-2 p.m.**

Support the Handbell Choir by picking up a homemade pie, just in time for Valentine's Day! See a bell choir member or fill out an order form outside the sanctuary to place your order.

#### **Trustees Pew Offer**

The Trustees have two small pews available to the congregation on a first-come, first-serve basis to those who wish to make a donation to help fund the sanctuary restoration. Please contact Jim Murdoch ([j.murdoch@jbminsurance.com](mailto:j.murdoch@jbminsurance.com)) or Judi Buddenbaum ([ljcbuddenbaum@verizon.net](mailto:ljcbuddenbaum@verizon.net)) if interested.

#### **Offering Envelopes**

Our envelope company recently alerted us that due to staffing and supply chain issues, any envelopes that have not yet been shipped for the beginning of 2023 will not be sent. Envelope delivery will resume as normal in March. If you would like blank offering envelopes or have any questions, please contact the church office ([717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611) or [office@fumchurch.com](mailto:office@fumchurch.com)).

## 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).

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## 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:

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