
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



IN THE EYE OF THE STORM

OCTOBER 23, 2022

“In the Eye of the Storm”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - No.140

Affirmation from Romans 8

Praise Chorus
"Stand By Me"- No. 512

Choir Anthem
"Grace Alone"

Sermon
In the Eye of the Storm

Hymn
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"- No. 474

Prayer of the People& The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Consecration Sunday Testimony

Closing Hymn
"How Firm a Foundation"- No. 529

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Rev. Barry Robinson

Liturgist..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Team.....Karen Philp, Sounds of Worship

Sound and Media.....Holly Kurten, Ron Nichols, Ken Rapp, Jason Kichline

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Welcome

Praise & Worship
"King of My Heart"
"Great Things"

Wee Worship & Kids Worship Dismissal

"Defender"

Sermon
In the Eye of the Storm

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Consecration Sunday Testimony

Praise and Worship
"Stand In Your Love"

Benediction

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Pastor.....Rev. Barry Robinson

Worship Leader.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Team.....Dave Florey, John Gross, Jason Kichline, Emily Hammaker, Sarah
Pugh, Tracy Wertz

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COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

Youth Battleball (Off-site)

Sunday, 1:15 p.m.

Moms In Prayer

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

**Companions in Christ Bible
Study**

Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

Martha's Circle

Tuesday, 12 p.m.

Wonderful Wednesday

Wednesday, 5 p.m.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

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



WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

WEEK OF OCT. 23

Sunday

Worship

Monday

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Tuesday

Psalm 119:137-144

Wednesday

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Thursday

Luke 19:1-10

Friday

Matthew 6:19-21

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

*This week's flowers are given to
the glory of God and in memory
of Florence Hoy, Gladys Peck and
Emma Whitcomb by the
Hoy Family.*

TEACHING NOTES

A. IN THE EYE OF THE STORM, YOU REMAIN IN CONTROL.

One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." So, they got into a boat and started out. As they sailed across, Jesus settled down for a nap. But soon a fierce storm came down on the lake. The boat was filling with water, and they were in real danger.

The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"

When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and the raging waves. Suddenly the storm stopped, and all was calm. Then he asked them, "Where is your faith?"

The disciples were terrified and amazed. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "When he gives a command, even the wind and waves obey him!"

Luke 8:22-25 (NLT)

Pay attention to this, Job.

Stop and consider the wonderful miracles of God!

Do you know how God controls the storm

and causes the lightning to flash from God's clouds?

Do you understand how God moves the clouds

with wonderful perfection and skill?

Job 37:14-16 (NLT)

B. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WAR, YOU GUARD MY SOUL.

Listen to my prayer, O God. Do not ignore my cry for help! Please listen and answer me, for I am overwhelmed by my troubles. My enemies shout at me, making loud and wicked threats. They bring trouble on me and angrily hunt me down. My heart pounds in my chest. The terror of death assaults me. Fear and trembling overwhelm me, and I can't stop shaking. Oh, that I had wings like a dove; then I would fly away and rest! I would fly far away to the quiet of the wilderness.

How quickly I would escape—far from this wild storm of hatred. Morning, noon, and night I cry out in my distress, and the Lord hears my voice. God ransoms me and keeps me safe from the battle waged against me, though many still oppose me. Give your burdens to the Lord, and God will take care of you. The Lord will not permit the godly to slip and fall.

Psalms 55:1-8, 17-18, 22 (NLT)

Then the angel of the Lord came and sat beneath the great tree at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash of the clan of Abiezer. Gideon son of Joash was threshing wheat at the bottom of a winepress to hide the grain from the Midianites. The angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, "Mighty hero, the Lord is with you!"

"Sir," Gideon replied, "if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? And where are all the miracles our ancestors told us about? Didn't they say, 'The Lord brought us up out of Egypt'? But now the Lord has abandoned us and handed us over to the Midianites."

Then the Lord turned to him and said, "Go with the strength you have, and rescue Israel from the Midianites. I am sending you!"

"But Lord," Gideon replied, "how can I rescue Israel? My clan is the weakest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least in my entire family!"

The Lord said to him, "I will be with you. And you will destroy the Midianites as if you were fighting against one man."

Judges 6:11-16 (NLT)

That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NLT)

This suffering is all part of the work God has given you. Christ, who suffered for you, is your example. Follow in his steps: He never sinned, never told a lie, never answered back when insulted; when he suffered he did not threaten to get even; he left his case in the hands of God who always judges fairly. He personally carried the load of our sins in his own body when he died on the cross so that we can be finished with sin and live a good life from now on. For his wounds have healed ours! Like sheep you wandered away from God, but now you have returned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls who keeps you safe from all attacks.

1 Peter 2:21-25 (NLT)

C. YOU ALONE ARE THE ANCHOR WHEN MY SAILS ARE TORN.

God also bound himself with an oath, so that those who received the promise could be perfectly sure that God would never change God's mind. So God has given both God's promise and God's oath. These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to God for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls.

Hebrews 6:17-19a (NLT)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

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

Looking for learning and relationship-building while at church on Sundays? New participants are welcome anytime! Here's a list of new studies that are just beginning (find a complete list of classes at fumchurch.com).

- **Growing in Christ** – Starting an 11-week study on the **Book of Romans**. Walk, chapter-by-chapter, through Paul's letter to the church in Rome. Contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com) for more details.
 - **Christian Fellowship** – Starting a six-week study by Max Lucado, **"You Were Made for This Moment."** Journey through the book of Esther and be reminded that God is active, even when he appears distant. Contact Wayde Leister (waydeleister@outlook.com) with questions.
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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 or [717-766-4611, ext. 112](tel:717-766-4611)).

Joy in the Morning | Monday, Oct. 24, 1-2 p.m.

If you deal with chronic pain or ongoing health challenges, we invite you to join this spiritually-focused small group. For more information on monthly meetings, contact Janice Bowen wecare@fumchurch.com.

October Prayer Focus: Pastors and Servant-Leaders

October is Pastor Appreciation month, so let's focus our prayers on Pastor Denny, Pastor Lisa and their families, along with other pastors and servant-leaders who guide us! Find scripture to pray through at fumchurch.com.

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.

All Saints Celebration | Sunday, Oct. 30, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Each year, First Church celebrates All Saints Day as a way to honor loved ones who have passed. Please join us on Sunday, Oct. 30, for a special worship service to celebrate the lives of those we have lost and encourage their families.



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Volunteer Opportunity at First Church

Would you be willing to volunteer a few hours a week to care for our church home while we seek a new Lead Custodian? If so, please contact the church office (office@fumchurch.com).

Operation Christmas Child | Collection Runs Through Nov. 20

Support children worldwide by filling a shoebox with Christmas gifts! Pick up instructions and a box at the display under the balcony (or use your own box), fill your box with the suggested items, and return it to the church display by Nov. 20. Contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com) with questions.

Greeters and Ushers Needed

With the opening of the entire sanctuary coming soon, the hospitality committee is looking for a few more greeters and ushers to help at both services. A friendly smile and a short amount of time are all that is needed. If you are willing to help, please contact Judi Buddenbaum (ljbuddenbaum@verizon.net or 717-805-2296).



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Pickleball in the Park | Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m.

Whether you're a single player or double, whether you play pickleball every week or have never played, we invite you to join us on the pickleball court at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park! Bring a friend, and assume we will be there unless it's wet and rainy! Contact Janice Bowen (we-care@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 112) with questions.

First Saturday Men's Breakfast | Saturday, Nov. 5, 7:30 a.m.

All men are invited to gather for good food and fellowship on the first Saturday of each month at Brothers Diner. Please contact Barry Eaton at theeaton5@verizon.net if interested in attending.



GENEROUS GIVER

Support Those Affected by Hurricane Ian

We continue to pray for everyone affected by the recent hurricane, and encourage you to do the same. To assist with recovery efforts, you can make a donation to UMCOR (umcor.org) or drop off liquid laundry detergent (unopened 32-64 oz. bottles only) for Mission Central in the collection basket in the alley entrance or by the welcome desk.

Handbell Choir Pie Fundraiser

Thanksgiving is coming quickly, and so is the Handbell Choir's annual pie fundraiser! Choose between pumpkin, mincemeat and apple (crumb topping or double crust) and get them baked or frozen, all for \$12 each. To place your order, see a handbell choir member, visit the check-in area after worship or contact Kathie Bittenbender (717-697-6257 or rbittenben@verizon.net). Pick up your pies at the church on Saturday, Nov. 19

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! 6-Week Session Continues Oct 26, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Contact Katie Knorr at kidscount@fumchurch.com to register. For detailed info visit our website fumchurch.com.

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.

Stay tuned for more fun events coming this fall! Contact Youth Pastor Lisa Aronson (uthrock@fumchurch.com) with any questions.

Lead Custodian Position Needed

First Church is looking for a lead custodian. This is a part-time hourly position. Responsibilities primarily include day-to-day care and cleaning of the building. If interested, please call or email the church office at 717-766-4611 office@fumchurch.com.

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors!

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