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WELCOME TO

First United  
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA

A graphic featuring two hands reaching towards each other against a sunset background. The text "A HEART OF Generosity" is overlaid in white. "A HEART OF" is in a sans-serif font, and "Generosity" is in a large, white, cursive script font.

A HEART OF  
*Generosity*

***“Becoming a Generous Person”***

**FOUNDATION SERVICE**

**OCT. 30, 2022**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"For All the Saints"- No. 711

Time of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Matthew 6:19-24

Chorus

"Seek Ye First"- No. 405

Sermon

Becoming a Generous Person

Hymn

"Hymn of Promise"- No. 707

Prayer of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"When We All Get to Heaven"- No. 701

Benediction

Postlude

## ***LEADING IN WORSHIP***

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Sarah Pugh

Accompanist..... Eric King

Sound and Media.....Holly Kurten, Fred Espenshade, Michael Garmen, Jason Kichline

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A photograph of two hands reaching towards each other against a sunset background. The hands are silhouetted against the bright light of the sun, which is partially obscured by the hands. The overall tone is warm and hopeful.

A HEART OF  
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**THE GATHERING SERVICE**

**OCT. 30, 2022**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

*Praise & Worship*  
*"Christ be Magnified"*

Time of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

**Prayer**  
**"Hymn of Heaven"**

Baptisms

Wee Worship & Kids Worship Dismissal

Scripture  
*Matthew 6:19-24*

Sermon  
Becoming a Generous Person

Pastoral Prayer  
Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship  
*"Great Things"*

Benediction

Postlude

## ***LEADING IN WORSHIP***

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Sarah Pugh

Worship Team.....George Canonizado, Dave Florey, Jason Kichline, Sarah Pugh,  
Lauren Sanker

Sound and Media.....Holly Kurten, Fred Espenshade, Michael Garman, Jason Kichline

# COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

## ***THIS WEEK***

### **Martha's Circle**

Tuesday, 1 p.m.

### **Wonderful Wednesday**

Wednesday, 5 p.m.

### **Men's Breakfast**

Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

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## ***NEXT WEEK***

### **Ministry & Missions Fair**

Sunday, 9:45 a.m.

### **Deborah's Circle**

Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

### **Wonderful Wednesday**

Wednesday, 5 p.m.

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



# WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

## ***WEEK OF OCT. 23***

### **Sunday**

Worship- All Saints

### **Monday**

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

### **Tuesday**

Psalms 145:1-5, 17-21

**Wednesday** 2 Thessal. 2:1-5, 13-17

### **Thursday**

Luke 20:27-38

### **Friday**

Mark 12:41-44

### **Saturday**

Rest and Reflect

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

*This week's flowers are given to  
the glory of God and in memory  
of Rev. Raymond J. & Margaret S.  
Tyson by their family.*

# TEACHING NOTES

## “Becoming a Generous Person” Matthew 6:19-24

Generosity is love in action.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

James 1:17 (NIV)

### Keep Your Heart Pure

<sup>19</sup>“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust[a] consume and where thieves break in and steal, <sup>20</sup> but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust[b] consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> **For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

Matthew 6:19-21

I commend to you **our sister Phoebe**, a deacon[a] of the church at Cenchreae, <sup>2</sup> so that you may welcome her in the Lord, as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well.

Romans 16:1-2

In the first book, **Theophilus**, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

Acts 1:1-2

“Earn all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can.”

– John Wesley

### Keep Your Eye Clear

<sup>22</sup> “The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light,  
<sup>23</sup> but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If, then, the light in you is  
darkness, how great is the darkness!

Matthew 6:22-23

“It’s better to be born blind and see with your heart  
than to have two eyes and be spiritually blind.”

– Helen Keller

### Keep Your Hands Open

No one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Matthew 6:24

<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> **For you were bought with a price;** therefore, glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

# 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](http://fumchurch.com)).

- **Growing in Christ – New study on the Book of Romans begins Nov. 13.** Walk, chapter-by-chapter, through Paul's letter to the church in Rome. Contact Tina Eaton ([adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611, ext. 112).

### **Joy in the Morning | Nov.14, 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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com).

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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.

### **Service of Remembrance and Hope | Nov. 20, 4 p.m.**

If you are feeling the burden of grief this holiday season, please join us for a time of worship and reflection to honor the memory of cherished family and friends at our Service of Remembrance and Hope. The service will take place in-person in the sanctuary and be recorded and available afterward for viewing from home. Contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611, ext. 112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)) for more details.



## **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](mailto: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@fum-church.com](mailto:adultministry@fum-church.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](mailto:ljbuddenbaum@verizon.net) or 717-805-2296).

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## **RELATIONSHIP BUILDER**

### **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](mailto:theeaton5@verizon.net) if interested in attending

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## **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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com)).

### Wonderful Wednesday

The fall session continues Nov. 2, 5-7 p.m. Contact Katie Knorr at [kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com) to register. For detailed info visit our website [fumchurch.com](http://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](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com)) with any questions.

## Questions for Reflection:

1. When you think of a generous person, what qualities come to mind?
2. Why does Jesus teach us to store up heavenly treasure rather than earthly treasure?
3. What treasure have you received when you have been generous?
4. What habits help you to keep your eye clear?
5. Do you tithe? If not, what is your next faithful step toward tithing?

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**Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors!**

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