
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



“The Heart of Generosity”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

NOV. 6, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Worship

Sounds of Worship Anthem
"In Your House, Oh Lord"

Opening Prayer

Hymn
"This is My Father's World"- No. 144

Sharing Signs of Peace

Scripture
Mark 12:41-44

Women of Light Anthem
"Feed the Birds"

Sermon
The Heart of Generosity

Hymn
"Take My Life and Let It Be"- No. 399

Consecration of Our Gifts

Handbell Anthem
"Great Is The Faithfulness"

Doxology, Offertory Prayer & Announcements

Closing Hymn
"To God Be the Glory"- No.98

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Pastor Lisa Aronson

Accompanist..... Karen Philp, Sounds of Worship, Women of Light, Handbell Choir

Sound and Media.....Ron Nichols, Jim Robinson, Jason Kichline

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A graphic featuring two hands reaching towards each other against a sunset background. The text "A HEART OF Generosity" is written in a white, glowing font. The word "Generosity" is in a larger, cursive script, while "A HEART OF" is in a smaller, sans-serif font above it.

A HEART OF
Generosity

“The Heart of Generosity”

THE GATHERING SERVICE

NOV. 6, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Prayer

Praise & Worship
"Great Are You Lord"
"This Is Amazing Grace"

Wee and Kids Worship Dismissal

"Gratitude"

Scripture
Mark 12:41-44

Sermon
The Heart of Generosity

Consecration of Our Gifts
Offering & Announcements

"Goodness of God"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Team.....Dave Florey, John Gross, Jason Kichline, Sarah Pugh, Geri Nuss

Sound and Media.....Ron Nichols, Jim Robinson, Jason Kichline

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

Ministry & Missions Fair
Today, 9:45 a.m.

Deborah's Circle
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Wonderful Wednesday
Wednesday, 5 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

MOPS
Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Companions in Christ Bible Study
Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.

Handbell Pie Pick Up
Saturday, 12-2 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 NOV. 6

Sunday Worship - Consecration

Monday Isaiah 12

Tuesday Isaiah 65:17-25

Wednesday 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Thursday Luke 21:5-19

Friday Ephesians 3:14-21

Saturday Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

*This week's flowers are given to
the glory of God and in honor of
my marriage to Edwin Miller by
Melinda Rhoads.*

TEACHING NOTES

“The Heart of Generosity”

Mark 12:41-44

Lesson #1: Not the size of the gift, but the heart of the giver.

“Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury, ...” Mark 12:43

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21

Lesson #2: Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice.

*“For all of them have contributed **out of their abundance**; but she **out of her poverty** has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”*
Mark 12:44

In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
1 John 4:10

*"I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare."
– C.S. Lewis, Surprised by Joy*

Lesson #3: Not the branding or the building, but the people.

³⁸As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰**They devour wid-ows' houses** and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."
Mark 12:38-40

¹As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ²Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."
Mark 13:1-2

"First they gave themselves." 2 Corinthians 8:5

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 – 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) 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.

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 | 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.

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.

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

If you are feeling blue and weighed down by 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 through the church website. Contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611, ext. 112 or wecare@fumchurch.com) for more details.

Holiday Concerts | Sunday, Dec. 4, and Monday, Dec. 12

First Church's Holiday Harmony Concert, which features all of our musical groups, will take place Sunday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. Also, our Handbell Choir will once again ring at the Frederickson Library in Camp Hill on Monday evening, Dec. 12. Celebrate Christmas through music with us!



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

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) with questions.

Cookie Walk Bakers Needed

Calling all bakers! We need your help with the annual Youth Cookie Walk on Dec. 17. This important fundraiser supports our summer mission trips and is a great opportunity to connect with our community. Sign up to bake by filling out a form in the main lobby or online at fum-church.com/cookiewalk.

Sleep Out for the Homeless | Nov. 18-19

The 30th Annual Sleep Out is in the First Church Parking Lot. This community youth event brings awareness to the realities of homelessness and helps to financially support local homeless ministries. As students prepare for this event, please consider donating any large (appliance-size) cardboard boxes. Contact Lisa Aronson (or any youth participant) if you have a box to share.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Ministries and Missions Fair | TODAY

As a part of our Consecration Sunday celebration, please visit our Ministries and Missions Fair! Stop down to Fellowship Hall between 9:30-11 a.m. for "Cookies, Coffee and Conversation" to learn more about the many ways that we can give, not just of our money, but also of our time and talents out of a heart of generosity.

New Church Directory

As we build our new church directory, please ensure that your information is up-to-date by filling out a Directory Profile Update form TODAY! Alternatively, you can download our Church Center app, create your account and update your personal information yourself. If you need assistance, stop by our Church Center Helpdesk in the lobby before or after Sunday worship or contact our office.

Widows and Widowers Fellowship | Nov. 8, 11:30 a.m.

The Widows and Widowers Fellowship will gather at Baker's Diner (515 North US Highway 15, Dillsburg). All widows and widowers are welcome to join us for lunch and companionship. Please call Bonnie Guyer at [717-766-0145](tel:717-766-0145) if you plan on attending. Transportation can be provided upon request.



GENEROUS GIVER

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](tel: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 Nov. 9, 5-7 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.

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

Coming Up:

Sleepout Nov. 18-19

Cookie Walk Dec 17

Questions for Reflection:

1. What are the qualities of a generous person?
2. How has the generosity of others blessed your life?
3. Does your giving reflect your love for God and God's children?
4. Are you tithing or taking steps toward tithing? What does your next step look like?
5. How is your giving making a difference in the lives of people?

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors!
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