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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 written in white, with "Generosity" in a large, cursive font. The hands are silhouetted against the bright sun, which is partially obscured by the text.

A HEART OF  
*Generosity*

***“God Is Able”***

**FOUNDATION SERVICE**

**NOV. 13, 2022**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

*"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"- No. 152*

Opening Prayer

Hymn

*"Cares Chorus"- No. 2215*

Scripture

*Ephesians 3:14-21*

Sounds of Worship Anthem

*"The Hallelujah Side"*

Sermon

God is Able

Hymn

*"My Hope is Built"- No. 368*

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Offering & Doxology

Closing Hymn

*"How Great Thou Art"- No. 77*

Benediction

Postlude

## **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Sarah Pugh

Accompanist..... Karen Philp, Sounds of Worship

Sound and Media.....Michael Garman, Ken Rapp

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**THE GATHERING SERVICE**  
**NOV. 13, 2022**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise & Worship

*"Great Things"*

*"Worthy"*

*"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"*

Recognition of New Members

Wee and Kids Worship Dismissal

*"Gratitude"*

Scripture

*Ephesians 3:14-21*

Sermon

*God Is Able*

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

*"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"*

Benediction

Postlude

## **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Sarah Pugh

Worship Team.....John Gross, Sarah Pugh, Janice Bowen, Emily Hammaker, Krissy

Marshall, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media.....Michael Garman, Ken Rapp

# COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

## ***THIS 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.

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## ***NEXT WEEK***

### **Al-Anon Meeting**

Monday, 7:00 p.m.

### **Moms In Prayer**

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

### **Thanksgiving**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

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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 NOV. 13***

### **Sunday**

Worship "God Is Able"

### **Monday**

Jeremiah 23:1-6

### **Tuesday**

Colossians 1:11-20

### **Wednesday**

Luke 1:68-79

### **Thursday**

Luke 23:33-43

### **Friday**

Psalm 100

### **Saturday**

Rest and Reflect

## **ALTAR**

### **FLOWERS**

*This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lance and our loved ones by Larry & Judi Buddenbaum and Family.*

### **Mache**

### **Basket**

*This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Paul S. Brandt by Grace and Family.*

# TEACHING NOTES

## “God Is Able” Ephesians 3:14-21

1. God is at work in us and never stops working in us.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who **by the power at work within us** is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,<sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.  
Ephesians 3:20-21

I am confident of this, **that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it** until the day of Jesus Christ.  
Philippians 1:6

2. The more you know God, the bigger God becomes.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us **is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine**,<sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.  
Ephesians 3:20-21

“Ah, Lord God! It is you who made the heavens and the earth  
by your great power and by your outstretched arm!  
**Nothing is too hard for you.**

Jeremiah 32:17

3. From generation to generation the church is a living witness that God is able.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>**to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.**

Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## *LIFELONG LEARNER*

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

**A new study on the Book of Romans begins Nov. 13.** Walk, chapter by chapter, through Paul's letter to the church in Rome and enjoy videos filmed on location in areas critical to the early church. If interested, contact Tina Eaton ([adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com)). Visit our website for a complete list of classes.

### **Men's Bible Study | Mondays, 6:45 p.m.**

**A new study on the Book of Matthew begins Nov. 14.** Join us on Zoom to learn about the character and lifestyle of those who are a part of God's kingdom. Contact Ken Guise ([guiseken100@gmail.com](mailto:guiseken100@gmail.com)) to receive the Zoom link.

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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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://fum-church.com/cookiewalk).

### Sleepout for the Homeless | Nov. 18-19

For 30 years, students have slept in the First Church parking lot for one night each November to raise awareness of the realities of homelessness and help 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.

### Holiday Decorating | Nov. 28-29

Want to help decorate the church? Contact Judi Buddenbaum ([ljbuddenbaum@verizon.net](mailto:ljbuddenbaum@verizon.net) or 717-805-2296) to see how you can help.



## RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

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

All men are invited to join this group (currently studying "Know What You're FOR", by Jeff Henderson). Meets at the home of Barry Eaton. Contact Barry ([theeaton5@verizon.net](mailto:theeaton5@verizon.net)) if interested. Next Meeting Nov. 16.

### New Church Directory!

As we build our new church directory, please ensure that your information is up-to-date! Complete a Directory Profile Update form after services or update your information in the Church Center app. If you need assistance or want someone to take your picture, stop by our Church Center Help Desk in the lobby before or after Sunday worship or contact the church office.

### Women's Retreat | February 3-5, 2023

Registration is open for the 2023 Women's Retreat at Mount Asbury Retreat Center. Choose a one-day option or full-weekend experience as we explore what it means to be "Anxious for Nothing." To find more details or register, visit the Church Center app or [fumchurch.com/womensretreat](http://fumchurch.com/womensretreat). Contact Patti Herring ([familyzeke@verizon.net](mailto:familyzeke@verizon.net)) with questions.



## 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 or [rbittenben@verizon.net](mailto:rbittenben@verizon.net)). Pick up your pies at the church on Saturday, Nov. 19, between noon and 2 p.m.

## 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 EXPANDED!** 6-Week Session Concludes Nov. 16, 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.

Contact Youth

Pastor Lisa Aronson ([uthrock@fumchurch.com](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.com)) with any questions.

### Coming Up:

Sleepout Nov. 18-19

Cookie Walk Dec 17

## Questions for Reflection

1. When have you questioned if God is able?
2. Where do you see God at work?
3. How do you do to get to know God more?
4. How has being part of the church reminded you that God is able?
5. How does having faith that God is able impact your life?

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

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