
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



NO ORDINARY

LIFE

LIVING THE FAITH
DAY BY DAY

“Ask, Seek, Knock”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

JAN. 15, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn

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

Opening Prayer

Sharing Signs of Peace

Choir Anthem

"Jesus, Wonderful Name" - Robert C. Clatterbuck

Scripture

Matthew 7:7-12

Sermon

"Ask, Seek, Knock"

Hymn

"Sweet Hour of Prayer" - No. 496

Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Doxology and Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

"Seek Ye First" - No. 405

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Rev. John Shellenberger

Liturgist..... Pastor Lisa Aronson

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

Sound and Media.....Fred Espenshade, Jim Robinson, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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Welcome

Praise & Worship

"God So Loved"

"Battle Belongs"

Wee and Kids Worship Dismissal

"God I Look to You"

Scripture

Matthew 7:7-12

Sermon

"Ask, Seek, Knock"

Pastoral Prayer

Offering and Announcements

"O Come to the Altar"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Rev, John Shellenberger

Worship Leader.....Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Team.....Dave Florey, Sarah Pugh, Geroge Canonizado, Tracy Wertz, John
McHenry, Cynthia Smith

Sound and Media.....Michael Garman, Ron Nichols, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

Youth 4G

Sunday, 6:30 p.m.

MOPS

Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Al-Anon

Friday, 12 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

CRU Mission Presentation

Sunday, 9:45 a.m.

Moms In Prayer

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Covered In Love

Wednesday, 9:30 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 JAN. 15

Sunday

Worship "Ask, Seek, Knock"

Monday

Isaiah 9:1-4

Tuesday

Psalm 27:1-9

Wednesday | Corinthians 1:10-18

Thursday

Matthew 4:1-11

Friday

Matthew 4:12-23

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

*This week's flowers are given to
the glory of God and in honor of
Roger's 70th birthday on Jan. 21
by the Walton family.*

NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

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

Here's a list of new or currently ongoing studies that new participants can jump into anytime!

- **Book of Romans (Fellowship Hall)** – Walk, chapter-by-chapter, through Paul's letter to the church in Rome. Contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com) for details.
- **The Lord's Prayer (Room B003)** – Most of us know the Lord's Prayer by heart, but do we really appreciate its power? This six-week study begins in January. Contact Wayde Leister (waydeleister@outlook.com) if interested.
- **Power & Love** – Lessons in January focus on the strength and spiritual maturity that develops through belonging to a family of faith. Choose from two different classes: **Helping Hands (Room B004)** – Contact Bob Wertz, Sr. (robert_wertz@plantsitelogistics.com) to learn more. **Guyer Class (Room 123)** – Contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com) to learn more.

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. This session's theme, "Growing with Jesus," focuses on Jesus' journey and what his death and resurrection means for each of us. Registration details coming soon!

Passion Play Update

First Church is planning for a reimagined Passion Play in 2023! Stay tuned for more details later in January about how we will continue to help First Church experience the story of Jesus's final days and invite our community to learn about His love and sacrifice. If you have questions, please contact Katie Knorr, Lisa Aronson or Tina Eaton.

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 | Next Meeting Monday, Jan. 23, 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 co-facilitate, drawing upon readings and devotionals. Contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611, ext. 112 or wecare@fumchurch.com) for more details.

Moms in Prayer | Mondays, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Join a group of mothers with kids of all ages and stages of life to pray for your children, school and community each week in room 105. Contact Deb Noss (sdppp@msn.com) or Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com) for more details.

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.

DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Cru Mission Presentation | Jan. 22, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Thanks to the generous support of First Church and others, Matt and LeeAnn Herring have served on staff with Cru for the past seven years. Join us in the multipurpose room to hear an update on Matt and LeeAnn's ministry and how God is at work on college campuses around the U.S. and the world!

Work at First Church!

First Church is hiring a part-time (10 hours/week) Director of Finance. For more details or to submit your résumé, contact the church office (office@fumchurch.com).

RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Women's Retreat | Feb. 3-5, Sign Up by THIS SATURDAY, Jan. 21!

Join us for our 2023 retreat, "Anxious for Nothing" (based on the best-selling book by Max Lucado), at Mount Asbury Retreat Center. Find more details and register on our Church Center app. If you have questions, please contact Patti Herring (familyzeke@verizon.net).

Soupy Saturday | Jan. 28, 9 a.m.

If you enjoy cooking, join us in Fellowship Hall to make some delicious soup and muffins to share with a friend, neighbor or church member at home! Contact Janice Bowen ([717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. [112](tel:717-766-4611) or wecare@fumchurch.com) with any questions.

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.

New Digs Furniture Ministry Donations

New Digs needs new or gently used couches, tables, chairs, bed frames, dressers, pots and pans, small appliances, sheets and towels to help those in our community! Drop off your large items at Mission Central (5 Pleasant View Dr., Mechanicsburg) Wednesdays between 9 a.m. and noon or the first and third Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Smaller items can be placed in the boxes outside of Mission Central during office hours.

Trustees Pew Offer

The Trustees have four 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) or Judi Buddenbaum (ljbuddenbaum@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).

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

WORK AT FIRST CHURCH!

First Church is seeking a part-time (10 hours/week) Director of Finance. This person is responsible for the payment and recording of church expenditures and payroll; providing monthly financial reports to Administrative Board, Trustees, Finance Committee, and Pastors; and assisting in developing and monitoring the annual budget. Experience in general accounting and Quickbooks is preferred. For more details or to submit your résumé, contact the church office (office@fumchurch.com).

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors!

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