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WELCOME TO

First United  
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



***“Love Came Down at Christmas”***

**FOUNDATION SERVICE**

**DEC. 18, 2022**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn

*"Angels From the Realms of Glory"- No. 220*

Lighting of the Fourth Candle of Advent

Hymn

*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" - No. 206 v. 3 & refrain*

Scripture

*Luke 2:1-7*

Choir Anthem

*"The Snow Lay on the Ground"*

Sermon

*"Love Came Down At Christmas"*

Hymn

*"In the Bleak Midwinter" - No. 221*

Prayers of the People, The Lord's Prayer & Announcements

Offering

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" - No. 95*

Closing Hymn

*"Angels We Have Heard on High"- No. 238*

Benediction & Postlude

## **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Sarah Pugh

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

Sound and Media.....Michael Garman, Jim Murdoch, Jason Kichline

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Welcome

Praise & Worship  
*"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*  
*"All Hail King Jesus"*

Lighting of the Fourth Candle of Advent  
Wee and Kids Worship Dismissal  
*"Joy to the World (Joyful, Joyful)"*

Scripture  
*Luke 2:1-7*

Sermon  
*"Love Came Down At Christmas"*

Pastoral Prayer  
Announcements & Offering

*"Heaven Is Here"*

Benediction

Postlude

## **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Sarah Pugh

Worship Team.....George Canonizado, Dave Florey, Jason Kichline, John  
McHenry, Abigail Wertz, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media.....Michael Garman, Jim Murdoch, Jason Kichline

# COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

## ***THIS WEEK***

**Christmas Caroling**  
Today, 4 p.m.

**MOPS**  
Wednesday, 6 p.m.

**Christmas Eve**  
Saturday, 5 p.m. & 10 p.m.

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## ***NEXT WEEK***

**\*\*\*CHURCH CLOSED\*\*\***

**Limited Office Hours:**

**Wednesday, Dec. 27 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**Friday, Dec. 29 10 a.m.-12 p.m.**

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*Scan here or  
visit our website at  
[fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com) for  
more details on all  
of our upcoming  
events!*



# WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

## ***WEEK OF DEC. 18***

**Sunday**      Worship "Elf"

**Monday**      Psalm 96

**Tuesday**      Titus 2:11-14

**Wednesday**      Isaiah 52:7-10

**Thursday**      Luke 2:8-20

**Friday**      John 1:1-14

**Saturday**      Christmas Eve

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

*This week's flowers are given to  
the glory of God and in memory of  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Strohmenger by  
Sue and Jim Chilton.*

# POINSETTIAS

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Mary Garrett .....  
Carl Richie .....  
Nicholas Vogl .....  
  
Glenn and Dolores Herring .....  
Betty Good .....  
Daryl Dickey, Dennis Punchios and Gregory Punchios ...  
Linda Paxson .....  
Lance and our loved ones .....  
Our parents .....  
Jackie and Joe Baker .....  
Nina and Howard Bonser .....  
Adeline and Charles F. Hess .....  
Paul S. Brandt .....  
Marlin, Kathryn, and Roger Crowe .....  
William and Mabel Guyer and Raymond Guyer .....  
Carol Miller and Ronald and Ryan Guyer .....  
Earl W. Sollenberger .....  
Gary Shuey .....  
Our mothers .....  
Merle and Della Zimmerman, Doris and Harold  
Zimmerman, Mrs. Carrie Rife .....  
Howard and Elaine Fugate .....  
John A. Marr .....

## PLACED BY

Bill and Karen Richie  
Bill and Karen Richie  
Patti, Brian, Ben and  
Brittany Vogl  
Rick and Patti Herring  
Rick and Patti Herring  
Jack and Sharon Martin  
The Hammakers  
The Buddenbaum Family  
Bob and Judy Wertz  
Bob and Judy Wertz  
Curt and Jane Bonser  
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Grace Brandt and Family  
Bonnie Guyer  
Bonnie Guyer  
Bonnie Guyer  
Jody Sollenberger  
Linda Shuey  
Barry and Tina Eaton  
  
Steven Zimmerman  
Jeff and Gayle Fugate  
Jeff and Gayle Fugate

## IN HONOR OF

Isabel Shuey .....  
Ariana Shuey .....

## PLACED BY

Linda Shuey  
Linda Shuey



# CHRISTMAS EVE AT FIRST CHURCH

5 P.M.  
FAMILY  
SERVICE



10 P.M.  
TRADITIONAL  
SERVICE

*IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAMED*

## CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

10 A.M.

COME AS YOU ARE TO WORSHIP OUR KING  
(CHRISTMAS PAJAMAS WELCOME!)



# NEW YEAR'S WORSHIP

10 A.M.

# 2023

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## LIFELONG LEARNER

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

A new study, "Power & Love," began Dec. 4. These lessons (from our United Methodist quarterly curriculum) run through February 26, and new participants are welcome to join anytime! Choose from two different classes:

- **Helping Hands** – Targets adults ages 60+ and meets in Room B004. Contact Bob Wertz Sr. ([robert\\_wertz@plantsitelogistics.com](mailto:robert_wertz@plantsitelogistics.com)) with questions.
- **Guyer Class** – Targets senior adults ages 70+ and meets in Room 123. Contact Tina Eaton ([adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com)) with questions.

### Women's Book Study Group | Wednesdays, Jan. 11, 18 and 25, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Join other women of First Church in the Church Library for tea and discussion of "God's Guest List: Welcoming Those Who Influence our Lives," by best-selling fiction writer Debbie Macomber. In her first non-fiction book, Debbie opens our eyes to see how God uses "guests" in our lives to support, teach, lead and love us. Purchase the book on your own (available in paperback or ebook) and start reading before the first gathering. Contact Tina Eaton ([adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com)) to RSVP.



## 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 | Monday, Jan 23, 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)).



## 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.

### Christmas Caroling | TODAY, December 18, 4 p.m.

Caroling means "to sing in a joyful manner!" Enjoy this Christmas tradition with us in the First Church parking lot (in the event of poor weather, we will gather in the sanctuary). Hot cocoa will be provided! If your family or small group is interested in Christmas Caroling "door to door" to some of our members at home, we will have lists of suggested caroling routes and music sheets available at the outdoor Caroling gathering! Select a list and continue singing following the gathering, or find another day that suits your group! For additional information, please contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611, ext. 112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)).



## DEDICATED MISSIONARY

### Work at First Church!

First Church is hiring a part-time (10 hours/week) Director of Finance. This person is responsible for the payment and recording of church expenditures, managing payroll, providing monthly financial reports to church leadership, 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](mailto:office@fumchurch.com)).



## **Help the Homeless with Isaiah 61 | Wednesday, Dec. 21, 6:30 p.m.**

Join our team in serving a free meal in Harrisburg! Please contact Tiffany Holland ([tholland1967@gmail.com](mailto:tholland1967@gmail.com)) if you can serve or would like to carpool.

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## **RELATIONSHIP BUILDER**

### **New Church Directory!**

Our new directory is almost complete, and we don't want to miss including YOU! Please ensure that your information is up-to-date by filling out a Directory Profile Update form or by downloading our Church Center app so you can create your account and update your personal information yourself. And, don't forget to add your photo! If you need assistance or would like someone to take your picture, stop by our Church Center Helpdesk in the lobby before or after Sunday worship or contact the church office.

### **Women's Retreat | Early Bird Registration Closes Dec. 31**

Join us Feb. 3-5 at Mt. Asbury Retreat Center for our 2023 retreat, "Anxious for Nothing." Choose a one-day option or a full-weekend experience! Find more details and register on the Church Center app, or visit the retreat display in the gathering area for paper registration forms.

### **Christmas Card Greetings!**

We encourage you to reach out to one another this holiday season by sending Christmas card greetings! Help yourself to a supply of Christmas cards found at the display across from the church mailboxes. You can even save a stamp and deliver your cards using the church mailboxes. If you'd like to send cards to some of our members at home, a suggested list is also available at the card display.

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## **GENEROUS GIVER**

### **Year-End Giving**

The end of the year is coming quickly! Offerings to be included in the 2022 year must be received by the church office by noon on Friday, Dec. 30. The easiest way to guarantee that the office receives your donation in time is by giving on our website ([fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com)) or the Church Center app ([fumchurch.churchcenter.com](http://fumchurch.churchcenter.com)). You can also mail in your donation, stop by our office (please note our modified office hours), or drop it off in the basket by the sanctuary exits after worship. All offerings received after Dec. 30 will be included in 2023. Please contact Nancy Robinson ([nrobinson@fumchurch.com](mailto:nrobinson@fumchurch.com)) with any questions. Modified Church

### **Office Hours | Dec. 26-Dec. 30**

The church office will be closed the week between Christmas and New Year's Day, except for 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 28, and 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 30. If you need to talk to someone from the office, please email [office@fumchurch.com](mailto:office@fumchurch.com) or call 717-766-4611.

### **Advent Giving to the Little Free Pantry**

We need your help to stock our pantry this winter! Pick up a grocery bag at the display under the balcony, fill it with items on the attached Reverse Advent Calendar, and return it to the display!

### **Change for Water**

The CDC estimates only 2% of the population in Sierra Leone has access to clean, readily available drinking water. Help us support the Sierra Leone Well Drilling Fund by dropping your loose change (or bills) into the blue Change for Water bucket located at the collection center by the church library stairs. 100% of your donations help provide training and dig wells for schools and communities in need.

### **\*\*\*Lost and Found\*\*\***

Lost something? Please check our Lost and Found bin in the main entrance hallway. We will donate items that are unclaimed by Jan. 1 to Community Aid.

## 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).

### Family Christmas Eve Service

**Dec. 24 at 5 p.m.** Join us for this sweet service the whole family will love.

### Christmas Day Pajama Party!

Calling all First Church Kids and families! Because Christmas Day is on a Sunday, we invite you to wear your favorite Christmas pajamas to our 10 a.m. worship service! Contact Miss Katie if you have any questions.

## 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

## Reflection Questions:

1. How is laughter a gift from God? Why is it so important to our wellbeing?
2. When have you lost sight of what matters most, like Walter did?
3. Who has been Buddy for you, helping you to find love?
4. To whom is God calling you to bring joy this Christmas?
5. Who will you invite to join you in celebrating our Savior's birthday?

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

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