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First United  
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



NO ORDINARY

LIFE

LIVING THE FAITH  
DAY BY DAY

***“Come, Follow Me”***

FOUNDATION SERVICE

JAN. 22, 2023

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn

*"Jesus Calls Us" - No. 398*

Prayer of Confession

Praise Chorus: *"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"*

Scripture

*Matthew 4:18-23*

Choir Anthem

*"Rockin' the Boat"*

Sermon

*"Come, Follow Me"*

Hymn

*"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" - No. 344*

Prayer of the People and The Lord's Prayer  
Announcements & Offering

Closing Hymn

*"O Master Let Me Walk with Thee" - No. 430*

Benediction

Postlude

## ***LEADING IN WORSHIP***

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Sarah Pugh

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

Sound and Media.....Jim Murdoch, Ken Rapp, Jason Kichline

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Welcome

Praise & Worship  
*"King of My Heart"*  
*"Great Things"*

Wee and Kids Worship Dismissal

*"Build My Life"*

Scripture  
*Matthew 4:18-23*

Sermon  
*"Come, Follow Me"*

Pastoral Prayer  
*Offering and Announcements*

*"All the Way My Savior Leads"*

Benediction

Postlude

## ***LEADING IN WORSHIP***

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Sarah Pugh

Worship Team.....George Canonizado, John Gross, Emily Hammaker, Jason  
Kichline, Geri Nuss, Sarah Pugh

Sound and Media.....Jim Murdoch, Ken Rapp, Jason Kichline

# COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

## ***THIS WEEK***

### **Moms In Prayer**

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

### **Women's Book Study**

Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.

### **Soupy Saturday**

Saturday, 9 a.m.

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## ***NEXT WEEK***

### **Youth 4G**

Sunday, 6:30 p.m.

### **Men's Group**

Wednesday, 8 p.m.

### **Sounds of Worship Rehearsal**

Thursday, 7 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 JAN. 22***

### **Sunday**

Worship "Come, Follow Me"

### **Monday**

Micah 6:1-8

### **Tuesday**

Psalm 15

**Wednesday** | Corinthians 1:18-25

### **Thursday**

I Corinthians 1:26-31

### **Friday**

Matthew 5:1-12

### **Saturday**

Rest and Reflect

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

*This week's flowers are given to  
the glory of God and in memory  
of our mothers by Barry and Tina  
Eaton.*

# TEACHING NOTES

## “Come, Follow Me”

Matthew 4:18-23

1. The call to follow Jesus is unique and personal to each one of us.

<sup>18</sup> **As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother**, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>21</sup> **As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John**, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Matthew 4:18-22

**As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew** sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

Matthew 9:9

<sup>2</sup> These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup> Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

Matthew 10:2-4

2. Jesus calls us amid our family relationships.

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3. Jesus calls us amid our work a day world.

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4. Jesus calls us to respond immediately and for a lifetime.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **LIFELONG LEARNER**

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

Looking for intentional learning and community on Sunday mornings? Find a complete list of current studies on our website ([fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com)), and jump into a class anytime!

### **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. Learn more and register now on the Church Center app or on our website ([fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com))! Please note: Passion Play Experience rehearsals will be held separately from Wonderful Wednesday.

### **In the Footsteps of Jesus: A Passion Play Experience | April 6**

First Church is planning for a reimagined Passion Play Experience in 2023! . If you have children or youth interested in participating or if you would like to assist with rehearsals or costumes, sign up on Church Center. Please contact Katie Knorr ([kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com)) or Lisa Aronson ([uthrock@fumchurch.com](mailto:uthrock@fumchurch.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) 717-766-4611, ext. 112). While you're there, help yourself to a devotional book or journal to enhance your personal prayer time.

### **Joy in the Morning | Next Meeting Tomorrow, 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 (717-766-4611, ext. 112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto: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](mailto:sdppp@msn.com)) or Tina Eaton ([adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com)) for more details.

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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.

### **Greeters and Ushers**

We are looking for more greeters and ushers to serve on Sunday mornings. These important members of our welcoming ministry arrive at church about 30 minutes before the service starts and greet those arriving with a smile and a warm hello. If you want more information or can volunteer for one Sunday a month, please contact Judi Buddenbaum ([ljcbuddenbaum@verizon.net](mailto:ljcbuddenbaum@verizon.net)).





## **DEDICATED MISSIONARY**

### **Wonderful Wednesday Volunteer Opportunities!**

We're looking for some volunteers to make our winter/spring session of Wonderful Wednesday... wonderful! We need volunteers to assist with preparing meals and adults (with clearances) to help with child care. Please contact Katie Knorr ([kidscount@fum-church.com](mailto:kidscount@fum-church.com)) if you have questions or are interested in serving for any portion of the six-week session!

### **Work at First Church!**

First Church is hiring a part-time (10 hours/week) Director of Finance. . 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)).

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## **RELATIONSHIP BUILDER**

### **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 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)) with any questions.

### **Widows and Widowers Valentine's Day Luncheon | Tuesday, Feb. 14, 11:30 a.m.**

This group is invited to a special luncheon at First Church in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Bonnie Guyer ([717-766-0145](tel:717-766-0145)). Transportation will be provided upon request.

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## **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](mailto:j.murdoch@jbminsurance.com)) or Judi Buddenbaum ([ljcbuddenbaum@verizon.net](mailto:ljcbuddenbaum@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](mailto: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

## Reflection Questions:

1. When have you heard Jesus say, "Come, follow Me"? What were the circumstances? How did you respond?
2. What does it look like for you to follow Jesus in your family relationships?
3. How about in your occupation?
4. Why do you think Matthew emphasizes that Jesus' disciples responded immediately?
5. Can you recall a turning point in your life that brought you face-to-face with Jesus?

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