
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP



**5 P.M. AND 10 P.M.
DEC. 24, 2022**

5 P.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle

Scripture
Isaiah 9:2-7

"Heaven Is Here"
"O Come Let Us Adore Him"

Scriptures
Luke 2:1-7, 8-20

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"

Reading of Storybook
"The Night Before Jesus"

Message
"The Journey"

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

The Lighting of Candles

"Silent Night"

Blessing

"Joy to the World"

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Denny Keller

Liturgist.....Sarah Pugh

Worship Team.....John Gross, Emily Hammaker, Jason Kichline, Geri Nuss, Sarah
Pugh, Tracy Wertz, Abigail Wertz

Sound and Media.....Fred Espenshade, Ron Nichols, Jim Robinson

10 P.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Lightening the Christ Candle

"O Come All Ye Faithful" - No. 234 v. 1-3, 6

Opening Prayer

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

Isaiah 9:2-7

Choir Anthem
"Christmastime"

Luke 2:1-7

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" - No. 230

Luke 2:8-20

Special Music
"Star Carol"

Message

"How Will You Get to Bethlehem"

Special Music
"O Holy Night"

Communion

Candlelighting
"Silent Night" - No. 239

Benediction

"Joy to the World" - No. 246

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Denny Keller

Worship Team.....Sounds of Worship, Gail Leinhos, George Canonizado,
Kathie Bittenbender

Sound and Media.....Michael Garman, Roger Walton, Holly Kurten, Jason Kichline

NOTES

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).

Kids Activity Bags are available at each entrance to the sanctuary.

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 (@fourgyouthministry).
- Like us on Facebook (4G - First United Methodist Youth Group).
- Email Youth Pastor Lisa Aronson (uthrock@fumchurch.com) to receive emails about all things First Church Youth.



CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP



SUNDAY, DEC. 25, 10 A.M.



NEW YEAR'S WORSHIP



SUNDAY, JAN. 1, 10 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

No Ordinary Life: Living the Faith Day by Day

Followers of Jesus who live their faith day by day are anything but ordinary! Jesus says that we are a light shining forth for the world to see (Matthew 5:14). Our lives are evidence that our faith is true and our God is at work. As we begin this new year with a new sermon series, we'll focus on some of the most famous passages in Matthew's Gospel and catch a vision of the life Jesus calls us to live, not just now and then, but every day.

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) to RSVP.

PRAYING FOLLOWER

Moms in Prayer | Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Room 105

Join a group of mothers with kids of all ages and stages of life to pray for your children, school, community and world. 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

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).



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Men's Breakfast | Saturday, Jan. 7, 7:30 a.m.

Join other First Church men for good food and light-hearted fellowship on the first Saturday of each month at Brothers Restaurant (705 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg). Please contact Barry Eaton (theeaton5@verizon.net) to RSVP.

Women's Retreat | Early Bird Registration Ends THIS SATURDAY, Dec. 31!

Join us for our 2023 retreat, "Anxious for Nothing" (based on the best-selling book by Max Lucado), Feb. 3-5 at Mount Asbury Retreat Center. Choose a one-day option or a full-week-end experience! Find more details and register on our Church Center app. If you have questions, please contact Patti Herring (familyzeke@verizon.net).

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.

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) or call (717-766-4611).



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) or the Church Center app (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) with any questions.

Advent Giving to the Little Free Pantry

Thank you for your faithful giving to our Little Free Pantry this Advent! Your donations are such a blessing to those experiencing hunger in our community. We can always use more nonperishable food items to share, especially as we continue to face colder weather. You can drop donations off after Sunday worship in the box outside in the alley entrance, during the week at the church office, or anytime by placing them directly in the pantry.

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.



MERRY CHRISTMAS
from your First Church family!

***Scan here or visit our
website at funchurch.com
for more details on all of
our upcoming events!***



Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors!
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