
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



NO ORDINARY

LIFE

LIVING THE FAITH
DAY BY DAY

“You Are”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

FEB. 5, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" - No. 57

Opening Prayer

Sharing Signs of Peace

Choir Anthem

"The Upper Room"

Scripture

Matthew 5:13-16

Hymn

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" - No. 206

Sermon

"You Are"

Hymn

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service - No. 581

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Closing Hymn

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"- No. 569

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Alan Robinson

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

Sound and Media.....Ron Nichols, Jim Robinson, Jason Kichline

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

Indoor Pickleball
Tuesday, 6-8 p.m.

Wonderful Wednesday
Wednesday, 5-7 p.m.

Handbell Pie Pickup
Saturday, 12-2 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

Widows/Widowers Valentine's Lunch
Tuesday, 11 a.m.

MOPS
Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Wednesday Night Men's Group
Wednesday, 8 p.m.

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



WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

WEEK OF FEB. 5

Sunday Worship "You Are"

Monday Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Tuesday Psalm 119:1-8

Wednesday | Corinthians 3:1-9

Thursday | Corinthians 13:1-8a

Friday | Corinthians 13:8b-13

Saturday Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

*This week's flowers are given to
the glory of God and in memory of
loved ones by the Florey family.*

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Welcome

Praise & Worship
"Shout to the Lord"
"Faithful Now"

Wee and Kids Worship Dismissal

"What A Beautiful Name"

Scripture
Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon
"You Are"

Pastoral Prayer
Announcements and Offering

"Reign Above It All"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Al Robinson

Worship Team.....Dave Florey, John Gross, Jason Kichline, Cynthia Smith,
Abigail Wertz, Tracy Wertz

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

TEACHING NOTES

“You Are”

Matthew 5:13-16



In this world, Jesus and his disciples look small and irrelevant.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he began to speak and taught them...

Matthew 5:1-2

What good is the church?

“The hardest part is not in being a Christian for a day, but being faithful day after day, maintaining confidence in what, for all the world, appears to be a losing game.”

– Thomas Long, Matthew

What Christ-followers do in this world really counts!

You are the salt of the earth...
Matthew 5:13

You are the light of the world.
Matthew 5:14a

A city set on a hill cannot be hid.
Matthew 5:14b

YOU ARE Salt and Light!

¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:15-16

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), 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)! 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) or Lisa Aronson (uthrock@fumchurch.com) with questions.

Small Groups for Lent | Begin Meeting Week of Feb. 26, Various Times

Join us for a 6-week, small group study that goes along with our Lenten sermon series, In the Footsteps of the Savior. Registration and additional details coming soon! Contact Tina Eaton ([717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611) or adultministry@fumchurch.com) for more information.

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 [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. [112](tel: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, Feb. 13, 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](tel:717-766-4611), ext. [112](tel:112) or wecare@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.

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 (ljbuddenbaum@verizon.net).

Cold Weather Closures

In the event of inclement weather, First Church will make every effort to notify people of worship service cancellations and modified office hours via our website (fumchurch.com), our social media pages, mass email and ABC27.



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@fumchurch.com) if you have questions or are interested in serving for any portion of the six-week session!

Day of Blessing | Saturday, Feb. 25, 1 p.m.

Our Day of Pampering has a new look, but the same focus: to celebrate women who serve as caregivers for loved ones with extraordinary needs. We look forward to honoring these women through a special time of worship and fellowship. To RSVP, please contact Nancy Robinson (nrob55@verizon.net) or sign up on Church Center. Contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com) if interested in helping to serve refreshments at the event.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Indoor Pickleball | Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m.

Whether you're a single player or double, whether you play pickleball frequently or have never played before, we invite you to join us for some fun and games in the multipurpose room! Contact Janice Bowen with questions ([717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. [112](tel:717-766-112) or we-care@fumchurch.com).

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.



GENEROUS GIVER

Handbell Choir Pie Fundraiser | Last Day to Order TODAY, Feb. 5

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 after worship to place your order. Pick up your pies in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Feb. 11, between noon and 2 p.m.

Special Church Conference | Sunday, Feb. 19

First Church will host a special Conference to share information about plans to restore our historic bell tower and to vote on securing a loan to complete the project.

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:

Battleball | Feb. 26

Reflection Questions:

1. When have you asked, “What good is the church?”
2. What is the hardest thing for you about being a Christian in the world today?
3. Why does Jesus use the plural form of “you” and “your” in this passage?
4. How have you seen the church making a difference in the world?
5. How do you do to stay “salty” and “lit” as a follower of Christ?

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors!

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