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WELCOME TO

First United  
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



NO ORDINARY

LIFE

LIVING THE FAITH  
DAY BY DAY

*“When Life Changes”*

FOUNDATION SERVICE

FEB. 19, 2023

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" - No. 103*

Unison Prayer

Hymn

*"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" - No. 349*

Scripture

*Matthew 17:1-9*

Handbell Anthem

*"Acclamation of Azmon"*

Sermon

*"When Life Changes"*

Choir Anthem

*"We Are the Hands of Christ"*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Doxology #95 and Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

*"I Stand Amazed in the Presence"- No. 371*

Benediction

Postlude

## **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist.....Jennifer Myers

Accompanist..... Sarah Pugh, Sounds of Worship, Handbells

Sound and Media.....Fred Espenshade, Michael Garman, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten

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Welcome

Praise & Worship

*"A Thousand Hallelujahs"*

*"This Is Amazing Grace"*

Wee and Kids Worship Dismissal

*"Majesty"*

Scripture

*Matthew 17:1-9*

Sermon

*"When Life Changes"*

Pastoral Prayer

*Announcements and Offering*

*"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"*

Benediction

Postlude

## ***LEADING IN WORSHIP***

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Jennifer Myers

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

Sound and Media.....Fred Espenshade, Michael Garman, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten

# COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

## ***THIS WEEK***

**Special Church Conference**  
Today, 9:45 a.m.

**Indoor Pickleball**  
Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

**Day of Blessing**  
Saturday, 1 p.m.

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## ***NEXT WEEK***

**Youth Battleball**  
Sunday, 1:15 p.m.

**Wonderful Wednesday**  
Wednesday, 5 p.m.

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

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



# WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

## ***WEEK OF FEB. 19***

**Sunday**      Worship "Listen to Him"

**Monday**      2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

**Tuesday**      Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**Wednesday** Psalm 51:1-17

**Thursday**      Romans 5:12-19

**Friday**        Matthew 4:1-11

**Saturday**      Rest and Reflect

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

*This week's flowers are given to  
the glory of God by the Helping  
Hands Sunday School Class.*

# TEACHING NOTES

## **“When Life Changes”**

Matthew 17:1-9

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised.

Matthew 16:21

<sup>22</sup>As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into human hands, <sup>23</sup>and they will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised.” And they were greatly distressed.

Matthew 17:22-23

## ***“Listen to Him!”***

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; **listen to him!**”

Matthew 17:5

“Learning to listen and pray in a noisy world begins with knowing that we were created by God for the purpose of **knowing** and **loving** God and others.” – Reuben Job, Listen

## ***“Get Up”***

<sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, **“Get up and do not be afraid.”**  
Matthew 17:6-7

- Jesus heals the paralytic, telling him, **“Stand up.”** (Matthew 9:6-7)
- Jesus takes the hand of the dead daughter of the synagogue leader, **“and the girl got up.”** (Matthew 9:25)
- Jesus instructs the twelve, **“Raise the dead.”** (Matthew 10:8)
- Jesus foretells his own **resurrection.** (Matthew 16:21)
- The angel tells the women who come to the tomb, **“He is not here for he has been raised as he said.”** (Matthew 28:6)

## ***“Do Not Be Afraid”***

But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and **do not be afraid.**”

Matthew 17:7

## ***“Jesus Himself Alone”***

And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

Matthew 17:8

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LIFELONG LEARNER

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

Join us for a reimagined Passion Play Experience! If you or any members of your family would like to participate onstage or help behind the scenes, sign up on Church Center or on our website ([fumchurch.com/footsteps](http://fumchurch.com/footsteps)). Please contact Katie Knorr ([kidscount@fumchurch.com](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com)) with questions.

### **In the Footsteps of the Savior: A Study for Lent | Groups Begin Meeting the Week of Feb. 26, Various Times**

Join us for a six-week study and sermon series that will take you on a Holy Land journey! Register TOMORROW, Feb. 20 on Church Center or by contacting Tina Eaton (717-766-4611 or [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com)). Find more details, including group options and workbook information, on Church Center on our website ([fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com)).

### **Wednesday Men's Group | First and Third Wednesdays, 8-9:30 p.m.**

Join a group of First Church men as they study, "Irresistible: Reclaiming the New that Jesus Unleashed for the World." Contact Barry Eaton ([theaton5@verizon.net](mailto:theaton5@verizon.net)) for more details.

### **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 or [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com)) for more information.

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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.

### **Summer Camp Registration is Open!**

Register online ([suscrm.org](http://suscrm.org)) and send your confirmation to Camp Coordinators Debb Noss ([sdppp@msn.com](mailto:sdppp@msn.com)) and Amy Ortiz ([amy.ogden7@gmail.com](mailto:amy.ogden7@gmail.com)) to be paired with a prayer partner and receive financial assistance from First Church. You can also contact our Camp Coordinators to become a prayer partner, support a camper financially, sign up for a campsite workday, or learn more about the Camp and Retreat Ministry.

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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 ([ljbuddenbaum@verizon.net](mailto:ljbuddenbaum@verizon.net)).

## **Ash Wednesday Worship | Wednesday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m.**

Join us at Shiremanstown United Methodist Church as we begin Lent by worshipping with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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## **DEDICATED MISSIONARY**

### **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. Please contact Tina Eaton ([717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. [104](tel:104) or [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com)) if interested in helping.

### **February Mission Focus: New Hope Ministries**

This month, First Church will support New Hope by collecting toilet paper, paper towels, tissues and laundry detergent. Drop off your donations at the sanctuary entrance collection site or at the table in the main entrance hallway. Thanks for supporting this local ministry!

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## **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:112) or [we-care@fumchurch.com](mailto:we-care@fumchurch.com)).

### **Community Dinner | TODAY, Feb. 19, 5 p.m.**

First Church, along with several other local churches will provide a free meal and entertainment to the downtown Mechanicsburg community at Buhrig's Gathering Place. If you would like to help, contact Lori Hoffnagle ([l\\_hoffnagle@yahoo.com](mailto:l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com)).

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## **GENEROUS GIVER**

### **Giving to First Church**

We're so grateful for all the ways you support First Church – through your prayers, time, talents and resources. Everything you give to First Church helps us build disciples and love our neighbors. You can place any tithes or offerings in the baskets as you exit the sanctuary, send them into the church office, or give online via our website ([fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com)) or on the Church Center app.

## 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).

### Wonderful Wednesday Expanded!

Continues Wednesdays through March 15, 5-7 p.m.  
You can still register on Church Center.

### Passion Play Experience

April 6  
Learn more and sign up on Church Center.

## 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

## Questions for Reflection:

1. What changes do you see happening in your life or in the world around you?  
How do you feel about those changes?
2. In a noisy world, what helps you to listen to Jesus?
3. Where do you see new life and new possibilities in the midst of change?
4. What do the words of Jesus, "Do not be afraid" mean for you right now?
5. As the season of Lent begins this week, what is God inviting you to "give up" or "take up" so that you see "Jesus himself alone?"

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

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