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WELCOME TO

First United  
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



In the  
**FOOTSTEPS**  
of the **SAVIOR**

*Capernaum:  
Following Jesus When You Doubt*

FOUNDATION SERVICE

FEB. 26, 2023

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" - No. 139*

Opening Prayer

Hymn

*"His Name is Wonderful" - No. 174*

Scripture

*Mark 5:21-43*

Sermon

*"Following Jesus When You Doubt"*

Hymn

*"This is a Day of New Beginnings" - No. 383*

Choir Anthem

*"We Are the Hands of Christ"*

Invitation, Confession, Pardon

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Bread and Cup

Prayer and Announcements

Closing Hymn

*"Trust and Obey" - No. 467*

Benediction

Postlude

## **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Barry Eaton

Accompanist..... Sarah Pugh, Gail Leinhos

Sound and Media.....Michael Garman, Ken Rapp, Holly Kurten

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A background image showing a calm lake in the foreground, with a line of trees and a hillside with buildings in the distance under a light blue sky with soft clouds.

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**THE GATHERING SERVICE**

**FEB. 26, 2023**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise & Worship

*"Way Maker"*

*"Goodness of God"*

Wee and Kids Worship Dismissal

*"Faithful Now"*

Scripture

*Mark 5:21-43*

Sermon

*"Following Jesus When You Doubt "*

Communion Prayer and Communion

*Announcements and Offering*

*"In Christ Alone"*

Benediction

Postlude

## ***LEADING IN WORSHIP***

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Barry Eaton

Worship Team.....Sarah Pugh, George Canonizado, Cynthia Smith, Abigail Wertz,  
RJ Wertz, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media.....Michael Garman, Ken Rapp, Holly Kurten

# COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

## ***THIS WEEK***

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

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

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

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## ***NEXT WEEK***

**Moms In Prayer**  
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

**Martha's Circle**  
Tuesday, 1 p.m.

**Ham Loaf Dinner**  
Saturday, 4 p.m.

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more details on all  
of our upcoming  
events!*



# WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

## ***WEEK OF FEB. 26***

**Sunday**      Worship "When You Doubt"

**Monday**      Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

**Tuesday**      Genesis 12:1-4a

**Wednesday**      Psalm 121

**Thursday**      Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

**Friday**      John 3:1-17

**Saturday**      Rest and Reflect

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

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

# TEACHING NOTES

## “Capernaum: Following Jesus When You Doubt”

Mark 5:21-43

“Do you think he can?”

“Do you think he cares?”

“Do you think he’ll come?”

1. Jesus can help.

<sup>22</sup> *Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, **fell at his feet** <sup>23</sup> **and pleaded with him repeatedly**, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live.”*

*Mark 5:22-23*

<sup>27</sup> *She had heard about Jesus and **came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak**, <sup>28</sup> for she said, “If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup> Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.*

*Mark 5:27-29*

*“It doesn’t matter what state we’re in when we approach Christ—desperate, doubting, bold, or uncertain. What matters is that we approach him. We come to him as we are and ask him for what we need. He will not turn us away.”*  
*“Footsteps” Study Guide, p. 14*

2. Jesus does care.

*So he went with him.*

*Mark 5:24*

<sup>30</sup> *Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, **Jesus turned about in the crowd** and said, “Who touched my cloak?”* <sup>31</sup> *And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, “Who touched me?””* <sup>32</sup> *He looked all around to see who had done it.*

*Mark 5:30-32*

### 3. Jesus will come.

<sup>33</sup> *But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth.* <sup>34</sup> *He said to her, “**Daughter**, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”*

*Mark 5:33-34*

<sup>35</sup> *While he was still speaking, some people came from the synagogue leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?”* <sup>36</sup> *But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the synagogue leader, “**Do not be afraid; only believe.**”*

*Mark 5:35-36*

<sup>15</sup> *For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.* <sup>16</sup> *Let us therefore **approach the throne of grace with boldness**, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

*Hebrews 4:15-16*

# 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 THIS WEEK!**

Join us for a six-week study and sermon series that will take you on a Holy Land journey! Register 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 ([theeaton5@verizon.net](mailto:theeaton5@verizon.net)) for more details.

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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)).

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## **DEDICATED MISSIONARY**

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

### **Men's Breakfast | Saturday, March 4, 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](mailto:theeaton5@verizon.net)) to RSVP.

### **Church Directory Photos**

If you have yet to submit a photo for our Church Directory, photographer Lauren Sanker will take photos of you and your family next week between the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services. You can also purchase these photos as prints or digitals! Sign up for a timeslot at the Church Center Helpdesk. You can always upload your own photo or ask a church staff member at our Church Center Helpdesk to take a simple snapshot. We are looking forward to including you in our digital and print Church Directory!

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## **GENEROUS GIVER**

### **Ham Loaf Dinner | Saturday, March 11, 4-6:30 p.m.**

Support the restoration of our historic bell tower and enjoy a delicious dinner! Reserve your tickets ahead of time by signing up on one of the papers by the sanctuary doors or by calling Marley Ann Schmick ([717-697-2233](tel:717-697-2233)). In addition to purchasing a meal, you can support this event by volunteering to help in the kitchen, serving food, or providing a dessert. To sign up as a volunteer or for more information, contact Kathie Bittenbender.

## 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 | TODAY

## Questions for Reflection:

1. When you're in need, what is hardest to believe about Jesus: that he can, that he cares, or that he'll come?
2. When you imagine Jesus, how do you picture him? What image comforts you? Why?
3. Why did Jesus call the woman who was healed Daughter? What would it mean for you to hear Jesus call you daughter or son by Jesus?
4. Where do you need Jesus' comfort today? How could his words, "Do not be afraid; only believe" apply in that situation?
5. With whom in your life is Jesus calling you to share that he can, he cares, he'll come?

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

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