
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



In the
FOOTSTEPS
of the **SAVIOR**

*Mount of Beatitudes:
Following Jesus When You Worry*

FOUNDATION SERVICE

MARCH 12, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship
(On Screen)

Praise and Worship
"The Dove"
"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

Unison Prayer
Saint Patrick Prayer
"Morning By Morning"

Scripture
Matthew 6:25-34

Sermon
"Following Jesus When You Worry"

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

Praise and Worship
"What A Beautiful Name"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Jeff Hoffnagle

Accompanist..... Youth Worship Team

Sound and Media.....Jim Murdoch, Jason Kichline, Holly Kurten

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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Welcome

Praise & Worship

"The Dove"

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

Wee and Kids Worship Dismissal

"Morning By Morning"

Scripture

Mathew 6:25-34

Sermon

"Following Jesus When You Worry"

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

"What A Beautiful Name"

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Worship Team.....Youth Worship Team

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COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

Indoor Pickleball

Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Isaiah 61

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

MOPS

Wednesday, 6 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

Moms In Prayer

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Lent Bible Study

Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.

Al-Anon

Friday, 12 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 MAR. 12

Sunday

Worship "Following Jesus"

Monday

Luke 22:39-44

Tuesday

John 2:1-11

Wednesday

Romans 8:31-39

Thursday

John 13:33-14:3

Friday

Matthew 6:31-33

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

*This week's flowers are given to
the glory of God and in memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Walter Hall, Mr. & Mrs.
Edward Wade and sister-in-law
Mrs. JoAnn Wade by Linda and
Larry Hall.*

TEACHING NOTES

Mount of the Beatitudes Following Jesus When You Worry

Matthew 6:25-34

“What does all this anxiety mean? All this fear? Trepidation? Restlessness? Insecurity? What does it mean? Simply this: you are a human being.” – Max Lucado

Worry is the way we respond **mentally** to uncertainty.

*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and **with all your mind** and your neighbor as yourself.”*

Luke 10:27

Let **the same mind** be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:5

Matthew 6:25

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life

Matthew 6:31

Therefore do not worry

Matthew 6:34

So do not worry

DO NOT WORRY

*“Therefore I tell you, **do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear.** Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?”*

Matthew 6:25

NATURE TEACHES US A SIMPLE TRUTH: GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU

Look at the birds of the air: *they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?*

Matthew 6:26

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Psalm 150:7

INVEST THAT ENERGY IN THE RIGHT PLACE

And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life?

Matthew 6:27

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own.

Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

Matthew 6:34

³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ **But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.**

Matthew 6:31-33

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). Please contact Katie Knorr (kidscount@fumchurch.com) with questions.

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) for more details.

In the Footsteps of the Savior: A Study for Lent

Dive deeper into our Lenten sermon series! Study groups have already begun, but you can still jump into any group at any time. Contact Tina Eaton ([717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611) or adultministry@fumchurch.com) for more details. You can also find teaching notes, reflection questions and our customized daily Bible reading plan in our weekly bulletin and on our website (fumchurch.com)

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 or [717-766-4611](tel: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) and send your confirmation to Camp Coordinators Debb Noss (sdppp@msn.com) and Amy Ortiz (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.

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 (ljcbuddenbaum@verizon.net).

DEDICATED MISSIONARY

March Mission Focus: New Digs Furniture Ministry

This month, First Church highlights our partnership with New Digs, which helps provide furniture and household items to those in need of a fresh start. Check out our display in the main entrance hallway to learn more about how you can support this local ministry!

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 wecare@fumchurch.com).

Joy in the Morning | Next Meeting Monday, March 20, 1-2 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. For more information, contact Janice Bowen ([717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112 or wecare@fumchurch.com).

Mount Asbury Senior Day | Wednesday, April 19, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Celebrate "Welcome Spring Day" at Mount Asbury Retreat Center! Enjoy a delicious lunch and receive supplies and instructions to plant flowers or paint a flowerpot windchime. Cost is \$20, and transportation will be provided from the church parking lot. Please contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112) if you're interested in attending.

GENEROUS GIVER

Egging of the Yards – Youth Mission Fundraiser

The First Church Youth want to "egg" your yard! Sign up through our online Google Form and let us know how many eggs you would like. Our youth and volunteers will deliver plastic eggs filled with Easter candy and treats to your address after 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 8. When you wake up on Easter morning, your yard will be full of surprises! All proceeds benefit First Church Youth's summer mission trip. Find more details and sign up here: <https://forms.gle/PV3Kv3TdnukscGR66>

Handbell Choir R&K Sub Fundraiser

The Handbell Choir will once again sell subs and pretzel sandwiches that will be delivered on Palm Sunday. Sign up sheets are available at the sanctuary entrances.

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) or on the Church Center app. If you give a check or cash donation in an envelope, please remember to write your name or envelope number on the outside to ensure you receive credit for your contribution.

KIDS

Stay Connected!

Want to know more about First Church Kids? Check out our landing page or contact Director of Children and Family Ministries Katie Knorr (kidscount@fumchurch.com).

Wee Worship and Kid Worship | Sunday mornings

We offer special worship programs during our Sunday services for kids in pre-K through fifth grade, as well as a nursery for infants and toddlers. Stop by the children's wing to learn more!

Passion Play Experience | Thursday, April 6, 6:30 p.m.

Sign up on Church Center or reach out to Miss Katie if you'd like to be involved with this interactive portrayal of the Easter story!

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 Lisa to receive emails about all things First Church Youth.

Coming Up

Passion Play Experience | April 6

Lock-In | April 22-23

Summer Mission Trip to Mayfield, Kentucky | July 1-8

Thanks for joining us in worship!

8:30 a.m.	FOUNDATION SERVICE (Traditional)
9:45 a.m.	SUNDAY SCHOOL (View classes at fumchurch.com)
11 a.m.	THE GATHERING SERVICE (Modern)
4 p.m.	REJOICING SPIRITS (Fourth Sunday of each month)

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors

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