
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



In the
FOOTSTEPS
of the **SAVIOR**

***Temple Steps:
Following Jesus...And Only Jesus***

FOUNDATION SERVICE

MARCH 19, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" - No. 128

Psalm 23

Handbell Anthem

"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

Scripture

John 8:1-11

Praise Chorus

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" - No. 349

Sermon

"Temple Steps: Following Jesus...And Only Jesus"

Choir Anthem

"Here I Am, Lord"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Doxology #94 and Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

"Grace Greater Than Our Sin" - No. 365

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Sarah Pugh

Accompanist..... SOW, Handbells, Gail Leinhos

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

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A background image showing a calm lake in the foreground, with green trees and a hillside in the middle ground, and a city skyline visible in the distance under a blue sky with light clouds.

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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Welcome

Praise & Worship

"King of Kings"

"Whole Heart (Hold Me Now)"

Wee and Kids Worship Dismissal

"Revelation Song"

Scripture

John 8:1-11

Sermon

"Temple Steps: Following Jesus...And Only Jesus "

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

"Christ Be Magnified"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Sarah Pugh

Worship Team.....John Gross, Emily Hammaker, Sarah Pugh, Cynthia Smith,

Tracy Wertz

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

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

Moms In Prayer

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Lent Bible Study

Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.

Al-Anon

Friday, 12 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

Rejoicing Spirits

Sunday, 4 p.m.

Covered In Love

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday, 7:30 a.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

Psalms 118:22-24

Tuesday

Luke 8:26-39

Wednesday

Matthew 11:25-30

Thursday

John 14:5-11

Friday

Ephesians 2:19-22

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

*This week's flowers are given to the glory of God
and in celebration of 59 years of marriage by
Jim and Gail Siemons.*

MACHE BASKET

*This week's flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Judy Rickards by John
Rickards and Family.*

TEACHING NOTES

“Temple Steps: Following Jesus...And Only Jesus” John 8:1-11

*For God so loved the world that he gave his **one and only Son**, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:16 (NIV)

*For in him **all the fullness of God** was pleased to dwell.*

Colossians 1:19 (NRSV)

1. Following in the Footsteps of the Savior...Conviction

*When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “**Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.**”*

John 8:7 (NRSV)

2. Following in the Footsteps of the Savior...Grace

*Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they?
Has no one condemned you?”*
John 8:10 (NRSV)

3. Following in the Footsteps of the Savior...Freedom

*She said, “No one, sir.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you.
Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”*
John 8:11 (NRSV)

Questions For Reflection

1. Describe your first encounter with Christ. How did it change your path or direction?
2. What has Christ taught you? How has he taught it to you?
3. When have you experienced grace?
4. What next step is Christ calling you to take as you follow in his footsteps?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

In the Footsteps of Jesus: A Passion Play Experience | Thursday, April 6, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a reimagined Passion Play Experience! Be sure to invite friends and family to this interactive telling of the Easter story. No tickets are required for this free event!

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.

Good Friday Prayer Walk | Friday, April 7, 10-11:15 a.m.

Join our brothers and sisters in Christ as we walk and pray in our community! Meet at First Church or another participating prayer site for a special hour of guided prayer throughout Mechanicsburg, followed by closing prayer and worship at First Church of God (28 E. Main Street) from 11-11:15 a.m. Children and their families are then invited to a Community Easter Egg Hunt at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (132 E. Main Street) at 11:30. Contact Lori Hoffnagle (l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com) with questions.

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.

Central Pennsylvania Handbell Festival | Saturday, April 1, 4 p.m.

Support our Handbell Choir and several others at this beautiful concert! This event is free and will take place at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Mechanicsburg.



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!

New Hope Ministries Need

Our partners at New Hope need your empty egg cartons! Drop off your cartons at the collection area by the main entrance door, and we will deliver them to the Mechanicsburg center along with food donations. Thank you!



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:717-766-4611) or wecare@fumchurch.com).

Joy in the Morning | Next Meeting TOMORROW, 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](tel:717-766-4611) 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](tel:717-766-4611)) 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/PV3Kv3TdnuksGR66>

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.

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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EASTER FLOWERS

Honor your loved ones and beautify our sanctuary this Easter! To order your lilies, fill out this form and return it to the church office or call or email the office (office@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611) by 12 p.m. on Monday, March 27.

Flowers cost \$11 each. Checks can be made out to First United Methodist Church (with "Easter flowers" on the memo line).

Quantity: _____ **Total: \$** _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

Placed by: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please pick up your flowers between Easter morning worship on Sunday, April 9, and Wednesday, April 19. Flowers not claimed by April 19 will be disposed of.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Go deeper with God on Sunday mornings!

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENT:

In the Footsteps of the Savior (Multiple classes and locations)

Dive deeper into our Lenten sermon series! Visit the Church Center app or contact Tina Eaton (717-766-4611 or adultministry@fumchurch.com) to see a complete list of classes and locations.

Entering the Passion of Jesus (Room B003)

This study by Amy Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story and is designed for adults of all ages and stages of faith. Contact Wayde Leister (waydeleister@outlook.com) for more details.

A Life of Faith (Room B004)

Walk through the United Methodist Lent/Easter curriculum, focusing on Jesus's journey to the cross, doubt and wisdom, and the purpose of Sabbath. Contact Bob Wertz, Sr. (robert_wertz@plantsitelogistics.com) if interested.

See the full class list and find other ways to grow with God at fumchurch.com