
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



In the
FOOTSTEPS
of the **SAVIOR**

*Sea of Galilee:
Following Jesus in Your Storms*

FOUNDATION SERVICE

MARCH 5, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us" - No. 100

Psalm 121 #844

Hymn

"You Are My Hiding Place" - No. 2055

Scripture

Mark 14:22-33

Choir Anthem

"Shine On Us"

Sermon

"Following Jesus In Your Storms"

Hymn

"It Is Well with My Soul" - No. 377

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Closing Hymn

"Hallelujah! What A Savior" - No. 526

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Pastor Lisa Aronson

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

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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise & Worship

"In Christ Alone"

"Stand In Your Love"

Wee and Kids Worship Dismissal

"Defender"

Scripture

Mathew 14:22-23

Sermon

"Following Jesus in Your Storms"

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Team.....George Canonizado, John Gross, Geri Nuss, Sarah Pugh,
Abigail Wertz, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media.....Ron Nicols, Jim Robinsion, Holly Kurten

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

Moms In Prayer

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Martha's Circle

Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Ham Loaf Dinner

Saturday, 4-6:30 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

Indoor Pickleball

Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Isaiah 61

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

MOPS

Wednesday, 6 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. 5

Sunday

Worship "Following Jesus"

Monday

John 20:11-18

Tuesday

John 1:1-14

Wednesday

Hebrews 12:1-3

Thursday

John 14:25-27

Friday

Mark 4:37-38

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

*This week's flowers are given to
the glory of God and in memory
of Kenneth Knott and Lester and
Eileen Wolfe by the Knott Family.*

TEACHING NOTES

“Sea of Galilee: Following Jesus in Your Storms” Matthew 14:22-33

“The lake became a popcorn popper, lifting their boat, spinning it around, plopping it down.” – Max Lucado

1. Even when we can't see Jesus, Jesus sees us.

And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.
Matthew 14:25

“I will never leave you or forsake you.”
Hebrews 13:5b

“Jesus doesn't always show up the way we think he will. He doesn't always show up when we think he will (remember the disciples were battling the storm for hours before Jesus appeared). And he doesn't always look the way we think he will look. But that doesn't mean he doesn't come. It just means we have to be looking for him.” – Max Lucado

2. Jesus is greater than our storms.

“Courage! I am! Don't be afraid!”
Matthew 14:27 (Bruner translation)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

John 14:27

²⁸ *Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.”* ²⁹ *He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.*

³⁰ *But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”* ³¹ *Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”*

Matthew 14:28-31

Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).

John 20:16

My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

John 10:27

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 [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).

GENEROUS GIVER

Ham Loaf Dinner | THIS 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.

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>

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 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:

Passion Play Experience | April 6

Questions for Reflection:

1. Have you felt the presence of Christ in the middle of a storm? How did you know it was him?
2. What have you learned about God and yourself after going through a storm?
3. How has Jesus approached you in unexpected ways, or in unexpected places, or through unexpected people?
4. What tends to distract you from focusing on Jesus?
5. How do you keep your focus on Jesus? What is your next step in more clearly focusing on him?

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors!

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