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First United  
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



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

*“Following Jesus to Become Like Jesus”*

**FOUNDATION SERVICE**

**APRIL 2, 2023**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude  
Welcome  
Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise  
*"All Glory, Laud and Honor" - No. 280*

Opening Prayer

Anthem by Sounds of Worship  
*"Jesus the King" - Lloyd Larson*

Scripture  
*Philippians 2:5-11*

Sermon  
*"Following Jesus to Become Like Jesus"*

Hymn  
*"Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" - No. 160*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer  
Announcements and Offering  
Doxology #95

Closing Hymn  
*"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed" - No. 359*

Benediction

Postlude

## **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Sarah Pugh

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

Sound and Media.....Michael Garman, Ron Nichols, Holly Kurten, Jason Kichline

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Welcome

Praise & Worship

*"Hosanna"*

*"Great Things"*

Wee and Kids Worship Dismissal

*"Majesty"*

Scripture

*Philippians 2:5-11*

Sermon

*"Following Jesus to Become Like Jesus"*

Pastoral Prayer

*Announcements and Offering*

*"Jesus Paid It All"*

Benediction

Postlude

## ***LEADING IN WORSHIP***

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Sarah Pugh

Worship Team.....John McHenry, Sarah Pugh, Lauren Sanker, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media..... Michael Garman, Ron Nichols, Holly Kurten, Jason Kichline

# COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

## ***THIS WEEK***

### **Handbell Sub Pick-Up**

TODAY, 12 p.m.

### **Men's Group**

Wednesday, 8 p.m.

### **Passion Play Experience**

Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

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## ***NEXT WEEK***

### **Easter Sunrise Service**

Sunday, 6:30 a.m.

### **Deborah Circle**

Tuesday, 7 p.m.

### **Covered In Love**

Wednesday, 9:30 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 APRIL 2***

**Sunday**      Worship "Palm Sunday"

**Monday**      Isaiah 52:13-53:12

**Tuesday**      Hebrews 10:16-25

**Wednesday**      John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**Thursday**      I Corinthians 11:23-26

**Friday**      John 18:1-19:42

**Saturday**      Rest and Reflect

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

This week's flowers are given to  
the glory of God by The Guyer  
Class.

# TEACHING NOTES

## “Following Jesus to Become Like Jesus”

Philippians 2:5-11



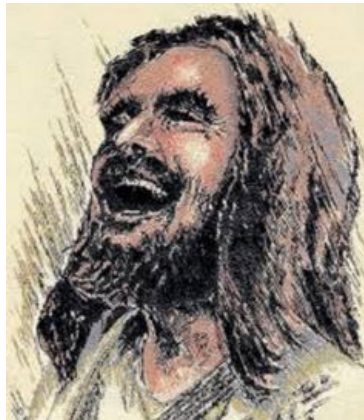
*Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ...*

Philippians 2:5

### 1. Our Savior Was **Human**.

*<sup>6</sup>who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped,  
<sup>7</sup>but **emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness.***

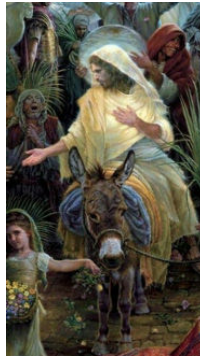
Philippians 2:6-7a



2. Our Savior Was **Humble**.

*And being found in appearance as a human, **he humbled himself...***

Philippians 2:7b-8a



3. Our Savior **Had Conviction**.

*... and became obedient to the point of death – **even death on a cross.***

Philippians 2:8b

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. **I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.***

John 10:10

4. We Follow in the Footsteps of the Savior to **Honor Him!**

*Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him **the name that is above every other name, ...***

Philippians 2:9

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LIFELONG LEARNER

### **In the Footsteps of Jesus: A Passion Play Experience | THIS 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!

### **Health and Wellness Presentation | Sunday, April 23, 9:45-10:45 a.m.**

Join us in the multipurpose room for our spring presentation with Dr. Steven DeLuca, D.O., M.S., on joint pain and joint replacement.

### **First Step Gathering | Sunday, April 16, 9:45-10:45 a.m.**

If you are new to First Church, or haven't been around for a while, First Step Gatherings provide the opportunity to get to know Pastor Denny and the staff, while you learn and determine the best next step to grow in your faith at First Church. The next gathering will take place in room 207. Sign up on Church Center or contact Tina Eaton ([adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 104) for more details.

### **Next Step Class: "A Disciple's Path" | Sundays starting April 23, 9:45-10:45 a.m.**

Ready to be baptized, thinking about becoming a member of First Church, or want to explore the foundations of our faith? Join us for a 6-week study, led by Pastor Denny, to explore what it means to faithfully participate in the life of the church through your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness. This class meets in room 207 and child care will be provided. Sign up on Church Center or contact Tina Eaton ([adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 104) if interested in attending.

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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) 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](mailto: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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)) for other ways to connect to First Church.

### **Camp Sunday | April 16, 8:30 and 11 a.m.**

Throughout the Gospels, we see Jesus taking time to rest, retreat and withdraw from the chaos of daily life. Join us for a special time of worship and to learn about the many upcoming camp and retreat opportunities for you and your family.

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## **DEDICATED MISSIONARY**

### **April Mission Focus: Hear Franklin Graham with the Missions Team!**

Franklin Graham, CEO of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and of Samaritan's Purse, will speak in Elkton, Maryland, on May 2. The First Church Missions Team invites you to attend! Contact Debbie Karns ([717-645-3958](tel:717-645-3958)) for more information.

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## **RELATIONSHIP BUILDER**

### **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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112) if you're interested in attending.

### **Holy Week Church Office Hours | Good Friday and Easter Monday**

The church office will be closed on Friday, April 7, and Monday, April 10. The First Church staff wishes you and your loved ones a happy Easter!

### **Joy in the Morning | Next Meeting Monday, April 17, 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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.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 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 <a href="http://fumchurch.com">fumchurch.com</a> )
11 a.m.	THE GATHERING SERVICE (Modern)
4 p.m.	REJOICING SPIRITS (Fourth Sunday of each month)

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

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**HOLY WEEK**

**WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES  
AND EVENTS**

(FIND MORE DETAILS AT [FUMCHURCH.COM](http://FUMCHURCH.COM))

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS: A PASSION  
PLAY EXPERIENCE // 6:30 P.M.

**GOOD FRIDAY** PRAYER WALK (WITH MECHANICSBURG AREA CHURCHES)  
// 10-11:15 A.M.

**EASTER SUNDAY** SUNRISE WORSHIP (MECHANICSBURG CEMETERY)  
// 6:30 A.M.

EASTER BREAKFAST (FELLOWSHIP HALL) // 7-8:30 A.M.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP // 8:30 AND 11 A.M.



# FIRST STEP GATHERING

Sunday, April 19 | 9:45-10:45 a.m. | Room 207



# NEXT STEP CLASS: A DISCIPLE'S PATH

Sundays, April 26-May 30 | 9:45-10:45 a.m. | Room 207

Get to know Pastor Denny and the staff, learn about First Church and determine the best next step to grow in your faith!