
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



In the
FOOTSTEPS
of the **SAVIOR**

***“Garden Tomb:
Following Jesus When You Need Hope”***

FOUNDATION SERVICE

APRIL 9, 2023

EASTER SUNDAY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship

Opening Hymn
"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" - No. 302

Affirmation of Faith

Anthem by Sounds of Worship
"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

Scripture
Matthew 28:1-10

Handbell Anthem
"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!"

Sermon
"Garden Tomb: Following Jesus When You Need Hope"

Hymn
"Because He Lives" - No. 364

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

Closing Hymn
"He Lives" - No. 310

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Sarah Pugh

Accompanist..... Gail Leinhos, George Canonizado, Sounds of Worship, Hand Bells

Sound and Media.....Jim Murdoch, Ken Rapp, Holly Kurten

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A landscape photograph showing a body of water in the foreground, a line of trees, and hills in the background under a blue sky with light clouds.

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

APRIL 2, 2023

EASTER SUNDAY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Praise & Worship

"Let the Light In"

Welcome

"This Is Amazing Grace"

Wee and Kids Worship Dismissal

"Gratitude"

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"

Scripture

Matthew 28:1-10

Sermon

"Garden Tomb: Following Jesus When You Need Hope"

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

"Son of Suffering"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Sarah Pugh

Worship Team.....Steve Almond, George Canonizado, John Gross, Geri Nuss,
Trace Morgan, Sarah Pugh

Sound and Media.....Jim Murdoch, Ken Rapp, Holly Kurten

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

Indoor Pickleball

Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Deborah Circle

Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Covered In Love

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

NEXT WEEK

Moms In Prayer

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Isaiah 61

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Third Friday Food Trucks

Friday 4:30-8 p.m.

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visit our website at
fumchurch.com for
more details on all
of our upcoming
events!***



WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

WEEK OF APRIL 9

Sunday Worship "Easter Sunday"

Monday Psalm 16

Tuesday I Peter 1:3-9

Wednesday John 20:19-31

Thursday Acts 10:1-33

Friday Acts 10:34-48

Saturday Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Charles & Virginia Bobb, Guy & Emma Wagner, Raymond Glace & Sarah Massa by Kirk and Sue Bobb.

MACHE BASKET

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Paul E. Robinson by the family.

TEACHING NOTES

“Garden Tomb: Following Jesus When You Need Hope”

Matthew 28:1-10

Easter Sunday



Signs that Hope is Gone:

Mary and Mary watch as Jesus’ body is buried. (27:61)

Chief priests and Pharisees go to Pilate. (27:62)

Tomb is sealed and guard is posted. (27:66)

Signs that Hope is Breaking Through:

The earth quakes. (28:2)

An angel descends from heaven, rolls the stone away, and sits on it. (28:2-3)

Guards shake and become like dead men. (28:4)

The angel speaks Do not be afraid. (28:5)

“Come, see the place where he lay.” (28:6)

Then go quickly and tell his disciples... (28:7)

Mary and Mary run to tell his disciples! (28:8)

1. God wants to heal our past.

*After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning,
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.*

Matthew 28:1

2. God wants to engage us in the present.

*Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took
hold of his feet, and worshiped him.*

Matthew 28:9

3. God wants us to dream with him about the future.

*Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and
sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."*

Matthew 28:10

Questions for Reflection:

1. What forces are at work today to destroy hope?
2. What signs do you see that hope abounds?
3. What hurts from the past do you need to bring to God?
4. Where do you see God at work today?
5. What is God's dream for the future? How is God calling you to be part of it?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

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 | NEXT 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 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 or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 104) if interested in attending.

Camp and Retreat Ministry Job Opportunities!

Our Susquehanna Conference camps are looking for summer staff! Would you prayerfully consider accepting a position for the summer or sharing them with someone who would? Visit suscrm.org for job descriptions, salary information, site details and perks!

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.

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.

Camp Sunday | NEXT 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.

DisAbility Awareness Sunday | April 23, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Each year, we observe DisAbility Awareness Sunday as part of our commitment to extend hospitality to everyone and to celebrate the image of God in all people. Pastor Elizabeth Brake of the Roxbury United Methodist Charge will join us in worship to share a wonderful testimony about how God has worked in her life and ministry as a person with a disability.



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

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.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Widows and Widowers Fellowship | THIS TUESDAY, April 11, 11:30 a.m.

All widows and widowers are invited to this month's lunch at Olive Garden. Please RSVP to Bonnie Guyer ([717-766-0145](tel:717-766-0145)). Transportation will be provided upon request.

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).

Men's Fellowship Orioles Game | Thursday, May 18

Join other men of First church for Baltimore Orioles game! The game starts at 12:35 p.m., and tickets are \$35. Carpooling will be arranged to the Light Rail Train Station in Hunt Valley, Maryland, and the group will travel together from there. Tickets are limited, so save your seat today! Contact Barry Eaton (theeaton5@verizon.net) with questions.

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

Handbell Choir Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser | Saturday, April 29, 4-6:30 p.m.

Make your way to the Bella Campanile Restaurante in Fellowship Hall for our Handbell Choir's annual Spaghetti Dinner! Dine-in and take-out options will be available. See a bell choir member for tickets. Please contact Deb Canonizado (canonizado_family@verizon.net or [717-497-5580](tel:717-497-5580)) for more information.

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!

Camp Sunday | Next Sunday, April 16

VBS Save The Date | July 17-21
Be sure to make those summer plans around our awesome Vacation Bible School!

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

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

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Paul S. Brandt	Grace Brandt and Family
Lance and our loved ones	Larry and Judi Buddenbaum
John A. Marr	Jeff and Gayle Fugate
Howard and Elaine Fugate	Jeff and Gayle Fugate
The Crawl Family	Bonnie Guyer
The Guyer Family	Bonnie Guyer
Carol Miller	Bonnie Guyer
Mr. and Mrs. Chester Lancaster	Don and Kay Heiges
Our parents, Glenn and Dolores Herring	Rick and Patti Herring
Our parents	Evelyn Fennell and Don Mowrey
David B. Coover	Pam and Jim Murdoch
David D. Coover II	Pam and Jim Murdoch
Alexis D. Coover	Pam and Jim Murdoch
Amanda K. Strous	Pam and Jim Murdoch
Donald and Lois Murdoch	Pam and Jim Murdoch
Vicky and Denny Nally and Chuck Keys	Preston Nally
John A. Marr	Karen and Scott Philp
Judith and Fred Philp	Karen and Scott Philp
Carl Richie	Bill and Karen Richie
Mary Garrett	Bill and Karen Richie
Jane Smithmyer	Brian, Jody, Corey and Andrew Smithmyer
Larry Gibney	Brian, Jody, Corey and Andrew Smithmyer
Earl W. Sollenberger	Jody Sollenberger
Our loved ones	Bob and Judy Wertz
Don, Frances and John Zimmerman and Paul and Helen Finkenbinder	Murph and Lela Zimmerman
Mark Zywan and Polly Blum	Karen Zywan and Ed Blum

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IN HONOR OF

Our dad, Don Good's, 90th birthday	Rick and Patti Herring
Our mother, Betty Good	Rick and Patti Herring

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Peace lily given in memory of David Florey.

Donation to the stained glass windows given in memory of William Seig by his wife, children, granddaughter and great-grandchildren.



FIRST STEP GATHERING

Sunday, April 16 | 9:45-10:45 a.m. | Room 207



NEXT STEP CLASS: A DISCIPLE'S PATH

Sundays, April 23-May 28 | 9:45-10:45 a.m. | Room 207

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