
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



In the
FOOTSTEPS
of the **SAVIOR**

*“Caesarea By The Sea:
Following Jesus When You Need Grace”*

FOUNDATION SERVICE

APRIL 16, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship

Opening Hymn
"Up from the Grave He Arose" - No. 322

Opening Prayer

Hymn
"Majesty, Worship His Majesty" - No. 176

Scripture
Acts 10:34-43

Choir Anthem
"Atonement"

Sermon
"Caesarea By The Sea: Following Jesus When You Need Grace"

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

Hymn
"Christ Is Alive" - No. 318

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Doxology #94

Closing Hymn
"Easter People, Raise Your Voices" - No. 304

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Alan Robinson

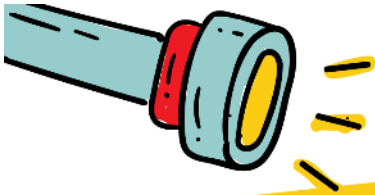
Accompanist..... Sarah Pugh, Sounds of Worship

Sound and Media.....Fred Espenshade, Jim Robinson, Jason Kichline

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**CAMP
SUNDAY**



CAMP SUNDAY!

THE GATHERING SERVICE

APRIL 16, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Give Me Oil In My Lamp"

"River of Life"

Wee Worship Dismissal

Sermon

"Come Away"

Camp Testimonies

"Sanctuary"

Camp Testimonies

Announcements and Offering

"I Saw the Light"

Benediction

Postlude

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Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Alan Robinson

Worship Team.....Nate Erno, Sarah Pugh, Dan Wertz, RJ Wertz, Tracy Wertz

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REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP!



GROW IN FAITH // MAKE LIFELONG FRIENDS
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CAMP COORDINATORS!**



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Visit suscrm.org to register and see a complete list of 2023 camps!

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

THIS 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.

NEXT WEEK

Health & Wellness Presentation

Sunday, 9:45 a.m.

Next Step Class

Sunday, 9:45 a.m.

Handbell Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, 4-7 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 APRIL 16

Sunday

Worship "Following Jesus"

Monday

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Tuesday

Psalm 116

Wednesday

I Peter 1:17-23

Thursday

Luke 24:13-25

Friday

Luke 24:36-49

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

MACHE BASKETS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Gayle Ann Elder by her mother, Anabelle Elder.

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

TEACHING NOTES

“Caesarea by the Sea: Following Jesus When You Need Grace”

Acts 10:34-43



“Jesus was more concerned about bringing people in than keeping people out.”

– Max Lucado

¹In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called. ²He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God.

~Acts 10:1-2

¹³Then he heard a voice saying, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” ¹⁴But Peter said, “By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean.”

~Acts 10:13-14

¹⁹While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Look, three[a] men are searching for you. ²⁰Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation, for I have sent them.”
~Acts 10:19-20

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.
~Acts 10:34-36

“God doesn’t want us to build clubhouses. God wants us to be a lighthouse.”
– Max Lucado

How has someone been a lighthouse for you?

How could you be a lighthouse for those around you?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Health and Wellness Presentation | NEXT 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.

Next Step Class: "A Disciple's Path" | Starts NEXT SUNDAY, 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, 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!

Missing Passion Play DVDs

The church library is missing Passion Play DVDs from various years. If you have any in your possession, please return them to the library. Visit the library before and after early service to check out the DVDs and enjoy them for two weeks.

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, 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.

DisAbility Awareness Sunday | NEXT 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.



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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

Joy in the Morning | Next Meeting TOMORROW, 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 | THIS 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.

Third Friday Food Trucks | THIS FRIDAY, April 21, 4:30-8 p.m.

Each month, we welcome several gourmet food trucks that serve a variety of delicious food, and we are excited to be back along Simpson Street in our new Community Green Space! This is a great opportunity to meet our neighbors in a fun and casual atmosphere. This month, we welcome Midnight Smokin BBQ, 717 Burritos, Potato Coop, Bala Saahas and Dad's Cold Brew. Please contact Lori Hoffnagle (l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com) for more details.



GENEROUS GIVER

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

Make your way to the Bella Campanile Restaurant 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!

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 1-7

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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