
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



**DISABILITY
AWARENESS
SUNDAY**



Jesus Believes In You

FOUNDATION SERVICE

APRIL 23, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship

Opening Hymn
"Now the Green Blade Riseth" - No. 311

Unison Prayer

Praise Chorus
"Jesus Loves Me" - No. 191

Scripture
Matthew 14:22-33

Anthem by Sounds of Worship
"Medley of the Cross"

Sermon
Jesus Believes In You

Hymn
"Jesus Is All the World To Me" - No. 469

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

Closing Hymn
"Blessed Assurance" - No. 369

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....wElizabeth Brake

Liturgist..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Accompanist..... Gail Leinhos, Sounds of Worship

Sound and Media.....Michael Garman, Ken Rapp, Jason Kichline

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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Welcome

Praise and Worship

"King of My Heart"

"Graves Into Gardens"

Wee and Kids Worship Dismissal

"All the Way My Savior Leads"

Scripture

Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon

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Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

"Raise a Hallelujah"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Elizabeth Brake

Worship Leader.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Team.....George Canonizado, John Gross, Allison Ometz, Sarah Pugh,
Abby Wertz

Sound and Media.....Jim Murdoch, Ken Rapp, Jason Kichline

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

Moms In Prayer

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.

Handbell Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, 4-7 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

Martha Circle

Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Men's Group

Wednesday, 8 p.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 APRIL 16

Sunday

Worship

Monday

Acts 2:42-47

Tuesday

Psalm 23

Wednesday | Peter 2:19-25

Thursday

John 10:1-10

Friday

John 10:11-21

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Alan C. Steuart and the Steuart and Hotchkiss families by Harriet Steuart.

MACHE BASKET

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of our 60th wedding anniversary by Dean and Marty Otto.

TEACHING NOTES

Jesus Believes in You

Matthew 14:22-33

I. Jesus sent the disciples into the storm.

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

Matthew 14:22

II. Faith leads you through the difficulty, not around it.

²⁴*but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.*

²⁵*And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.*

Matthew 14:24-25

²*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.*

³*For I am the Lord your God,*

*the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
Isaiah 43:2-3, 5*

- Ask for help. (v. 30-31)
- Be aware of God's faithfulness and compassion. (v. 25-27)
- Ask what God would have you do. (v. 28-29)
- Persevere. (v. 29-31)

III. Tying in with Disability Awareness.

JESUS BELIEVES IN YOU!

*³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him,
"You of little faith, why did you doubt?"*

Matthew 14:31

About Pastor Elizabeth Brake

Elizabeth Brake met Pastor Denny in 2003 when she was a student at Messiah College working on her undergraduate degree in education and family services, and he was the pastor at Camp Hill UMC. In 2011, Elizabeth received her M.A. in rehabilitation counseling from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. She later returned to Messiah to receive her M.Ed., in 2016. Elizabeth has served as a local pastor of the Roxbury Charge since 2018, and is finishing her M.Div. with United Theological Seminary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Wednesday Night Men's Group | First and Third Wednesdays, 8-9:30 p.m.

Join a group of First Church men as they start a new study on May 3 at the home of Barry Eaton. In this five-session study, "Faith Commander," Korie Robertson and Chrys Howard (of the hit television show, Duck Dynasty) discuss some of the Bible's most beloved parables and how their lessons apply to your life. Contact Barry (theaton5@verizon.net) if interested.

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.

National Day of Prayer Gathering | Thursday, May 4, 4:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to join us on the Community Green Space Patio for an hour of guided prayer for our community, our schools, our businesses, our government and military, our country and its leaders. No registration is required. In the event of rain, this gathering will be held inside the church sanctuary. If you cannot attend that day but would like a prayer guide, or if you have questions, contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 104).

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.

"Rejoice, Believers!": 2023 Handbell Choir Concert | Sunday, May 7, 7 p.m.

The First Church Praise Ringers will perform their free annual concert in our sanctuary. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to enjoy beautiful music, refreshments and fellowship!

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

Third Friday Food Trucks | 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. See you there!

Men's Fellowship Orioles Game | Thursday, May 18

Join other men of First Church for a 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.

Senators Baseball Game and Picnic | Sunday, June 11

Invite your friends and family to FNB Field to enjoy a picnic and a Harrisburg Senators baseball game! The picnic starts at noon and the game begins at 1 p.m. Discounted tickets are just \$22 for adults and \$12 for children ages 4-12 (children 3 and under enter for free!). To get your ticket, sign up on Church Center, visit fumchurch.com/senators or contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 104). Be sure to register by May 21!

GENEROUS GIVER

Handbell Choir Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser | THIS 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 or sign up on the clipboards outside the sanctuary entrances. Please contact Deb Canonizado (canonizado_family@verizon.net or [717-497-5580](tel:717-497-5580)) for more information.

First Church Scholarship Opportunity

Did you know First Church offers scholarships to students? Applications are now open! Pick up a paper copy in the church office or contact Pastor Lisa for a digital form. Please return completed forms to the church office or to Judi Buddenbaum by Sunday, May 21.

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

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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New Discipleship Opportunities!

WEDNESDAY MEN'S GROUP | FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS, 8-9:30 P.M.

Location: Barry Eaton's House

Contact: Barry Eaton (theeaton5@verizon.net)

Starting a new five-session study on May 3. In "Faith Commander," Korie Robertson and Chrys Howard (of the hit TV show, Duck Dynasty) discuss some of the Bible's most beloved parables and how their lessons apply to your life.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY | APRIL 26 THROUGH JUNE 7, 1:30 - 2:45 P.M.

Location: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 104)

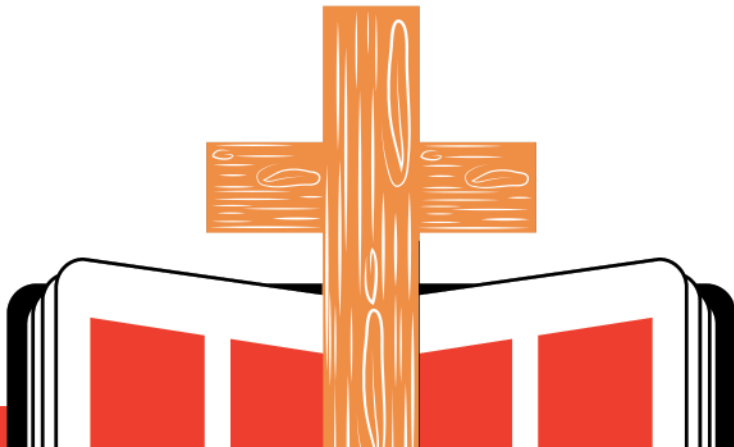
Currently studying "When God's Spirit Moves" by Jim Cymbala. Join us in Fellowship Hall as we explore the person and work of the Holy Spirit, how to make room for the Spirit's action in your life, and how to listen for the voice of the Spirit in prayer.

MEN'S RETREAT | FRIDAY, JUNE 2-SATURDAY, JUNE 3

Location: Mount Asbury Retreat Center

Contact: John Bowen (bowenhome720@gmail.com)

Join other men of First Church for fellowship, fun, food and faith! Stay for the full event or just for the day on Saturday. Find more details and sign up in the Church Center app, at fumchurch.churchcenter.com, or by contacting John Bowen.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Go deeper with God on Sunday mornings!

CURRENT AND NEW OPPORTUNITIES:

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Location: Room B003

Contact: Wayde Leister (waydeleister@outlook.com)

Current Study: "Romans: In the Grip of Grace" by Max Lucado

GROWING IN CHRIST

Location: Fellowship Hall

Contact: Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com)

Current Study: Chapter-by-chapter study of the Book of Romans

GUYER CLASS

Location: Room 125

Contact: Steve Noss (sdppp@msn.com)

Current Study: "The Life of Faith," the United Methodist adult curriculum for spring.

HELPING HANDS CLASS

Location: Room B004

Contact: Bob Wertz, Sr. (robert_wertz@plantsitelogistics.com)

Current Study: "The Life of Faith," the United Methodist adult curriculum for spring.

YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS | SUNDAYS, 9:45 A.M.

Location: Room 207

Contact: John and Janice Bowen (bowenhome720@gmail.com)

Current Study: "When the Game is Over it all Goes Back in the Box" by John Ortberg.