
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



I BELIEVE

**A JOURNEY THROUGH
THE APOSTLES' CREED**



“I Believe in Jesus Christ”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

MAY 7, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"When Morning Gilds the Skies" - No. 185

Opening Prayer

Hymn

"Majesty, Worship His Majesty" - No. 176

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Sermon

I Believe in Jesus Christ

Hymn

"Spirit Song" - No. 347

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

Sharing Signs of Peace

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

The Bread and the Cup

Choir Anthem

"His Eye Is On the Sparrow"

Announcements and Offering

Closing Hymn

"Crown Him With Many Crowns" - No. 327

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist.....Pastor Lisa Aronson

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

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

WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



I BELIEVE

**A JOURNEY THROUGH
THE APOSTLES' CREED**



“I Believe in Jesus Christ”

THE GATHERING SERVICE

MAY 7, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"What a Beautiful Name"

"This I Believe (The Creed)"

Wee and Kids Worship Dismissal

"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

The Apostles' Creed

Sermon

I Believe in Jesus Christ

Communion Prayer and Communion
Announcements and Offering

"Living Hope"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Team.....Sarah Pugh, Lauren Sanker, RJ Wertz, Tracy Wertz

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

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

Handbell Concert

Today, 7 p.m.

Mom's In Prayer

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

MOPS

Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Isaiah 61

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Third Friday Food Trucks

Friday, 4:30- 8 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 23

Sunday

Worship

Monday

Genesis 1:1-2

Tuesday

Acts 2:1-4

Wednesday | Corinthians 12:1-11

Thursday

Ephesians 4:1-16

Friday

Galatians 5:16-26

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Clyde L. Strock by Mabel L. Strock.

TEACHING NOTES

“I Believe in Jesus Christ”

Second in the Series: Creed

May 7, 2023

“Who do **you** say that I am?”

Matthew 16:15

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

1. Jesus: Savior

*“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and **you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.**”*

Matthew 1:20b-21

SIN = to miss the mark

“His redemptive mission is as complete as sin’s destruction is comprehensive.”
– Paul David Tripp (*New Morning Mercies*)

2. Christ: Messiah

¹⁵He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “**You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.**”

Matthew 16:15-16

3. God's only Son

*“Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “**God is with us.**”*
Matthew 1:23

*If you **know me**, you will **know my Father** also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.*
John 14:7

*I am the light of the world. **Whoever** follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.*
John 8:12

4. Our Lord

*⁹because if you **confess with your mouth** that Jesus is Lord and **believe in your heart** that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation.*
Romans 10:9-10

“Jesus, I choose to surrender to your will and purposes each day.”

Questions for Reflection:

1. What about Jesus, and what he reveals about God, that touches you most?
2. What is the significance of the name Emmanuel for you personally?
3. How does the Greek word, hamartia, “miss the mark,” change how you think about sin?
4. Why are the Crucifixion and the Resurrection essential to the Christian faith?
5. How does surrendering to Jesus as God's only Son, our Lord, impact your daily life?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

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.

Hero Hotline: Vacation Bible School 2023 | July 17-21, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

VBS registration is officially open! Kids age 4 through completing fifth grade are invited to join Super Meer the Meerkat and his friends to learn what it takes to be a hero. Find more details on the Church Center app or at fumchurch.com/vbs. Sign up by May 31 to receive a free CD!

PRAYING FOLLOWER

Share Your Prayer Requests

To share joys and concerns, visit our Prayer Station under the balcony 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

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

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

Ecumenical Choir Concert | Sunday, May 21, 3 p.m.

The Mechanicsburg Area Council of Churches will host its 34th annual Ecumenical Choir Concert at St. Joseph Catholic Church. This choir features more than 110 voices from over 40 local churches. The concert is free, but donations will be collected for New Hope Ministries.

DEDICATED MISSIONARY

May Mission Focus: Bethesda Mission Food Bank

The Bethesda Mission Food Bank supports nonprofit organizations working toward the shared goal of providing food to local individuals in need. On the third Tuesday of each month between 8 and 10 a.m., First Church volunteers prepare individual grocery bags for distribution from the donated bulk food items. Stop by the display table in the main entrance hallway to learn more about this organization and how to get involved.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Men's Retreat | Friday, June 2-Saturday, June 3

Join other men of First Church for fellowship, fun, food and faith at Mount Asbury Retreat Center in Newville. The retreat starts Friday at 6 p.m., includes Saturday breakfast and lunch, and concludes at 4 p.m. Participants can also enjoy a one-day option from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, which includes lunch. The full event costs \$100 and the one-day cost is \$25 (financial assistance available upon request). Sign up in the Church Center app, at fumchurch.churchcenter.com, or by contacting John Bowen (bowenhome720@gmail.com). Be sure to register by May 17!

Joy in the Morning | Next Meeting Monday, May 15, 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).

Third Friday Food Trucks | May 19, 4:30-8:30 p.m.

Each month, we welcome several gourmet food trucks that serve a variety of delicious food. This is a great opportunity to meet our neighbors in a casual atmosphere. This month, we welcome Mad Dash, 1973 Burger, Italian Job, Philly Cheesesteak on a Roll, East Coast Mini Donuts and Sarah's Creamery. We will also enjoy live music on our Community Green Space Patio! Please contact Lori Hoffnagle (l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com) for more details.

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). Be sure to register by May 21!

Graduation Announcements

Help us celebrate with those who are graduating this year by completing the graduation announcement form on Church Center (or by contacting the church office). Please also email a current photo to Pastor Lisa (uthrock@fumchurch.com) to share in our newsletter and Sunday morning worship recognition slides. Graduating high school seniors: please bring in a senior photo for our youth lounge!



GENEROUS GIVER

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!

Hero Hotline: VBS 2023 | July 17-21

Join Super Meer the Meerkat and learn what it means to be a true hero! Sign up on Church Center by May 31 to receive a free VBS CD!

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

135 W. Simpson St., Mechanicsburg | 717-766-4611 | fumchurch.com | [@fourgyouthministry](https://www.instagram.com/fourgyouthministry)