
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



I BELIEVE

**A JOURNEY THROUGH
THE APOSTLES' CREED**



“I Believe in the Holy Spirit”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

MAY 14, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth" - No. 92

Opening Prayer

Choir Anthem

"Prayer for Mothers"

Scripture

John 14:15-21, 25-27

The Apostles' Creed

Sermon

I Believe in the Holy Spirit

Hymn

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" - No. 420

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Doxology

Closing Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" - No. 384

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Sarah Pugh

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

Sound and Media.....Fred Espenshade, Michael Garman, Holly Kurten, Ken Rapp

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Welcome

Praise and Worship

"King of Kings"

"Holy Spirit"

Wee and Kids Worship Dismissal

"Majesty"

Scripture

John 14:15-21, 25-27

The Apostles' Creed

Sermon

I Believe in the Holy Spirit

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

"Rest On Us"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Sarah Pugh

Worship Team.....Janice Bowen, George Canonizado, Allison Ometz, Sarah Pugh,
Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media.....Fred Espenshade, Michael Garman, Holly Kurten, Ken Rapp

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

MOPS

Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Isaiah 61

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Third Friday Food Trucks

Friday, 4:30- 8 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

Moms In Prayer

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Pickleball

Tuesday, 5-7 p.m.

Covered In Love

Wednesday, 9:30 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

Matthew 10:1-15

Tuesday

Matthew 16:13-20

Wednesday | Corinthians 12:12-31

Thursday

Philippians 2:1-11

Friday

Hebrews 12:1-2

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Donald and Viola Adams and Jimmy Shannon by the Shannon Family.

MACHE BASKET

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jenny Scott Kerstetter by Marge and Dick Scott.

TEACHING NOTES

“I Believe in the Holy Spirit”

John 14:15-21, 25-27

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”

John 14:15

¹⁶ *“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another Advocate**, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is **the Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.”*

John 14:16-17

1. The Holy Spirit gifts us for humble acts of service.

¹⁴ *“So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.”*

John 13:14-15

⁴ *Now there are **varieties** of gifts but **the same** Spirit, ⁵ and there are **varieties** of services but **the same** Lord, ⁶ and there are **varieties** of activities, but it is **the same** God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To **each** is given the manifestation of the Spirit for **the common good**.*

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

2. The Holy Spirit transforms us into a loving community.

³⁴ *“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should*

love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:34-35

²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

Galatians 5:22-23

3. The Holy Spirit inspires us to believe in Jesus.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.”

John 14:1

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.”

John 14:25-26

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

John 14:27

Questions for Reflection:

1. What voices do you listen to?
2. Do these voices lead you to become more the person God wants you to be, or less?
3. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit in your life?
4. How has the Spirit gifted you? How are you using your gifts?
5. What practices help you to be open to the Holy Spirit?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

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!

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 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

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.

Online Worship

Worship with us and invite others to join 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.

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

Joy in the Morning | Next Meeting TOMORROW, 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 | THIS FRIDAY, 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 fun and 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.

Community Dinner | NEXT SUNDAY, May 21, 5 p.m.

We are looking forward to the next Community Dinner at Mechanicsburg First Church of God on Main Street. We welcome the downtown community to enjoy a free meal, music and door prizes. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Lori Hoffnagle (L_hoffnagle@yahoo.com). This month we expect to serve walking tacos to over 100 people!

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

First Church Scholarship Opportunity | Applications due NEXT SUNDAY, May 21

Did you know First Church offers scholarships to students? Pick up a paper copy of the application from Pastor Lisa or the church office, or find a digital version on Church Center.

Little Free Pantry

As we approach summer, many children who rely on free and reduced lunch programs during the school year won't have enough to eat. Your support of the Little Free Pantry can help local families in need. Most needed items include: easy breakfast items, like small cereals, peanut butter, and oatmeal packets; lunch items such as macaroni and cheese, pasta and sauce, and individual soups; and dinner items including canned meats, canned vegetables, and nonperishable dinner kits; and snacks like granola bars, crackers, pudding and cookies. Place donations in the container by the alley entrance or drop them off at the church office. Thanks for helping our neighbors!

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)

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AND
PICNIC**

VS

**HARRISBURG
SENATORS**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE
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SUNDAY, JUNE 11

FNB FIELD

PICNIC 12-2 P.M. // GAME STARTS AT 1 P.M.

GET YOUR TICKET ON CHURCH CENTER BY MAY 21!