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**First United  
Methodist Church**

**MECHANICSBURG, PA**



# I BELIEVE

**A JOURNEY THROUGH  
THE APOSTLES' CREED**



**“I Believe in the Church”**

**FOUNDATION SERVICE**

**MAY 21, 2023**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

*"We Are the Church" - No. 558*

Opening Prayer

Choir Anthem

*"Clap Your Hands and Sing Hallelujah"*

The Apostles' Creed

Sermon

*"I Believe in the Church"*

Hymn

*"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" - No. 581*

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Doxology and Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

*"Go Make of All Disciples" - No. 571*

Benediction

Postlude

## **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Pastor Lisa Aronson

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

Sound and Media.....Jason Kichline, Sarah Pugh, Jim Robinson

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

*"This I Believe"*

*"A Thousand Hallelujahs"*

Wee and Kids Worship Dismissal

*"Rest on Us"*

The Apostles' Creed

Sermon

*"I Believe in the Church"*

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

*"Build Your Kingdom Here"*

Benediction

Postlude

## **LEADING IN WORSHIP**

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Team.....John Gross, Emily Hammaker, Geri Nuss, Sarah Pugh, Abigail  
Wertz

Sound and Media.....Jason Kichline, Sarah Pugh, Jim Robinson

# COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

## ***THIS WEEK***

### **Moms In Prayer**

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

### **Pickleball**

Tuesday, 5-7 p.m.

### **Covered In Love**

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

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## ***NEXT WEEK***

### **Rejoicing Spirits**

Sunday, 4 p.m.

### **Squares and Prayers**

Thursday, 9 a.m.

### **Men's Retreat**

Friday - Saturday

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visit our website at  
[fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com) for  
more details on all  
of our upcoming  
events!***



# WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

## ***WEEK OF MAY 21***

**Sunday**

Worship

**Monday**

Psalm 103:6-19

**Tuesday**

Joel 2:12-17

**Wednesday**

Matthew 18:15-20

**Thursday**

Matthew 18:21-35

**Friday**

Romans 5:1-11

**Saturday**

Rest and Reflect

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Amanda Kay Strous by her grandparents.

## **MACHE BASKET**

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved family and friends by Beryl Morgan.

# TEACHING NOTES

## *“I Believe in the Church”*

### 1. **The church is a community of people that belong to Jesus.**

“holy” = “set apart for God”

“catholic” = “all around” “in all places”

“church” = “belonging to God”

*And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build **my** church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.*

Matthew 16:18

*Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

1 Peter 2:10

### 2. **The church is a family that cares for one another.**

*So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.*

Galatians 6:10

*Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.*

Galatians 6:2

“Stretcher Bearers”

3. **The church is an instrument God uses to change the world.**

*Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.*

1 Corinthians 12:27

<sup>35</sup> *Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness.* <sup>36</sup> *When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*

<sup>37</sup> *Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”*

Matthew 9:35-38

“Where does God need me?”

“How can I love and serve others?”

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **LIFELONG LEARNER**

### **Camp and Retreat Ministry Opportunities**

Our Susquehanna Conference camp and retreat centers are offering many ways for people of all ages to get away, enjoy summer, have new experiences and grow in your faith! Visit [suscrm.org](https://suscrm.org) for details about summer camps for kids and teens, events for parents and kids, scrapbooking retreats, and other programs.

### **Zoe Mazi | Mondays, 7:15-8:45 p.m.**

Are you a college student at home for the summer? A young adult looking for Christian community? Zoe Mazi (which means "Life Together") is a ministry group that welcomes young adults (18+) from a variety of churches in the Mechanicsburg Area. On the first and third Monday of each month, they meet at Strock's Corn Crib for a large group gathering that features of worship and teaching from a local speaker. On the second and fourth Mondays, they meet at the home of Zoe Mazi Executive Director Shannon Zimmerman for a time of small group discussion. Find more details and get connected at [zoemazi.org](https://zoemazi.org).

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## **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](mailto: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.

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## **PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER**

### **Ecumenical Choir Concert | TODAY, 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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)) for other ways to connect to First Church.

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## **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

### **Senators Baseball Game and Picnic | Get Your Tickets by TODAY, May 21**

Invite your friends and family to FNB Field to enjoy a picnic and a Harrisburg Senators baseball game on Sunday, June 11! 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](http://fumchurch.com/senators) or contact Tina Eaton ([adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611, ext. 104).

### **Pickleball in the Park | Tuesdays, 5-7 p.m.**

Join us on the pickleball court at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park (across from the pool) for some fun and games! No is experience necessary, and paddles and balls will be available to borrow. In the event of bad weather, we will play in the multipurpose room. Contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611, ext. 112 or [wecare@fumchurch.com](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)) with questions.

### **Community Dinner | TODAY, 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 whole Mechanicsburg 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](mailto:L_hoffnagle@yahoo.com)). This month we will have walking tacos, and we expect to serve over 100 people!

### **Singles Ministry Event | Friday, June 9**

Enjoy good food and fun music at Cassel Vineyards of Hershey. Food trucks start serving at 5 p.m. and dueling pianists will perform 6-8:30. Contact Karen Hutter ([klh103@verizon.net](mailto:klh103@verizon.net)) if you're interested in attending!



## GENEROUS GIVER

### **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!

### **Giving to First Church**

We're so grateful for all the ways you support First Church – through your prayers, time, talents and resources. Everything you give to First Church helps us build disciples and love our neighbors. You can place any tithes or offerings in the baskets as you exit the sanctuary, send them into the church office, or give online via our website ([fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com)) or on the Church Center app.

## 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 <a href="http://fumchurch.com">fumchurch.com</a> )
11 a.m.	THE GATHERING SERVICE (Modern)
4 p.m.	REJOICING SPIRITS (Fourth Sunday of each month)

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**Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors**

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