
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



I BELIEVE

**A JOURNEY THROUGH
THE APOSTLES' CREED**



**“I Believe in the Resurrection
of the Body and the
Life Everlasting”**

FOUNDATION SERVICE

JUNE 11, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence" - No. 371

Recognition of New Members

Ministry of Music

"Give Me Jesus"

The Apostles' Creed

Sermon

"I Believe in the Resurrection of the Body and the Life Everlasting"

Hymn

"Hymn of Promise" - No. 707

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Doxology and Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

"Amazing Grace" - No. 378

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Pastor Lisa Aronson

Accompanist..... Eric King, Kathie Bittenbender

Sound and Media.....Michael Garman, Ron Nichols, Holly Kurten, Sarah Pugh

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship
"How Great is Our God"
"Christ Be Magnified"

Wee Worship Dismissal

"Revelation Song"

Recognition of New Members

The Apostles' Creed

Sermon
*"I Believe In the Resurrection of
the Body and the Life Everlasting"*

Pastoral Prayer
Announcements and Offering

"This I Believe (The Creed)"

Benediction
Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Team.....Janice Bowen, John McHenry, Geri Nuss, Sarah Pugh,
Luke Wertz, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media..... Michael Garman, Ron Nichols, Holly Kurten, Sarah Pugh

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

Pickleball

Tuesday, 5 p.m.

Jubilee Day

Thursday

Food Trucks

Friday, 4:30-8 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

Pickleball

Tuesday, 5 p.m.

Isaiah 61

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Men's Group (Off Site)

Wednesday, 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 JUNE 11

Sunday

Worship

Monday

Psalm 8

Tuesday

Genesis 18:1-15

Wednesday

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

Thursday

Romans 5:1-8

Friday

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of our parents by Mr. and Mrs. Barry L. Adams.

TEACHING NOTES

“The Resurrection of the Body and the Life Everlasting”

Last in “The Apostles’ Creed” Series

Jesus’ resurrection is God’s response to death.

*Look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. Coming to the stone, **he rolled it away and sat on it.***

Matthew 28:2 (CEB)

“On the third day he rose again, according to the Scripture.”

²⁵ *Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. ²⁶ Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. **Do you believe this?**”*

John 11:25-26 (CEB)

We will have new, glorious bodies in heaven.

⁴² *So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a physical body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.*

1 Corinthians 15:42-44 (NRSV)

When this perishable body puts on imperishability and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

1 Corinthians 15:54 (NRSV)

*“God himself will be with them as their God.
4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”
5 And the one who was seated on the throne said,
“See, I am making all things new.”
Revelation 21:3b-5*

We can face life and death with hope.

*And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died **so you will not grieve like people who have no hope.***
1 Thessalonians 4:13 (CEB)

Questions for Reflection:

1. When did it first really dawn on you that we're all going to die, and that everyone we know and love is going to die?
2. How does belief in the resurrection change how you face life and death?
3. What do you imagine heaven is like?
4. What can we infer about the resurrected body from Jesus' appearances to his disciples?
5. The Apostles' Creed gives us a very short list of essential Christian beliefs. What additional beliefs do you live by as a follower of Jesus?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Women's Summer Book Club | June 27, July 11, July 25, August 8, 6:45 p.m.

Women of all ages are invited to the First Church Green Space for fellowship and light refreshments this summer as we read and discuss "Liturgy of the Ordinary: Sacred Practices in Everyday Life" by Tish Harrison Warren, a wife, mother and Anglican priest). Bring a lawn chair and come to all four meeting times or just drop in when you can! Find details and register on the Church Center app, at fumchurch.com/bookclub, or by contacting Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 104). Get the book on your own or contact Tina for assistance.

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.

Camp Prayer Partners Needed!

We need prayer partners to uplift and encourage our First Church campers! Please contact our Camp Coordinators Deb Noss (sdppp@msn.com) or Amy Ortiz (amy.ogden7@gmail.com) if you'd be willing to pray for and send a note to someone at camp this summer.

PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

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

June Mission Focus: 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 on the display table in the main entrance hallway or drop them off at the church office. Thanks for helping our neighbors!

Homeland Hospice Casseroles

Share some home-cooked comfort with families receiving services from Homeland Hospice! We invite you to prepare a soup or casserole and leave it in the freezer in Fellowship Hall during the month of June. Containers and pans are available next to the Share the Harvest near display near the couches if needed. Contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 112) with questions.

Bottle Cap Collection

The 2023 youth mission team is headed to Mayfield, Kentucky, and collecting plastic bottle caps. The community of Mayfield is trying to collect 4,800 pounds of plastic bottle caps to make 24 Friendship Benches in memory of the 24 lives lost in the 2021 tornado. Bring any plastic caps (drink caps, medicines, food, etc.) to the collection area by the alley entrance.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Third Friday Food Trucks | THIS FRIDAY, June 16, 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 Marsico's Italian, Audrey's Cup of Sunshine, Shredderrz, Lucky Penny, Scoop O'Dough and Savory's Funnel Cakes. Please contact Lori Hoffnagle (l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com) for more details.

Mount Asbury Senior Day: Hawaiian Luau | Wednesday, June 21, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Enjoy the beauty of God's creation and fellowship with other seniors at Mount Asbury Retreat Center! This senior day features a delicious BBQ picnic followed by trivia and games. Contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 112) if you're interested in attending.

Summer Movie Nights | June 23, July 28, Aug. 25

Save the date for free Summer Movie Nights at First Church! Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for a picnic dinner in the parking lot at 6 p.m., followed by a movie and popcorn in the multipurpose room.



GENEROUS GIVER

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) 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 for the Summer

We offer child care and special worship during Sunday services through the summer for kids ages six and under.

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.

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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