
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



IMPERFECT FORGIVENESS

“Imperfect Forgiveness”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

JUNE 25, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship

Opening Hymn
"Holy, Holy, Holy" - No. 64

Unison Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Praise Chorus
"Spirit Song" - No. 347

Scripture
Genesis 31:43-55; Matthew 18:15-22

Sermon
"Imperfect Forgiveness"

Confessional Prayer and Words of Pardon
Announcements and Offering
Doxology and Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn
"Help Us to Accept Each Other" - No. 560

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Reverend Greg Myers

Liturgist..... Sarah Pugh

Accompanist..... Julia Coler

Sound and Media.....Jim Murdoch, Ron Nichols, Holly Kurten

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Who You Say I Am"

"House of the Lord"

Summer Childcare Dismissal

"Cornerstone"

Scripture

Genesis 31:43-55; Matthew 18:15-22

Sermon

"Imperfect Forgiveness"

Prayer of Confession and Words of Pardon

Announcements and Offering

"Build My Life"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Reverend Greg Myers

Worship Leader.....Sarah Pugh

Worship Team.....John Gross, Allison Ometz, Sarah Pugh, Lauren Sanker,
Abby Wertz, Luke Wertz

Sound and Media.....Jim Murdoch, Ron Nichols, Holly Kurten

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

Rejoicing Spirits

Sunday, 4 p.m.

Women's Summer Book Club

Tuesday, 6:45 p.m.

Youth Mission Trip Departs

Saturday, 5 a.m.

NEXT WEEK

Pickleball

Tuesday, 5 p.m.

Gleaning

Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Men's Group

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 25

Sunday

Worship

Monday

Genesis 22:1-14

Tuesday

Psalm 13

Wednesday

Romans 6:12-23

Thursday

Matthew 10:40-42

Friday

Matthew 29:16-20

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of our loved ones, Himes and Junkins by Fred and Doris Junkins.

NOTES

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). This book explores life through the lens of liturgy small practices and habits that form our spiritual lives. Each chapter explores a common daily experience, like waking up, checking email or brushing your teeth, and relates it to a spiritual practice. Bring a lawn chair and come to all four meeting times or just drop in when you can! 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. In case of rain, the group will meet in room 105.

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.

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! Sign up on Church Center or 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.

Handbell Festival | TODAY, June 25, 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of ringing at the Lancaster Convention Center! Our handbell choir will play alongside about 200 other ringers.

Handbell Mini Camp | July 24-27

Want to try out playing handbells, enhance your technique, or just spend time with other ringers? Whether you're a player or a director, have played handbells for years or have never picked one up, we'd love for you to join us. Mix and match sessions and come to as many or as few as you'd like — just be sure to sign up by July 18! Visit our website or contact Kathie Bittenbender (rbittenben@verizon.net) to learn more and sign up!



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

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 Fellowship Hall freezer during the month of June. Containers and pans are available next to the Share the Harvest display. 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

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 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) with questions.

Holiday Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed July 3 and 4. We wish you a happy Independence Day!



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.

VBS Needs

Looking for a way to support First Church's VBS? We're in need of toilet paper or paper towel rolls and boxes of chocolate, vanilla or butterscotch Tastykake treats. You can drop your donations off in the basket in the main entrance hallway or at the church office.

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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