
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



Story Time

**Echoes
of
Faith**



**“Oh, The Places
You’ll Go!”**

FOUNDATION SERVICE

AUG. 20, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"There's Within My Heart a Melody" - No. 380

Opening Prayer

Ministry of Music

"Meditation" from Thaïs

Story Book

"Oh, the Places You'll Go!" by Dr. Seuss

Scripture

Psalm 139

Sermon

Oh, the Places You'll Go!

Hymn

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" - No. 396

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Doxology and Prayer

Closing Hymn

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" - No. 160

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist.....Katie Knorr

Accompanist.....Anthony Ciucci

Special Music.....Emily Hammaker, Sarah Pugh

Sound and Media.....Fred Espenshade, Jim Murdoch, Jim Robinson

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"What a Beautiful Name"

"Rest on Us"

"Faithful Now"

Storybook

"Oh, the Places You'll Go!" by Dr. Seuss

Summer Childcare Dismissal

Scripture

Psalm 139

Sermon

Oh, the Places You'll Go!

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader..... Katie Knorr

Worship Team..... Emily Hammaker, John McHenry, Geri Nuss, Sarah Pugh,
Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media..... Fred Espenshade, Jim Murdoch, Jim Robinson

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

Mission Activity: CARE Kits

TODAY, 9:45 a.m.

Pickleball in the Park

Tuesday, 5-7 p.m.

Free Summer Movie Night

Friday, 6 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

Rejoicing Spirits

Sunday, 4 p.m.

Covered In Love

Wednesday, 9 a.m.

Men's Breakfast (Off Site)

Saturday, 7:30 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 AUG. 20

Sunday

Worship

Monday

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Tuesday

Psalms 124

Wednesday

Romans 12:1-8

Thursday

Matthew 16:1-12

Friday

Matthew 16:13-20

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of William H. Neumyer Jr. by his loving family.

TEACHING NOTES

“Oh, the Places You’ll Go!” by Dr. Seuss

Psalm 139

1. **No matter where you go, you are already known and loved by God.** *(Psalm 139:1-6)*

You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself any direction you choose.
You’re on your own. And you know what you know.
And YOU are the guy who’ll decide where to go.

2. **No matter where you go, God is already there.** *(Psalm 139:7-12)*

Except when you don’t.
Because, sometimes, you won’t.

I’m sorry to say so
but, sadly, it’s true
that Bang-ups
and Hang-ups
can happen to you.

You can get all hung up
In a prickle-ly perch.
And your gang will fly on.
You’ll be left in a Lurch.

3. No matter where you go, you have a purpose. (*Psalm 139:13-18*)

You'll get mixed up, of course, as you already know.
You'll get mixed up with many strange birds as you go.
So be sure when you step.
Step with care and great tact
and remember that Life's a Great Balancing Act.
Just never forget to be dexterous and deft.
And never mix up your right foot with your left.

4. No matter where you go...Live for God! (*Psalm 139:23-24*)

So... be your name Buxbaum or Bixby or Bray
Or Mordecai Ali Van Allen O'Shea,
You're off to Great Places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting.
So...get on your way!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Summer Sunday School | Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Sundays in July and August we are offering one combined adult class entitled, "Inspired by God," which will meet in room 123 (the Guyer Classroom). In addition, we will have for our special mission activity today: assembling CARE Kits for Mission Central (all ages, Fellowship Hall).

PRAYING FOLLOWER

Pray For Our Schools | NEXT SUNDAY, Aug. 27, 4-5 p.m.

Join other Mechanicsburg churches in praying for our local schools as they begin a new year. Pastor Lisa will lead prayer at Northside Elementary, or you can go to your closest school to meet with other local Christians to pray for our students, teachers, school staff and their families.

Share Your Joys and Prayer Concerns With Us!

Green prayer cards are located in the pews and at the prayer station under the balcony. Simply fill one out during worship and place in the offering basket or Janice Bowen's mailbox. You can also contact Janice directly (wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 112).

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

Feminine Hygiene Sewing Day | Saturday, Oct. 14

In many developing countries, women have to miss school and work and face cultural stigmas due to a lack of feminine hygiene products. Help us support these women by making reusable products that will be distributed to women around the world by Mission Central. Even if you don't sew, there is fabric to cut and prepare. Contact Donna Nichols (djnichols43@hotmail.com) for more information.



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 is 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](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112 or wecare@fumchurch.com) with questions.



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 on our website (fumchurch.com) or in the Church Center app.

Change for Water

Water is the foundation of our very lives. Yet, according to CDC estimates, only 2% of the population in Sierra Leone has access to clean, readily available drinking water! Help us to support well digging in Sierra Leone by dropping your loose change (or even paper bills) into the blue Change for Water bucket located in the lobby in front of the multipurpose room.

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.

Wee Worship and Kids Worship Resume

On Sunday, Sept. 10, these special worship programs (for kids through fifth grade) resume at the 11 a.m. service.

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

4G Resumes at the Church Picnic | Sept. 10

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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