
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA

A scenic landscape photograph of a mountain range with a river valley. The image is overlaid with the text 'EXODUS' in large white letters. The background is a mix of green and brown tones, suggesting a natural setting.

EXODUS

Seeing God in the Journey

“Women with Grit”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

AUG. 27, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship

Opening Hymn
"God of Many Names" - No. 105

Affirmation of Faith

Ministry of Music
"Out of Hiding"

Scripture
Exodus 1:8-2:10

Sermon
Women with Grit

Hymn
"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" - No. 2120

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (sins)
Announcements and Offering
Doxology and Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn
"Trust and Obey" - No. 467

Benediction
Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller
Liturgist..... Pastor Lisa Aronson
Accompanist..... Anthony Ciucci
Special Music.....Trace Morgan
Sound and Media..... Michael Garman, Ron Nichols, Holly Kurten

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Way Maker"

"Battle Belongs"

Summer Childcare Dismissal

"Defender"

Scripture

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Sermon

Women with Grit

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

"Same God"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader..... Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Team..... Janice Bowen, Nate Erno, Sarah Pugh, Cynthia Smith, RJ Wertz

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

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

Rejoicing Spirits

Sunday, 4 p.m.

Covered In Love

Wednesday, 9 a.m.

Men's Breakfast (Off Site)

Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

NEXT WEEK

Pickleball

Tuesday, 5 p.m.

Men's Group (Off Site)

Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Squares and Prayers

Thursday, 9 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. 27

Sunday

Worship

Monday

Exodus 3:1-15

Tuesday

Psalms 105

Wednesday

Romans 12:9-21

Thursday

Matthew 16:21-28

Friday

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Skip Hutter by the family.

TEACHING NOTES

“Women with Grit”

Exodus 1:8-2:10

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and **I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.** ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Genesis 12:1-3

¹ These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: ² Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, ³ Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, ⁴ Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. ⁵ The total number of people born to Jacob was seventy. Joseph was already in Egypt. ⁶ Then Joseph died, and all his brothers, and that whole generation. ⁷ **But the Israelites were fruitful and prolific; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them.**

Exodus 1:1-7

Not one of all the good promises that the Lord had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

Joshua 21:45

God often works behind the scenes, in the fierce faith of people who often go unnoticed.

Midwives Let the Boys Live

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named **Shiphrah and the other Puah,** ¹⁶ “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birth stool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.” ¹⁷ **But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live.**

Exodus 1:15-17

A Mother Lines a Basket

¹ Now a man from the house of Levi went and married **a Levite woman**. ² The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, **she hid him three months**. ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.

Exodus 2:1-3

Pharaoh's Daughter Has Compassion

⁴ **His sister stood at a distance**, to see what would happen to him. ⁵ **The daughter of Pharaoh** came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, **she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him**. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said.

Exodus 2:4-6

A Sister Makes a Bold Request

⁷ **Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"** ⁸ **Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes."** So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Exodus 2:7-10

Even in my fears, God can birth a fierceness of faith in me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Sunday School | Fall Classes Kick Off Sept. 10, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Are you interested in learning and growing while at church on Sundays for worship? Consider joining a Sunday School class as your next faithful step on your path to becoming a fully devoted follower of Jesus. First Church offers a variety of adult classes from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. every Sunday. New participants are encouraged to join any class, anytime. Find a complete list of classes at fumchurch.com or on Church Center.

Wednesday Men's Group | Sept. 6 and 20, 8 p.m.

This group enjoys great fellowship while focusing on discussion-based Bible studies. In their current study, "This is the Day," Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow shares stories from his life to inspire men to seize each day for God's glory. This group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the home of Barry Eaton. Contact Barry (1785eaton@gmail.com) if interested.

Wednesday Bible Study | Begins Sept. 13, 6:45 p.m., Room B003

Join Pastor Denny for a five-week study, "Feeding on the Word: The Mind of Christ," which is the second part of the full "Companions in Christ" study series. Together, you will engage in a journey of spiritual growth and discovery like no other! The study guide is \$8, or you may purchase the complete set for \$20 if you would like to continue with three additional studies in the series that Pastor Denny will lead this year. Sign up on Church Center, at fumchurch.com or by contacting Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611)).

PRAYING FOLLOWER

Pray For Our Schools | TODAY, 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](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112).

Moms in Prayer | Mondays, Beginning Aug. 28, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Join us this fall as we unite with women around the world in praying for our children and grandchildren through Moms in Prayer International. Our prayer group, led by Deb Noss, meets on Monday evenings in room 105, and all mothers and grandmothers are invited! No prayer experience is required, and your child can be any age or stage of life. All prayers remain confidential within the group. Please contact Deb Noss (sdppp@msn.com) if you have questions or would like to join this group.

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

Mission Central's Mission Fare | Thursday, Sept. 28, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Support Mission Central's work in Mechanicsburg and beyond at this celebration lunch and silent auction at Buhrig's Gathering Place (25 E. Main St., Mechanicsburg)! Learn more and register at missioncentral.org/events.

RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Fall Picnic | Sunday, Sept. 10, 4-7 p.m.

Don't miss our all-church fall picnic! Join us in a new location this year – the pavilion at Pleasant View Park (90 Pleasant View Drive, Mechanicsburg). The picnic will begin with worship, followed by a pot-luck dinner and fellowship. Hot dogs, hamburgers, iced tea and water will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share and lawn chairs to sit in. Relax and enjoy each other's company until the sun sets on a fun-filled day!

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

Handbell Choir Chicken BBQ | Saturday, Sept. 23, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Support the First Church handbell choir at the 22nd annual Chicken BBQ! Meals are \$12 each and include a half chicken, a baked potato, a roll, applesauce and butter. Baked goods and drinks will also be available to purchase. To reserve your tickets, sign up on the clipboards at the sanctuary entrances, see a handbell choir member or contact Kathie Bittenbender (rbittenben@verizon.net or [717-697-6257](tel:717-697-6257)).

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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