
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA

An illustration featuring several windows of varying shapes and sizes. Each window shows a different scene of human connection and care: a person watering a plant, a couple embracing, a person holding a plant, a person sitting at a desk, a person holding a dog, a person with arms raised, and a person holding a dog. The background is a light, textured grey.

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“Forgive One Another”

FOUNDATION SERVICE
SEPT. 18, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Praise To the Lord Almighty" - No. 139

Opening Prayer

Praise Chorus

"Oh How He Loves You and Me"

Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

Choir Anthem

"Truly God Is Good"

Sermon

Forgive One Another

Hymn of Response

"Grace Alone"

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Closing Hymn

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus" - No. 526

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Denny Keller

Liturgist.....Jennifer Myers

Worship Team.....Karen Philp, Sounds of Worship

Sound and Media.....Fred Espenshade, Jim Robinson, Roger Walton

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An illustration of a building facade with several windows. Each window shows a different scene of people engaged in various activities: a person watering plants, a couple talking, a person reading, a person playing a guitar, a person with a dog, and a person with a child. The background is a light, textured grey.

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THE GATHERING SERVICE
SEPT. 18, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise & Worship
"How Great Thou Art"
"Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"
"Gratitude"

Wee Worship & Kids Worship Dismissal

Prayer

Scripture Reading
Colossians 3:12-17

Sermon
Forgive One Another

Pastoral Prayer

Offering & Announcements

Praise and Worship
"Christ Be Magnified"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Denny Keller

Worship Leader.....Jennifer Myers

Worship Team.....John Gross, Emily Hammaker, Jason Kichline, Krissy Marshall,
Sarah Pugh

Sound and Media.....Fred Espenshade, Jim Robinson, Roger Walton

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

THIS WEEK

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Wednesday, 6-8 p.m.

Men's Hike

Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

Handbells Chicken BBQ

Saturday, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.

NEXT WEEK

Next Step Class

Sunday, 9:45 a.m.

Rejoicing Spirits

Sunday, 4 p.m.

See You at the Pole

9:30 a.m. (at the church)

*Scan here or
visit our website at
fumchurch.com for
more details on all
of our upcoming
events!*



WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

WEEK OF SEPT. 18

Sunday

Worship

Monday

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Tuesday

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

Wednesday

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Thursday

Luke 16:19-31

Friday

James 5:13-20

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

*This week's flowers are given to
the glory of God and in loving
memory of William Seig by the
Seig Family.*

TEACHING NOTES

“Forgive One Another” Colossians 3:12-17

¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, **forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.** Colossians 3:13 (NRSV)

What Are You Going to Do with Your Hurt?

1. Remember that Jesus went first.

³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. John 13:3-5 (NRSV)

“We find our forgiveness at the foot of the cross, where Jesus experienced our humanity at its worst, offered his life, and spoke the world-changing words, ‘Father, forgive them.’”
(Susan Robb, Seven Words, page 11)

Therefore, as **God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved**, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Colossians 3:12 (NRSV)

2. Take Your Hurt to Jesus

²⁵⁻²⁶ “I have said all this while I am still with you. But **the one who is coming to stand by you**, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will be your teacher and will bring to your minds all that I have said to you.”
John 14:25-26 (J.B. Phillips)

In Prayer, "Draw the Circle"
What do I need to forgive?
Why does it hurt?

3. Pray for the One Who Hurt You

⁴³"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your friends, hate your enemies.'
⁴⁴But now I tell you: love your enemies and **pray for those who persecute you**, ⁴⁵so that you may become the children of your Father in heaven. For he makes his sun to shine on bad and good people alike, and gives rain to those who do good and to those who do evil.
Matthew 5:43-45 (Good News)

4. Reach Out to the One Who Hurt You (When Safe and Possible)

¹⁸Do everything possible on your part to live in peace with everybody.
Romans 12:18 (Good News)

5. Conduct a Funeral

"This moment is not going to define me any longer." (Max Lucado)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Fall Sunday School | Sundays, 9:45 a.m.

Here's a list of new studies that have just begun, but check out our website (fumchurch.com) for a complete list of classes. New participants are welcome to any class at any time!

◆ **"Galatians"** - 6-week study by Kyle Idleman. Meets in Fellowship Hall. Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com for more details.

◆ **"Better decisions - Fewer Regrets"** - 6-week study by Andy Stanley. Meets in room B003. Contact Wayde Leister at waydeleister@outlook.com for more details.

◆ **"Freedom"** - Fall curriculum runs 13-weeks. Two classes to choose from: Contact Bob Wertz at robert_wertz@plantsitelogistics.com for Helping Hands Class (meets in room B004) or Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com for Guyer Class (meets in room 123).

First Step Gathering | Sunday, Sept. 18, 9:45-10:45 a.m., Room 207

New to First Church? Meet Pastor Denny and the staff, and learn more about our church. Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com to register.

Next Step Class | Sunday, Sept. 25, 9:45-10:45 a.m., Room 207

Explore faith fundamentals or become a church member through this 6-week study, "A Disciple's Path." Led by Pastor Denny. Childcare provided. Contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com to register.

New Small-Group Study for Men | Begins Wednesday, Oct. 5, 8:00-9:30 p.m.

All men are invited to **"Know What You're FOR,"** a study by Jeff Henderson, at the home of Barry Eaton. Contact Barry at theaton5@verizon.net if interested.

PRAYING FOLLOWER

Moms in Prayer | Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Room 105

Join a group of mothers with kids of all ages and stages of life to pray for your children, school, community and world. Contact Deb Noss (sdppp@msn.com) or Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com) for more details.

See You at the Pole | Wednesday, Sept. 28, 9:40 a.m.

All are encouraged to attend SYATP prayer events with their kids at their schools on this day, or join us at the First Church flagpole to pray for our Little Friends Preschool. Our prayer time will be brief, yet powerful!

Joy in the Morning | Monday, Sept. 19, 1-2 p.m.

On the patio at Bethany Village. If you think with chronic pain or ongoing health challenges, we invite you to join this spiritually-focused small group. For more information on monthly meetings, contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com).

PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Online Worship

Worship with us and invite others to join us 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

Change for Water

Support the Well Drilling Fund to assist with training and digging wells for communities in Sierra Leone! Drop your loose change or bills into the blue bucket in the main entrance hallway.

RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Men's Hike Wednesday, Sept. 21, 5:30 p.m.

All men are invited to gather in the church parking lot and carpool together to Opossum Lake in Carlisle for a hike (departure 5:30 p.m. sharp). Contact John Bowen (bowenhome720@gmail.com) if interested.

GENEROUS GIVER

Offerings

We appreciate the way you continue to respond to the Lord through your weekly giving. You can drop your offerings at the back of the sanctuary on Sundays, mail them to the church office, sign up for electronic giving or give online at fumchurch.com. Contact our office (office@fumchurch.com) with questions.

KIDS

Stay Connected!

Want to know more about First Church Kids? Check out our landing page or contact Katie Knorr, Director of Children and Family Ministries (kidscount@fumchurch.com).

Bible Sunday | Sunday, Sept. 25

Please contact Katie if your four-year-old or second grader is interested in receiving a Bible on Bible Sunday.

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 (@four-youthministry).
- Like us on Facebook (4G- First United Methodist Youth Group).
- Email Lisa to receive emails about all things First Church Youth.

Stay tuned for more fun events coming this fall! Contact Youth Pastor Lisa Aronson (uthrock@fumchurch.com) with any questions.

Reflection Questions:

1. What difference does it make for you that God in Christ has forgiven you?
2. When has someone forgiven you? How did it affect your relationship?
3. How has prayer helped you to deal with hurt?
4. When have you found grace to forgive someone?
5. What is your next step in response to Paul's instruction: "forgive one another?"

Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors!

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