
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



EXODUS

Seeing God in the Journey

“Water from a Rock”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

OCT. 1, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - No. 400

Affirmation of Faith

Scripture

Exodus 17:1-7

Sermon

"Water from a Rock"

Hymn

"I Come With Joy" - No. 617

Invitation, Confession, Pardon

Sharing Signs of Peace

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread, Giving the Bread and Cup

Choir Anthem

"At the Table of the Lord" - David Angerman & Joseph Martin

Announcements

Closing Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - No. 140

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Pastor Lisa Aronson

Accompanist..... Sarah Pugh

Special Music.....Sounds of Worship

Sound and Media..... Ron Nichols, Jim Robinson, Holly Kurten, Sarah Pugh

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A scenic landscape photograph of a valley with mountains and a river, overlaid with the title 'EXODUS'. The image has a teal and brown color palette.

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

OCT. 1, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"King of Kings"

"Faithful Now"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

"O Come to the Altar"

Scripture

Exodus 17:1-7

Sermon

Water from a Rock

Communion Prayer and Communion
Announcements and Offering

"Same God"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader..... Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Team..... Nate Erno, Allison Ometz, Sarah Pugh, Cynthia Smith, RJ Wertz

Sound and Media..... Ron Nichols, Jim Robinson, Holly Kurten, Sarah Pugh

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF OCT. 1

Martha Circle

Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Gleaning at Oak Grove

Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Men's Breakfast (Off Site)

Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

WEEK OF OCT. 8

Bless Our Schools Sunday

Sunday, 8:30 & 11 a.m.

Halloween Parade

Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Wonderful Wednesday

Wednesday, 5 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 OCT. 1

Sunday

Worship

Monday

Psalm 19

Tuesday

Philippians 3:1-11

Wednesday

Philippians 3:12-21

Thursday

Matthew 21:33-46

Friday

Exodus 20:1-20

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of David D. and Helen B. Coover by the Coover families.

TEACHING NOTES

“Water from a Rock”

Exodus 17:1-7

Scene 1: God led Israel to a campsite with no water.

*From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, **as the Lord commanded**. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.*

Exodus 17:1

Scene 2: God’s people argue with and test the Lord.

*² The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? **Why do you test the Lord?**”³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?”*

Exodus 17:2-3

Scene 3: God miraculously provides water from a rock!

⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The Lord said to Moses, "**Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go.** ⁶ **I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.**" Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

Exodus 17:4-6

¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but **those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.** The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

John 4:13-14

Scene 4: Moses commemorates their failure to trust God.

⁷ He called the place **Massah and Meribah**, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Exodus 17:7

⁶ O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

⁷ For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

⁸ Do not harden your hearts, as at **Meribah**,
as on the day at **Massah** in the wilderness,

⁹ when your ancestors tested me
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

Psalms 95:6-9

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Wednesday Night Men's Group | New Study Begins Oct. 4, 8 p.m.

This group enjoys great fellowship while focusing on discussion-based Bible studies. A new study, "Kingdom Heroes," starts this week! In this six-session series led by Dr. Tony Evans, you'll discover how the journeys of Old Testament heroes, such as Abraham, Noah and Moses, can help you build a strong and enduring faith. This group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at the home of Barry Eaton. Contact Barry if interested.

Wednesday Bible Study | Begins Oct. 18, 6:45 p.m.

Join Pastor Denny for a six-week study, "Deepening our Prayer: The Heart of Christ" (which is part 3 of the full "Companions in Christ" study series) in room B003. Together, you will engage in a journey of spiritual growth and discovery like no other! The study guide for this 6-week study is \$10, or you may purchase the complete set for \$20 if you'd like to continue on through the year with Pastor Denny for the two additional studies that will come next in the series. Register using on the Church Center app, at fumchurch.com, or by contacting Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com)

2024 Women's Retreat | Jan. 26-28

Save the date for our annual Women's Retreat! Please note that this is one week earlier than our usual February weekend. Keep an eye out for more details in November!

PRAYING FOLLOWER

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

October Mission Focus: Operation Christmas Child

Support Operation Christmas Child by filling a shoebox with gifts for the upcoming holiday season! Pick up the instructions and a shoebox (or use your own box) at the display in the main entrance hallway. Then, fill your box with items suggested on the list (also available at the display). Bring your filled shoebox back to the church display in the lobby by Nov. 19. After the 11 a.m. worship service, we'll load the boxes and send them off to the distribution center for delivery by Christmas!

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 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

Men's Breakfast | THIS SATURDAY, Oct. 7, 7:30 a.m.

Join other First Church men for good food and light-hearted fellowship on the first Saturday of each month at Brothers Restaurant (705 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg). Please contact Barry Eaton to RSVP.

Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade | Tuesday, Oct. 10, 7 p.m.

Enjoy front row seats for Mechanicsburg's Halloween Parade! The parade passes right by our Simpson Street property, and anyone is welcome to set up seating along the sidewalk. Food will be available for purchase from our Handbell Choirs, along with free parking.

First Church Fall Fest | Saturday, Oct. 21, 4-7 p.m.

Join us in the Community Green Space for our Family Fall Fest! This all-ages event is a chance to enjoy the festivities that make fall so fun. We'll celebrate the season with hot dogs, snacks, apple cider, pumpkins, crafts and outdoor games. Bring a chair or a blanket and stick around for an outdoor movie as well. Sign up at fumchurch.com or on the Church Center app to let us know you're coming!



GENEROUS GIVER

Little Free Pantry

Thanks so much for your support of the Little Free Pantry! We are blessed to be able to offer this barrier-free access point to food to our neighbors. You can drop off donations at the church office or in the marked basket at the alley entrance. You're also welcome to place items in the pantry anytime.

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 and Kids Worship

Every Sunday these special worship programs are held (for kids through fifth grade) at the 11 a.m. service.

Wonderful Wednesday-Expanded! | Begins October 11, 5-7 p.m.

First Church Fall Fest | Oct. 21, 4-7p.m.

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

Coming Up

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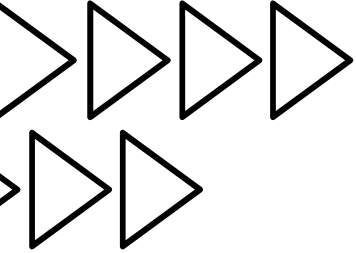
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Thanks for joining us in worship!

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| 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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WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

Expanded!



Dinner,
community
and Bible
studies for
all ages!

WEDNESDAYS | 5-7 P.M.
OCT. 11-NOV. 15

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learn more and sign up!





Sunday | 9:45 a.m.

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CHURCH CONFERENCE

All are welcome to attend our annual conference with District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Gary Weaver for an update on church business from key First Church leaders. First Church members will vote on several matters.