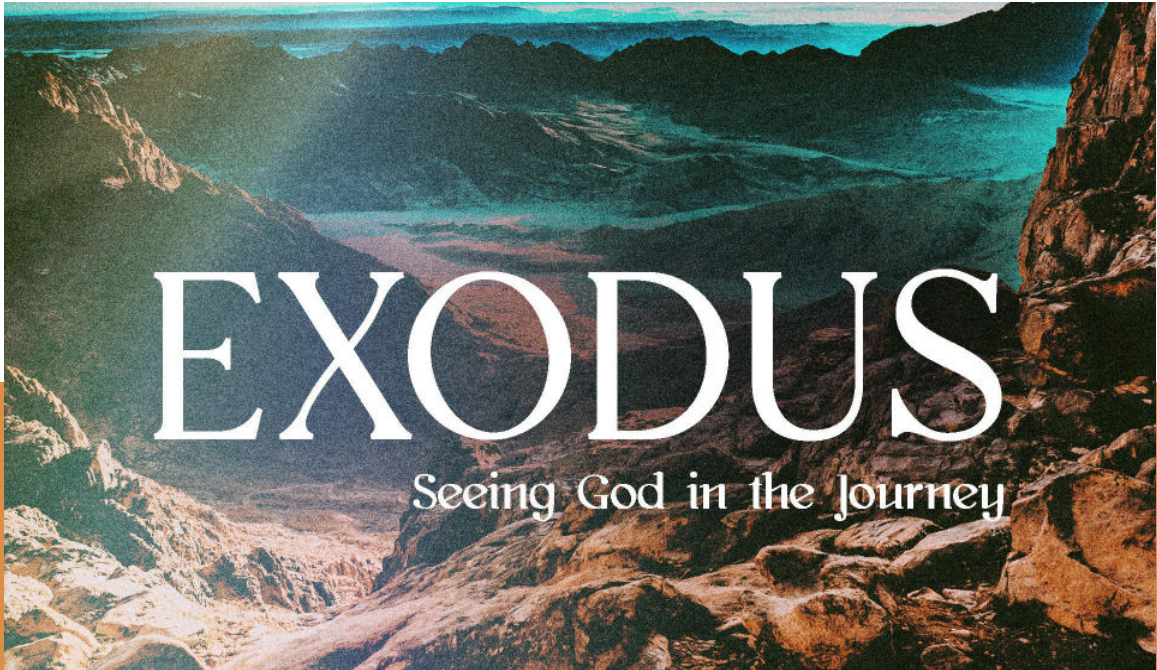

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EXODUS

Seeing God in the Journey

“The Blood of the Lamb”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

SEPT. 10, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Grace Greater than Our Sin" - No. 365

Confession and Pardon

Ministry of Music

"Soon and Very Soon"

Scripture

Exodus 12:1-14

Sermon

Seeing God on the Journey: The Passover Lamb

Hymn

"Just As I Am" - No. 357

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Doxology and Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" - No. 127

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Sarah Pugh

Accompanist..... Anthony Ciucci

Special Music.....Men's Ensemble

Sound and Media..... Ron Nichols, Fred Espenshade, Holly Kurten, Jason Kichline

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A landscape photograph of a mountain valley with a river, overlaid with the word EXODUS. The image has a teal and brown color palette.

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

SEPT. 10, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"House of the Lord"

"Promises"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

"Revelation Song"

Scripture

Exodus 12:1-14

Sermon

Seeing God on the Journey: The Passover Lamb

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

"Worthy"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader..... Sarah Pugh

Worship Team..... Janice Bowen, Krissy Marshall, John McHenry,
Sarah Pugh, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media..... Ron Nichols, Fred Espenshade, Holly Kurten

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF SEPT. 10

Martha Circle

Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Deborah Circle

Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Third Friday Food Trucks

Friday, 4:30 p.m.

WEEK OF SEPT. 17

Moms In Prayer

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Isaiah 61 (Off Site)

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, 1:45 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 SEPT. 10

Sunday

Worship

Monday

Exodus 14:19-31

Tuesday

Exodus 15:1-11b, 20-21

Wednesday

Romans 14:1-12

Thursday

Matthew 18:21-35

Friday

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of our loved ones by Georgianna Braund.

TEACHING NOTES

“The Passover Lamb”

Exodus 12:1-14

*The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared,
“Here is the **Lamb of God** who takes away the sin of the world!”*

John 1:29

1. The Passover Lamb is a sign of **our need for a Savior**.

*¹ The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ² This month shall mark **for you** the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year **for you**.*

Exodus 12:1-2

*⁷ Then the Lord said, “**I have observed** the misery of my people who are in Egypt; **I have heard** their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, **I know** their sufferings, ⁸ and **I have come down** to deliver them from the Egyptians, and **to bring them up** out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, ...”*

Exodus 3:7-8

2. The Passover Lamb is a sign of **God’s sacrifice to deliver us**.

*Your lamb shall be **without blemish, a year-old male**; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats.*

Exodus 12:5

*They shall take some of **the blood** and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.*

Exodus 12:7



¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who **in every respect** has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may **receive mercy and find grace** to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:15-16

3. The Passover Lamb is a sign of **our need for obedience**.

“You shall...”

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who **believes in him** may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

John 3:16-17

Questions for Reflection:

1. What name for Jesus best describes your relationship with Him?
2. Why do you think John chose “Lamb of God” to introduce Jesus to his friends?
3. Where in your life do you need a Savior?
4. How do you feel when you consider what God has sacrificed for us?
5. What does God call you to surrender?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

First Step Gathering | Sunday, Sept. 24, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

If you're new to First Church or haven't been around for a while, stop by our First Step Gathering in room 207! This newcomer event provides the opportunity to get to know Pastor Denny, the First Church staff and other newcomers as you learn about what we believe and determine your next faithful step. Sign up on Church Center or at fumchurch.com or contact Tina (adultministry@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611) if you plan to attend.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study | Begins Sept. 19, 1:45 p.m.

All women are invited to join Tina Eaton in Fellowship Hall for "Isaiah: Striving Less and Trusting More" by Melissa Spoelstra. In this seven-week study, you'll learn to trust in God's character, rely on His provision, and find comfort in His correction. The workbook (which includes online access to watch the videos anytime) is \$15 for those who would like to go deeper by completing the at-home personal study. Sign up on Church Center, at fumchurch.com or by contacting Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611).

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).

Bible Sunday | Sunday, Sept. 24, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

At First Church, we want to equip believers of all ages to dive into Scripture in a relevant, accessible way. During worship services on Bible Sunday, we provide new Bibles to our four-year-olds, second-graders, sixth-graders and ninth-graders. Each young person receives a Bible translation that is appropriate and understandable for their developmental stage, in hopes that they will grow in their desire and joy in reading God's Word. If your child is interested in receiving a Bible, but cannot attend worship on this date, please contact the church office (office@fumchurch.com). In addition, if you're an adult in need of a Bible, please contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com).

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

September Mission Focus: The Computer Ministry

The Computer Ministry of Mechanicsburg collects computer equipment items, refurbishes them, and then distributes them to nonprofit ministries and organizations in need. Stop by the display table in the main entrance hallway to learn more about this ministry and how you can get involved.

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

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, 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).

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 Resumes

TODAY these special worship programs (for kids through fifth grade) resume at the 11 a.m. service.

Bible Sunday | Sept. 24

Both Services

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 | TODAY, 4 p.m.

Bible Sunday | Sept. 24
Both Services

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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FALL PICTNICK



SUNDAY, SEPT. 10, 4-7 P.M.

The Pavilion at
Pleasant View Park
Mechanicsburg



Bring a side dish or
dessert to share
and a lawn chair!

SUNDAYS SCHOOL

Are you interested in learning and growing while at church on Sundays for worship? First Church offers a variety of adult classes from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. New studies kick off Sept. 10 Fall classes kick off on Sunday, Sept. 10! New participants are encouraged to join any class, anytime.

FAITH IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Location· Room 105

Contact· Jenell Paris

This group is for adults of all ages and focuses on fellowship, friendship and mutual support in and outside the classroom. Currently watching season 2 of "The Chosen," along with a guided discussion.

GROWING IN CHRIST

Location· Fellowship Hall

Contact· Tina Eaton

This group provides a welcoming space for newcomers who are looking to pray and study God's Word together. Currently enjoying an in-depth study of the book of Romans.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Location· Room B003

Contact· Wayde Leister

This friendly, caring group is eager to apply God's Word to life's challenges. Beginning a new study by Bob Goff, "Everybody Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People" on Sept. 10.

FAITHFUL FAMILIES

Location· Room B005

Contact· Bob and Tracy Wertz

Join an active group of parents with older school-aged and young adult children who study Scripture, encourage one another, and celebrate life together in and out of the classroom.

HELPING HANDS

Location· Room B004

Contact· Bob Wertz, Sr.

This group of active seniors focuses on encouraging instructions for faithful living and enjoys fellowship activities together outside of class. New study begins Sept. 3 focused on the theme "God Provides."

GUYER CLASS

Location· Room 123

Contact· Steve Noss

This class, comprised of a wonderful group of elders in the church, is taught by a variety of church leaders. New study begins Sept. 3 focused on the theme "God Provides."

Learn more at funchurch.com