
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA

A scenic landscape photograph of a mountain valley with a river, overlaid with the word EXODUS in large white serif font. The image has a teal and orange color palette.

EXODUS

Seeing God in the Journey

**“Experiencing Awe and
Intimacy With God”**

FOUNDATION SERVICE

OCT. 15, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship

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

Opening Prayer

Choir Anthem
"Truly God is Good"

Scripture
Exodus 33:12-23

Sermon
"When Moses Prays: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God"

Hymn
"Near to the Heart of God" - No. 472

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn
"God Be with You till We Meet Again" - No. 672

Benediction
Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller
Liturgist..... George Canonizado
Accompanist..... Sarah Pugh, Taylor Shepley
Special Music..... Sounds of Worship
Sound and Media..... Michael Garman, Ron Nichols, Jason Kichline

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Who You Say I Am"

"Promises"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

"Lord, I Need You"

Scripture

Exodus 33:12-23

Sermon

"When Moses Prays: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God"

Pastoral Prayer

Offering and Announcements

"Holy Forever"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader..... Sarah Pugh

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

Sound and Media..... Michael Garman, Ron Nichols, Jason Kichline

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF OCT. 15

Mom Connection

Monday, 6 p.m.

Isaiah 61

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Food Trucks

Friday, 4:30 p.m.

WEEK OF OCT. 22

Church Conference

Sunday, 9:45 a.m.

Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, 1:45 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. 15

Sunday

Worship

Monday

Psalm 99

Tuesday

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Wednesday

Matthew 22:15-22

Thursday

Exodus 33:1-11

Friday

Exodus 33:12-23

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory
of God and in memory of
Rev. Louis Barth by his wife and family.

MACHE BASKET

This week's flowers are given to the glory
of God and in memory of Donald and
Rose Rohlmeier by Leta and family.

TEACHING NOTES

When Moses Prays: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God

Exodus 33:12-23

Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

Exodus 33:11

1. Moses prays because he is desperate for the presence of God.

*¹² Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ ¹³ Now if I have found favor in your sight, **please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight.** Consider, too, that this nation is your people.”*

Exodus 33:12-13

*As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.*

Psalms 42:1

*He said, “My presence will go with you, and **I will give you rest.**”*

Exodus 33:14

2. Moses prays with confidence in the faithfulness of God.

*¹⁵ And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? **In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.**”*

Exodus 33:15-16

⁶ Do not be anxious about **anything**, but in **everything** by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

The Lord said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.”

Exodus 33:17

3. **Moses experiences intimacy with God in prayer.**

Moses said, “Please show me your glory.”

Exodus 33:18

²¹ And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³ then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

Exodus 33:21-23

Questions for Reflection:

1. What prompts you to pray?
2. What challenges do you face in prayer?
3. For whom is God calling you to intercede in prayer?
4. When have you experienced the presence God?
5. What is your next step toward deeper intimacy with God?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Wednesday Bible Study | Begins Oct. 25, 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)

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](tel:717-766-4611), ext. [112](tel:717-766-4611)).

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

Isaiah 61 Homeless Ministry | THIS WEDNESDAY, Oct. 18, 6:30 p.m.

Isaiah 61 Ministries serves the needs of the homeless in Dauphin County through a variety of services including a soup kitchen, clothing bank and life groups. First Church members help serve meals to the homeless in downtown Harrisburg on the third Wednesday of each month. We will need additional help for the October meal – First Church has been asked to provide the meal to serve over 100 people! To find out how you can help or if you would like to carpool, please contact Tiffany Holland (tholland1967@gmail.com).

Operation Christmas Child | Boxes Due by Sunday, Nov. 19

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. 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!

Volunteer with Operation Christmas Child in Baltimore!

Join a group of First Church volunteers on a trip to the Operation Christmas Child Warehouse in Baltimore to pack shoeboxes for shipment. One group will go on Friday, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. If you are interested in going, want to form a volunteer group for another date, or have questions, please contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com).

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RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Community Dinner on the Lawn | TONIGHT, Oct. 15, 5 p.m.

The next Community Dinner will be held at First Church of God on Main Street in Mechanicsburg. This dinner is for the Mechanicsburg downtown community and includes a free meal, music and gift cards to local businesses. We plan to serve over 130 people. Feel free to join us in sharing a meal with our neighbors that evening. Please contact Lori Hoffnagle (l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com) if you have questions.

Third Friday Food Trucks | THIS FRIDAY, Oct. 20, 4:30-7 p.m.

Come meet our neighbors in a fun and casual atmosphere at the last Third Friday Food Trucks of 2023! Each month, we welcome several gourmet food trucks that serve a variety of delicious foods. Check our website to see what trucks are coming this month!

Streets of Treats | THIS SATURDAY, Oct. 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Stop by Mechanicsburg Streets of Treats (hosted by the Mechanicsburg Chamber of Commerce)! Pick up a treat bag and map of participating businesses at the Square in Mechanicsburg, then enjoy daytime trick-or-treating, crafts, games and other activities. Be sure to look for our First Church Kids table at this free, family-friendly event!

Greeters and Ushers

We're looking for more greeters and ushers to serve on Sunday mornings. These important volunteers arrive at church about 30 minutes before the service starts and give a warm welcome to those arriving. To learn more or sign up to volunteer one Sunday a month, please contact Judi Buddenbaum (ljcbuddenbaum@verizon.net).



GENEROUS GIVER

Little Friends Preschool Sub Sale | Orders due Thursday, Oct. 19

Support Little Friends Preschool by ordering an R & K Sub Sandwich! Place your order by picking up a form from the Little Friends Preschool bulletin board, or by emailing Jemma Church (director@littlefriendspreschool.org). Pick up your order at First church on Thursday, Oct. 26 between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Payment is due at pick up (please make checks payable to Little Friends Preschool). Thank you for supporting this ministry!

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! | Has begun! But you can still sign up at fumchurch.com

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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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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SATURDAY | OCT. 21 | 4-7 P.M.



Celebrate the season at First Church 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!



Sunday | 9:45 a.m.

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CHURCH CONFERENCE

All are welcome to attend our annual conference (led by 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.