
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



IT TAKES COURAGE TO BE KIND

**“It Takes Courage
To Be Kind”**

FOUNDATION SERVICE

OCT. 22, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship

Opening Hymn
"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" - No. 57

Affirmation of Faith

Ministry of Music
"What A Beautiful Name"

Scripture
Galatians 5:13-26

Sermon
"It Takes Courage to Be Kind"

Hymn
"Jesu, Jesu" - No. 432

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Doxology and Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn
"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee" - No. 430

Benediction
Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Rev. Dr. Gary Weaver
Liturgist..... Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
Accompanist..... Sarah Pugh
Special Music.....Sarah Pugh
Sound and Media..... Jim Murdoch, Ken Rapp, Holly Kurten

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Let the Light In"

"Rest on Us"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

"Majesty"

Scripture

Galatians 5:13-26

Sermon

"It Takes Courage to Be Kind"

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

"Goodness of God"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Gary Weaver

Worship Leader.....Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller

Worship Team.....George Canonizado, Krissy Marshall, John McHenry,
Sarah Pugh, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media.....Jim Murdoch, Ken Rapp, Holly Kurten

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF OCT. 22

Moms In Prayer

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, 1:45 p.m.

Wonderful Wednesday

Wednesday, 5 p.m.

WEEK OF OCT. 29

Youth Battleball (Off Site)

Sunday, 1 p.m.

Pastor Denny's Bible Study-

Wednesday, 6:45 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 OCT. 22

Sunday

Worship

Monday

Psalm 90:1-12

Tuesday

Psalm 90:13-17

Wednesday

I Thessalonians 2:1-8

Thursday

Matthew 22:34-46

Friday

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Florence Hoy, Gladys Peck and Emma Whitcomb by the Hoy family.

NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Sunday School | Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Looking for intentional learning and community on Sunday mornings? Find a complete list of current studies on our website (fumchurch.com) or on the Church Center app, and jump into a class anytime!

Youth Winter Retreat | Register by Nov. 1

Students grades 6-12 are invited to participate in this year's Winter Retreat at Kenbrook Bible Camp from Dec. 8 to 10. During the weekend we will have tasty meals, gym time, free time in the game room, opportunities for learning and worship, space for rest, and so much more! Learn more and sign up on Church Center today!

Health and Wellness Presentation | Nov. 12, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Join us in the multi-purpose room to hear from Bob Buhrig with Buhrig's Funeral Home. Bob will speak on various points of interest related to funeral planning, including some of the less traditional and newer burial options. This is the first of a two-part series on topics related to death and dying, with a second presentation planned for 2024.

PRAYING FOLLOWER

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

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 Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com) if you have questions or would like to join this group.

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

Rejoicing Spirits | TODAY, Oct. 22, 4 p.m.

First Church invites everyone to attend this "shush-free" worship experience that celebrates all expressions of worship and individuals of all abilities. This monthly service includes music, scripture, prayer and a brief message, along with refreshments and fellowship afterward.

Online Worship

Worship with us and invite others to join any time of the week! Check out our lives-tream 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

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).



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.

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 (ljbuddenbaum@verizon.net).



GENEROUS GIVER

Giving to First Church

We're so grateful for all the ways you support First Church – through your prayers, time, talents and resources. Everything you give to First Church helps us build disciples and love our neighbors. You can place any tithes or offerings in the baskets as you exit the sanctuary, send them into the church office, or give online on our website (fumchurch.com) or in the Church Center app.

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

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

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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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God Uses a Gift and a Letter to Change Lives



As a 7-year-old in Mongolia, Jargalmaa (pictured left) described one particular day as “unexpected.” After school, her teacher invited her to a church where she received her very first gift! This Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift included, among other fun toys, stationery, and a set of hairclips. Inside, she also found a letter that said, “You are valuable and so loved by God.” Jargalmaa cherished this message because her parents and grandparents had never told her that they loved her.

Jargalmaa went on to participate in The Greatest Journey discipleship program where she especially appreciated the lessons about God as Creator. Later in 10th grade, she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. Through her testimony, five of her family members and two close friends also made this life-changing decision.

Now 15 years after receiving her shoebox gift, Jargalmaa, her husband, and two young children (pictured above) have recently moved to a new community where they are ministering to youth in hopes of starting a church. “I would like to challenge people who are preparing shoebox gifts to also write a letter showing God’s love,” Jargalmaa said. “What’s written there may be very simple, but those simple words could completely change somebody’s life.”

SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS



“WOW” ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators

TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)



PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes
- Small water bottles



ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

Shoebox gifts are like snowflakes—no two are alike!

—Franklin Graham,
President, Samaritan’s Purse

