
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA

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

EXODUS

Seeing God in the Journey

“Laws Etched in Stone”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

OCT. 8, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship

Opening Hymn
"Wonderful Words of Life" - No. 600

Opening Prayer

Choir Anthem
"Grace Flows down with Amazing Grace"

Scripture
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Sermon
"Laws Etched in Stone"

Hymn
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" - No. 452

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer
Announcements and Offering

Closing Hymn
"How Great Thou Art" - No. 77

Benediction
Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Al Robinson

Accompanist..... Taylor Shepley

Special Music.....Sounds of Worship

Sound and Media..... Fred Epsenshade, Jim Robinson, Holly Kurten, Jenn Myers

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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Welcome

Praise and Worship

"We believe"

"Holy Forever"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

"Cornerstone"

Scripture

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Sermon

"Laws Etched in Stone"

Prayer

Announcements and Offering

"Build my life"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader..... Al Robinson

Worship Team..... Allison Ometz, Lauren Sanker, John Gross, Trace Morgan,
George Canonizado

Sound and Media..... Fred Epsenshade, Jim Robinson, Holly Kurten, Jenn Myers

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF OCT. 8

Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, 1:45 p.m.

Wonderful Wednesday

Wednesday, 5 p.m.

Feminine Hygiene Sewing Day

Saturday, 8:30 a.m.

WEEK OF OCT. 15

Mom Connection

Monday, 6 p.m.

Isaiah 61

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Food Trucks

Friday, 4:30 p.m.

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



WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

WEEK OF OCT. 8

Sunday

Worship

Monday

Psalm 106:32-43

Tuesday

Philippians 4:1-9

Wednesday

Philippians 4:10-23

Thursday

Matthew 22:1-14

Friday

Exodus 32:1-14

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Gary and Devon Betz.

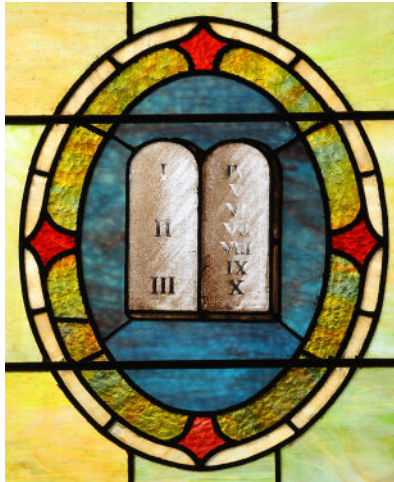
MACHE BASKET

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TEACHING NOTES

“Laws Etched in Stone”

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20



1. Grace comes first, then obedience.

² *“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me.”*

Exodus 20:2-3

2. The purpose of the Law is relationships.

*“I will take you as **my people**, and I will be your God. You shall know that I am the Lord **your God**, who has freed you from the burdens of the Egyptians.”*

Exodus 6:7

¹² *“Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.*

¹³ *“You shall not murder.*

¹⁴ *“You shall not commit adultery.*

¹⁵ *“You shall not steal.*

¹⁶ *“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.*

¹⁷ *“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female slave, ox, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”*

Exodus 20:12-17

3. After giving the Israelites the Law, God gives them the Tabernacle.

“The Ten Commandments are not multiple choice.”

¹¹ *But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), ¹² he entered **once for all** into the holy place, not with the blood of goats and calves but **with his own blood**, thus **obtaining eternal redemption.***

Hebrews 9:11-12

“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

John 1:29

Questions for Reflection:

1. When have you experienced God’s grace? What did it mean for you?
2. How do the Ten Commandments help you understand who God is?
3. What do the Ten Commandments reveal to you about the new community God is forming?
4. When have you violated the Law? What was the consequence?
5. Why, of all the titles he might have chosen, did John call Jesus “the Lamb of 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)

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!

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:112)).

PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

2023 Church Conference | Sunday, Oct. 22, 9:45 a.m.

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.

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

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 (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 | THIS 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

Third Friday Food Trucks | 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. Bring a blanket or chair to enjoy dinner in the green space or sit at the tables and chairs provided. Check our website to see what trucks are coming this month!

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

Community Dinner (Fall Desserts Needed!) | NEXT SUNDAY, Oct. 15, 5 p.m.

The next Community Dinner on the Lawn 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. First Church has been asked to provide fall desserts for this dinner. We are looking for cakes, cookies, pies or other sweet treats with a fall theme (pumpkin, apple, etc.). Please consider providing a baked good for the dinner, and feel free to join us in serving our neighbors that evening. Please contact Lori Hoffnagle (l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com) if you have questions or want to donate a baked good.

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 THIS WEDNESDAY, October 11, 5-7 p.m.

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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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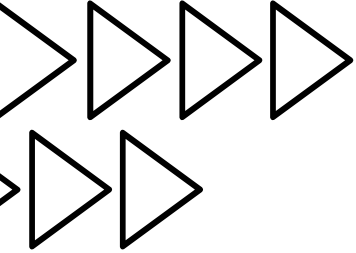
Join Churches Worldwide Praying for Children and Schools

To bless our schools please pray ...

- **May Christian students, teachers, and staff stand firm in their faith** at school and in their homes. May they impact their campus for Christ this school year and witness revival and spiritual awakening. May God strengthen Christians serving in our schools so they will not be anxious, but filled with peace, trusting God and encouraging others.
- **Whether students are taking classes in person or online**, may they honor those around them, be diligent in their schoolwork, and stay connected with encouraging peers.
- **May there be unity and high moral standards among teachers, administration, school board, and support staff.** May all decisions be based on sound wisdom and discernment.
- **May God's hand of protection be upon the students, school, and staff** and may any plans for evil be quickly thwarted. Pray that all schools will move forward in good health and safety.



Sponsored by Moms in Prayer International
Bless Our Schools Sunday takes place at the beginning of the school year.
For more information visit MomsInPrayer.org



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Dinner,
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