
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER

**“Yesterday, Today
and Forever”**

FOUNDATION SERVICE

NOV. 19, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship

Opening Hymn
"For the Beauty of the Earth" - No. 92

Opening Prayer

Choir Anthem
"Thanks Be to God"

Scripture
Psalms 100:1-5

Sermon
"Yesterday, Today and Forever"

Ministry of Music
"Same God"

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

Closing Hymn
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - No. 140

Benediction
Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Lisa Aronson

Liturgist..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Accompanist..... Brandon Rhody

Special Music.....Sounds of Worship, Sarah Pugh, George Canonizado

Sound and Media..... Ron Nichols, Jim Murdoch, Holly Kurten, Jason Kichline

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Way Maker"

"King of Kings"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

Scripture

Psalm 100:1-5

Sermon

"Yesterday, Today and Forever"

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

"Same God"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Leader.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Team.....Nate Erno, Krissy Marshall, Allison Ometz,
Sarah Pugh, RJ Wertz

Sound and Media.....Ron Nichols, Jim Murdoch, Holly Kurten, Jason Kichline

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF NOV. 19

Mom Connection

Monday, 6 p.m.

Moms In Prayer

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Thursday, All Day

WEEK OF NOV. 26

Rejoicing Spirits

Sunday, 4 p.m.

Pastor Denny's Bible Study-

Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.

Men's Breakfast (Off Site)

Saturday, 7:30 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 NOV. 19

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| Sunday | Worship |
| Monday | Deuteronomy 8:7-18 |
| Tuesday | Psalms 65 |
| Wednesday | 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 |
| Thursday | Luke 17:11-19 |
| Friday | Matthew 25:31-46 |
| Saturday | Rest and Reflect |

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Harold and Doris Zimmerman by the family.

TEACHING 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!

Wednesday Night Men's Group | First and Third Wednesdays, 8 p.m.

This group enjoys great fellowship while focusing on discussion-based Bible studies. In their current study, "Kingdom Heroes," Dr. Tony Evans explores how the journeys of Old Testament heroes, such as Abraham, Noah and Moses, can help you build a strong and enduring faith. Contact Barry Eaton if interested.

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

Service of Remembrance and Hope | Sunday, Dec. 3, 4 p.m.

If you're feeling the burden of grief this holiday season and missing your loved ones, we invite you to join us for a time of worship and reflection at our Service of Remembrance and Hope. We will gather in the sanctuary, and the service will also be recorded and available afterward for viewing from home. Contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com) with questions.

Passion Play Experience | March 28

Signups are officially open for our 2024 Passion Play Experience! If you're interested in participating on stage or behind the scenes in our interactive retelling of the life of Jesus, register on Church Center or by contacting Katie Knorr (kidscount@fumchurch.com) or Sarah Pugh (worship@fumchurch.com).



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

November Mission Focus: New Hope Ministries

This month, we're partnering with New Hope to make Thanksgiving and Christmas extra special for local families in need. First Church has a long tradition of collecting canned sweet potatoes that help New Hope provide Thanksgiving meals. You can also support New Hope's annual Christmas Blessings Express, which allows guests to shop for Christmas gifts for their families, by donating a gift card to Walmart or Target. Learn more and drop off your items at the display in the main entrance hallway, or contact Deb Karns for more information.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Joy in the Morning | Monday, Nov. 27, 1 p.m.

If you live with chronic pain or ongoing health challenges, we invite you to join in sharing discussion and supportive friendship with this small group. We meet monthly on Monday afternoons from 1 to 2 p.m. at Bethany Village. Terry Ketrow and Janice Bowen co-facilitate, drawing upon readings and devotionals. For more information, contact Janice Bowen (we-care@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 112).

Men's Breakfast | Saturday, Dec. 2, 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.



GENEROUS GIVER

Little Friends Preschool Spiritwear Fundraiser | Orders due THIS TUESDAY, Nov. 21

Support Little Friends Preschool by purchasing a tee shirt, long sleeve shirt, and or tumbler! Find order forms on the Little Friends bulletin board in the lobby and drop your completed form in the Little Friends mailbox. You can also email orders to Jemma Church (director@littlefriendspreschool.org). Please provide a contact number so you can be notified when your order is ready for pickup (items should arrive by Christmas). Thank you for your support!

Scrip Fundraiser

Support First Church by purchasing your Christmas gift cards through our Scrip program! Pick up a form and place it in the dropbox in the gathering area near the couches and water fountain. Orders placed on Sunday are filled the following week. Contact Kathie Bittenbender with any questions.

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.

Christmas Movie Night | Dec. 16

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

Youth Winter Retreat | Dec. 8 - 10

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

135 W. Simpson St., Mechanicsburg | 717-766-4611 | fumchurch.com | [@fumchurch](https://www.instagram.com/fourgyouthministry)

COOKIE WALK

Saturday, Dec. 16 | 9-11 a.m.

Calling all bakers! We need your help to make our annual Cookie Walk a success! Last year, this sweet event helped raise over \$2,000 for our youth mission trip, and we're excited to begin fundraising for our 2024 trip to Dayton, Ohio.

We need bakers to provide 4-5 batches (8-10 dozen) of any style of homemade cookies. Sign up on Church Center or by filling out a form at the display in the lobby.

Please have your cookies to the church by 7 a.m. on Dec. 16 (cookies brought in before this can be placed in the kitchen and labeled "Cookie Walk").

Contact Lynn Rapp (minion.youth17@gmail.com) with any questions. Thank you for supporting our youth as they serve together!

November Mission Focus



New Hope Ministries serves the south central Pennsylvania area in so many ways, especially around the holidays. Over the past 26 years, First Church has donated over \$310,000 to New Hope and even more food and other supplies. We're proud to support this organization and invite you to join in their mission of "showing the love and hope of Christ by serving our neighbors in times of need and supporting their efforts toward stability."

At Thanksgiving, New Hope collects food items to help local families celebrate with a special meal they might not be able to afford. First Church has a long tradition of providing canned sweet potatoes. Feel free to drop off your donations at the collection site in the main entrance hallway.

Each Christmas, New Hope holds its annual Christmas Blessings Express, where guests can shop for gifts for the whole family. This event makes a huge impact in the lives of many local families. You can support this program by donating a gift card to Walmart or Target. Contact Deb Karns for more information.

With your support, we can help all of our neighbors experience the hope and love of Christ this holiday season!