
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



CLIMB HIGHER



“Revealed in Prayer”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

NOV. 5, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"Open My Eyes, That I May See" - No. 454

Opening Prayer

Choir Anthem

"On Eagle's Wings"

Scripture

Luke 11:5-13

Sermon

"Revealed in Prayer"

Handbell Anthem

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

"I Surrender All" - No. 354

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist..... Barry Eaton

Accompanist..... Brandon Rhody

Special Music.....Sounds of Worship, Handbells

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

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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Welcome

Praise and Worship

"King of My Heart"

"Battle Belongs"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

"Defender"

Scripture

Luke 11:5-13

Sermon

"Revealed in Prayer"

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

"Same God"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Barry Eaton

Worship Team.....Janice Bowen, John Gross, Geri Nuss, Allison Ometz,
Sarah Pugh

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

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF NOV. 5

Martha Circle

Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Indoor Pickleball

Tuesday, 5 p.m.

NA Meeting

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

WEEK OF NOV. 12

Moms In Prayer

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Deborah Circle

Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Isaiah 61

Wednesday, 6:45 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 NOV. 5

Sunday	Worship
Monday	Psalm 107
Tuesday	I Thessalonians 2:9-13
Wednesday	Matthew 23:1-12
Thursday	Joshua 24:1-25
Friday	Psalm 78:1-7
Saturday	Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given
to the glory of God by Melinda
Rhoads.

TEACHING NOTES

“Climb Higher: Revealed in Prayer”

Luke 11:5-13

Stewardship is:
Grounded in Gratitude
Revealed in Prayer
Lived in Faith

⁹ “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰ For **everyone** who asks receives, and **everyone** who searches finds, and for **everyone** who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Luke 11:9-10

Willing

“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, **not my will but yours be done.**”

Luke 22:42

Will-less:

“I can’t do that, and you can’t expect me to do that.”

Will-full:

“I have decided on what I am going to do and no one, not even God, will change that.”

Willing:

“God, based on all you have done for me, all that I have to be thankful for,
what would you have me to do?”

*“If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, **how much more** will the heavenly
Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.”*

Luke 11:13

Consecrate: “Surrender all of you to all of God.”

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!

The Passion Play Experience | March 28

Signups are open for our 2024 Passion Play Experience! We need help onstage and behind the scenes to bring this interactive telling of Jesus's final days to life. Sign up on Church Center, at fumchurch.com, or by contacting Katie Knorr (kidscount@fumchurch.com).

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

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.

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.

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), then fill your box with items suggested on the list and return it to the display in the lobby. After today, there are only two Sundays left to bring your shoeboxes in! So far, 53 boxes have been returned. Help us reach our goal of shipping at least 300 boxes to kids in need! Pick up a box and learn more at the display!

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. You can support this program by donating an unwrapped gift or gift card to Walmart or Target. Learn more and drop off your items at the display in the main entrance hallway.

RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Indoor Pickleball | Tuesdays, 5-7 p.m.

Join us in the church multipurpose room for some fun and games! No experience is necessary, and paddles and balls will be available to borrow if needed. Contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or [717-766-4611](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112) with questions or to be added to the pickleball email list for updates and alerts.

GENEROUS GIVER

Handbell Choir Pie Fundraiser | Orders due Sunday, Nov. 12

Support the Handbell Choir by purchasing a homemade pie! See a bell choir member or fill out an order form outside the sanctuary after worship to place your order. Pick up your pies in Fellowship Hall between noon and 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18.

World Thank Offering Baked Good Giveaway | Sunday, Nov. 19

Support the United Women in Faith World Thank Offering with your sweet tooth! Stop by the table near the couches (close to the Children's hallway) to pick up a tasty treat and make a donation to the World Thank Offering. Visit us between worship services for a sweet treat and a chance to help women, children and youth. If you can donate a baked good, please bring to the display that morning. If you have questions about United Women in Faith or the World Thank Offering, please contact Lori Hoffnagle (l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com).

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

Sleep Out for the Homeless |
Nov. 17 - 18

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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FLU SHOTS

We will once again offer flu shots (quadrivalent vaccine) provided by Sandy Leister, RN. There's no need to preregister — simply stop by **between 9 and 11 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12**. Anyone 18 or older is welcome to receive a vaccine.

Some insurance plans will be accepted. Without insurance coverage, the flu shot costs \$40 (cash or check, made out to VNA of Central PA).

Please contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611, ext. 112 or wecare@fumchurch.com) with questions.



Accepted Insurances:

Medicare B; Medicare B and a secondary insurance; Medicare B and AARP; Medicare B and commercial (supplement); Railroad Medicare B; GHP; GHP Gold; Humana Gold; Humana Choice PPO

Service of Remembrance and Hope



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