
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



THE HAPPIEST PEOPLE ON EARTH

**“The Happiest People
on Earth”**

FOUNDATION SERVICE

JAN. 14, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn

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

Affirmation of Faith

Handbell Anthem

"This Joyful Day"

Scripture

John 6:1-14

Choir Anthem

"Praise Him"

Sermon

"The Happiest People on Earth"

Hymn

"The Servant Song"

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Doxology and Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

"Jesu, Jesu" - No. 432

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Rev. Jim VanZandt

Liturgist.....Sarah Pugh

Accompanist.....Brandon Rhody

Special Music.....Sounds of Worship, Handbell Choir

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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"King of My Heart"

"Rest on Us"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

"New Wine"

Scripture

John 6:1-14

Sermon

"The Happiest People on Earth"

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

"Bless God"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Rev. Jim VanZandt

Worship Leader.....Sarah Pugh

Worship Team.....John Gross, Emily Hammaker, Jason Kichline, Geri Nuss,
Sarah Pugh, Tracy Wertz

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

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF JAN. 14

Mom Connection

Monday, 6 p.m.

Men's Group (Off Site)

Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Soupy Saturday

Saturday, 9 a.m.

WEEK OF JAN. 21

Moms In Prayer

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Pickleball

Tuesday, 5 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study

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 JAN. 14

Sunday	Worship
Monday	Genesis 1:1-5
Tuesday	Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Wednesday	Psalms 62:5-12
Thursday	I Corinthians 7:29-31
Friday	Mark 1:14-20
Saturday	Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Elizabeth Carol Brandt by C. Richard Brandt II.

NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Tuesday Women's Bible Study | Starts Jan. 16, 1:45 p.m.

"Jesus Followers: Real-Life Lessons for Igniting Faith in the Next Generation" offers practical ideas, biblical teaching, and inspiring true stories from Anne Graham Lotz and her daughter Rachel-Ruth Lotz Wright for running the race of faith and passing the Baton of Truth to the next generation. This five-week study meets under the balcony in the sanctuary, and the workbook costs \$15 (includes online access to the videos anytime). Register 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. Fill one out during worship and place it 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

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).

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 | Wednesday, Jan. 17, 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 helps serve meals to the homeless in downtown Harrisburg on the third Wednesday of each month. To learn how you can help or if you would like to carpool, please contact Tiffany Holland (tholland1967@gmail.com).

Updates from the Missions Committee

We're so grateful for all the ways that you helped First Church bless our community during the Advent season. We collected 289 boxes for Operation Christmas Child, raised over \$2,000 through our youth's Sleep Out for the Homeless, and received over 1,000 pounds of food through our Reverse Advent Calendar collection. All of these programs help us share Christ's love with our neighbors in Mechanicsburg and beyond. Check out the missions display in the main entrance hallway to learn about more ways to serve through First Church.

RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Printed Church Directories

Printed church directories are available! If you'd like to have one placed in your church mailbox, please contact the office (office@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611). You can always update your information and view a digital version of the directory on the Church Center app or at fumchurch.churchcenter.com. If you would like to be added to the printed directory, contact the church office.

GENEROUS GIVER

Coconut Egg Fundraiser | Orders due Jan. 18

The Christian Fellowship Class will make coconut eggs in January and peanut butter eggs in March. Place your order by contacting Nancy Routch (717-258-8954 or mwrner@aol.com). All eggs must be pre-ordered. Bags of six eggs cost \$10. Pick up your eggs in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, Jan. 25, or on Sunday, Jan. 28.

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 tithes or offerings in the baskets as you exit the sanctuary, send them into the church office, or give online at 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 |
Starts Feb. 14**

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

Zeteo | Feb. 3 - 5

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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