
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



COME, FOLLOW ME

“Come, Follow Me”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

JAN. 21, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn

"We Would See Jesus" - No. 256

Opening Prayer

Choir Anthem

"Change My Heart, O God"

Scripture

Mark 1:14-20

Sermon

"Come, Follow Me"

Hymn

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" - No. 344

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Doxology and Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

"Jesus Calls Us" - No. 398

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist.....Rick Herring

Accompanist.....Brandon Rhody

Special Music.....Sounds of Worship

Sound and Media.....Fred Espenshade, Jason Kichline, Jim Robinson, Bill Richie

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Bless God"

"Build My Life"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

"Defender"

Scripture

Mark 1:14-20

Sermon

"Come, Follow Me"

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

"Goodness of God"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Rick Herring

Worship Team.....Nate Erno, Geri Nuss, Sarah Pugh, Lauren Sanker, RJ Wertz

Sound and Media..... Fred Espenshade, Jason Kichline, Jim Robinson, Bill Richie

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

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.

WEEK OF JAN. 28

Rejoicing Spirits

Sunday, 4 p.m.

Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, 1:45 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 JAN. 21

Sunday

Worship

Monday

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Tuesday

Psalms 111

Wednesday

I Corinthians 8:1-13

Thursday

John 1:43-51

Friday

Mark 1:21-28

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the
glory of God!

TEACHING NOTES

“Come, Follow Me”

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “**Follow me**, and I will make you fishers of people.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Mark 1:17-18

1. “Come, Follow Me”: An Invitation to Know Jesus

[Jesus] ⁴ got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

John 13:4-5

⁵ **Let the same mind be in you** that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,

⁷ but **emptied himself**,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

⁸ he **humbled himself**
and became obedient to the point of death
even death on a cross.

Philippians 2:5-8

2. “Come, Follow Me”: An Invitation to Be Like Jesus

¹⁵ *For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.* ¹⁶ *Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them.*

John 13:15-16

²⁶ *“It will not be so among you, but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant,* ²⁷ *and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave,* ²⁸ *just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”*

Matthew 20:26-28

3. “Come, Follow Me”: An Invitation to Join Jesus in His Mission

“And who is my neighbor?”

Luke 10:29

“There is only one like you in the whole world. There’s never been anyone exactly like you before, and there never will be again. Only you. And people can like you exactly as you are.”

– Fred Rogers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Health and Wellness Presentation | Sunday, Feb. 4, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Join us in the multipurpose room to hear from Bob Buhrig with Buhrig's Funeral and Cremation. Bob will speak on various points of interest related to funeral planning, including some of the less traditional and newer burial options.

Wonderful Wednesday | Starts Feb. 14, 5-7 p.m.

Children, youth and adults are all invited to participate in this six-week fellowship and learning program. Enjoy a family-style meal together at 5 p.m., followed by small group Bible studies at 6. Sign up now at fumchurch.com or on the Church Center app!

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.

Join us as we unite with women around the world in praying for our children and grandchildren through Moms in Prayer International. Our prayer group meets in room 105, and all mothers and grandmothers are invited! All prayers remain confidential within the group. Please contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com) if you have questions or want 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. 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 (we-care@fumchurch.com) for other ways to connect to First Church.

DEDICATED MISSIONARY

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 197 boxes for Operation Christmas Child, raised over \$4,300 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

Mom Connection

This group connects moms of children (newborns through high school age) with other moms who are seeking friendship, support and encouragement along the parenting journey. Monthly meetings begin with dinner followed by a theme-based topic designed to help develop connections and offer support (spiritual, emotional, practical), inspiration, and resources for Christ-centered parenting. Learn more and sign up at fumchurch.com or on Church Center.

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.

GENEROUS GIVER

Managing Your Donations to First Church

We're so grateful for all the ways you support First Church – through your prayers, time, talents and resources. If you use recurring giving through Church Center and want to change your contributions for 2024 (increasing your amount, altering withdrawal dates, etc.), you must make these changes through your Church Center account. Find more details and a tutorial at fumchurch.com/give. Please contact the church office 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.

**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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