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First United  
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



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THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS

**“The Authority of Jesus”**

FOUNDATION SERVICE

JAN. 28, 2024

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" - No. 155*

Affirmation of Faith

Praise Chorus

*"Majesty, Worship His Majesty" - No. 176*

Scripture

*Mark 1:21-28*

Sermon

*"The Authority of Jesus"*

Hymn

*"O How I Love Jesus" - No. 170*

Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Doxology and Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

*"Jesus Shall Reign" - No. 157*

Benediction

Postlude

## LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist.....Katie Knorr

Accompanist.....Brandon Rhody

Sound and Media.....Jim Murdoch, Ron Nichols, Holly Kurten, Jenn Myers, Bill Richie

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

*"Battle Belongs"*

*"Run to the Father"*

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

*"Gratitude"*

Scripture

*Mark 1:21-28*

Sermon

*"The Authority of Jesus"*

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

*"This Is Amazing Grace"*

Benediction

Postlude

## ***LEADING IN WORSHIP***

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Katie Knorr

Worship Team.....Steve Almond, George Canonizado, John Gross, Krissy Marshall,  
Trace Morgan, RJ Wertz

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

# COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

## WEEK OF JAN. 28

### Rejoicing Spirits

Today, 4 p.m.

### Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, 1:45 p.m.

### Men's Breakfast (Off-Site)

Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

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## WEEK OF FEB. 4

### Health and Wellness Presentation

Sunday, 9:45 a.m.

### Bible Study

Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.

### Men's Group (Off-Site)

Wednesday, 8 p.m.

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visit our website at  
[fumchurch.com](http://fumchurch.com) for  
more details on all  
of our upcoming  
events!*



# WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

## WEEK OF JAN. 28

**Sunday**

Worship

**Monday**

Isaiah 40:21-31

**Tuesday**

Psalms 147

**Wednesday**

I Corinthians 9:1-15

**Thursday**

I Corinthians 9:16-23

**Friday**

Mark 1:29-39

**Saturday**

Rest and Reflect

## ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of our mothers, Brenda and Norma, by Barry and Tina Eaton.

# TEACHING NOTES

## “The Authority of Jesus”

Mark 1: 21-28

### 1. Jesus teaches with authority.

<sup>21</sup>They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

Mark 1:21-22

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

John 1:1

Looking unto **Jesus the author and finisher of our faith**; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2 (KJV)

## 2. Jesus has authority over demonic forces.

<sup>23</sup> Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup> and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup> But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup> And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.

Mark 1:23-26

"Lord, the demons still are thriving  
In the gray cells of the mind;  
**tyrant voices**, shrill and driving,  
**twisted thoughts** that grip and bind,  
**doubts** that stir the heart to panic,  
**fears** distorting reason's sight,  
**guilt** that makes our loving frantic  
**dreams** that cloud the soul with fright."

— Thomas Troeger,  
"Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit"  
(UMH #264)

## 3. The authority of Jesus inspires a response.

<sup>27</sup> They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching — with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup> At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Mark 1:27-28

# 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](http://fumchurch.com) or on the Church Center app!

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com) or 717-766-4611, ext. 112).

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## **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](mailto:kidscount@fumchurch.com)) or Sarah Pugh ([worship@fumchurch.com](mailto:worship@fumchurch.com)).

### **Rejoicing Spirits | TODAY, Jan. 28, 4 p.m.**

First Church invites everyone to attend this "shush-free" worship experience that celebrates all expressions of worship and individuals of all abilities. This monthly service includes music, scripture, prayer and a brief message, along with refreshments and fellowship afterward

### **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](mailto:wecare@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.

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## **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](mailto:office@fumchurch.com) or [717-766-4611](tel: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](http://fumchurch.churchcenter.com).

### **Men's Breakfast | THIS SATURDAY, Feb. 3, 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.

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## **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](http://fumchurch.com/give). Please contact the church office with any questions.

### **Handbell Choir Pie Fundraiser | Orders due Sunday, Feb. 11**

The Handbell Choir is selling homemade cherry and apple pies. Submit your order by signing up on the clipboard outside the sanctuary, contacting Kathie Bittenbender or reaching out to a handbell choir member. Pick up your pies on Saturday, Feb. 17 between noon and 2 p.m.. Thank you for your support!

## 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 <a href="http://fumchurch.com">fumchurch.com</a> )
11 a.m.	THE GATHERING SERVICE (Modern)
4 p.m.	REJOICING SPIRITS (Fourth Sunday of each month)

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