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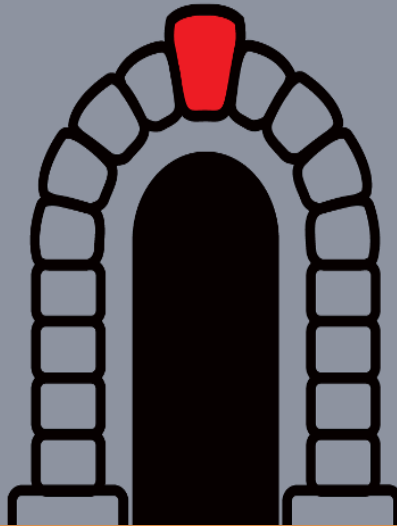
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**MECHANICSBURG, PA**



# The Keystone of our Faith



## “The Keystone of Our Faith”

**FOUNDATION SERVICE**

**FEB. 11, 2024**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude  
Welcome  
Call to Worship

Hymn  
*"Because He Lives" - No. 364*

Opening Prayer

Choir Anthem  
*"Sing Your Song of Joy"*

Scripture  
*1 Corinthians 15:12-21, 51-58*

Sermon  
*"The Keystone of Our Faith"*

Handbell Anthem  
*"Love and Grace"*

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

Closing Hymn  
*"Victory in Jesus" - No. 370*

Benediction  
Postlude

## LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching..... Dilip Abayasekara  
Liturgist..... Pastor Denny  
Special Music..... Sounds of Worship, Handbells  
Sound and Media..... Michael Garman, Jim Murdoch, Ken Rapp, Jason Kichline

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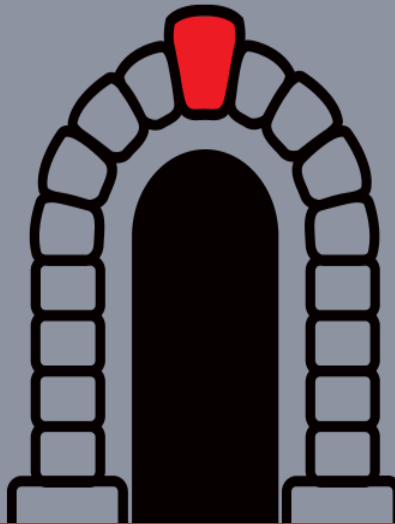
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THE GATHERING SERVICE

FEB. 11, 2024

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

*"Holy Forever"*

*"This I Believe (The Creed)"*

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

*"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"*

Scripture

*1 Corinthians 15:12-21, 51-58*

Sermon

*"The Keystone of Our Faith"*

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

*"Living Hope"*

Benediction

Postlude

## ***LEADING IN WORSHIP***

Pastor.....Dilip Abayasekara

Worship Leader.....Pastor Denny

Worship Team.....John McHenry, Geri Nuss, Sarah Pugh, Cynthia Smith,  
Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media..... Michael Garman, Jim Murdoch, Ken Rapp, Jason Kichline

# COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

## ***WEEK OF FEB. 11***

### **Widows/Widowers Lunch**

Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.

### **Wonderful Wednesday**

Wednesday, 5 p.m.

### **Pie Pick-Up**

Saturday, 12 - 2 p.m.

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## ***WEEK OF FEB. 18***

### **Community Dinner**

Sunday, 5 p.m.

### **Mom Connection**

Monday, 6 p.m.

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

Wednesday, 8 p.m.

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



# WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

## ***WEEK OF FEB. 11***

### **Sunday**

Worship

### **Monday**

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

### **Tuesday**

Psalm 51:1-17

### **Wednesday**

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

### **Thursday**

Mark 1:9-15

### **Friday**

Genesis 9:8-17

### **Saturday**

Rest and Reflect

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

This week's flowers are given to the  
glory of God and in memory of  
Cheryl Algro Erikson by Robert V.  
Erikson and family.

# NOTES



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **LIFELONG LEARNER**

### **Wonderful Wednesday | Starts THIS WEDNESDAY, 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, followed by small group Bible studies at 6 p.m. Sign up now at [fumchurch.com](https://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**

### **Ash Wednesday Worship | Feb. 14, 7 p.m.**

Join us at Hope United Methodist Church (6260 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg) as we begin Lent by worshipping with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

### **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)).

### **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**

### **February Mission Focus: One80 Ministries**

This month, we're highlighting our partnership with One80 Ministries. One80 is a Mechanicsburg-based organization dedicated to meeting the physical and spiritual needs of our community and fostering Christ-centered relationships with people from all walks of life. To learn more about how you can support this ministry, stop by the missions display in the main entrance hallway or visit [one80ministries.org](https://one80ministries.org).

### **Isaiah 61 Homeless Ministry | Wednesday, Feb. 21, 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 members help serve meals to the homeless in downtown Harrisburg on the third Wednesday of each month. To find out how you can help or if you would like to car-pool, please contact Tiffany Holland ([tholland1967@gmail.com](mailto:tholland1967@gmail.com)).

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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). You can always update your information and view a digital version of the directory on the Church Center app or at [fumchurch.churchcenter.com](https://fumchurch.churchcenter.com).

### **Community Dinner | NEXT SUNDAY, Feb. 18, 5 p.m.**

The next Community Dinner will be held at Buhrig's Gathering Place. This event (in partnership with other local churches) offers the downtown community with a meal, music and games, free of charge. We will serve pasta, bread, green beans, fruit and desserts. First Church will provide the fruit. If you can donate some fresh fruit, such as bananas, apples or oranges (like Cuties), please contact Lori Hoffnagle ([L\\_hoffnagle@yahoo.com](mailto:L_hoffnagle@yahoo.com)).

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## **GENEROUS GIVER**

### **Handbell Choir Pie Fundraiser | Orders due TODAY, 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!

### **Giving to First Church**

We're so grateful for all the ways you support First Church – through your prayers, time, talents and resources. If you have a church mailbox, a copy of your 2023 giving statement has been placed inside. If you don't have a church mailbox, a copy of your statement has been mailed to you. You can always view your annual statement and other donation history on the Church Center app or at [fumchurch.churchcenter.com](https://fumchurch.churchcenter.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 |**  
**Begins THIS WEDNESDAY 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

**Easter Sunrise Service | March 31**

**Youth Sunday | April 7**

**Mission Trip | June 30 - July 6**

*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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# REMEMBER



Lenten Sermon Series and Bible Study

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# ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

FEB. 14 | 7 P.M.

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