
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church
MECHANICSBURG, PA



REMEMBER



God's Covenants *and the* Cross

“Noah: God’s Covenant With Creation”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

FEB. 18, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn

"This Is My Father's World" - No. 144

Affirmation of Faith

Choir Anthem

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Scripture

Genesis 9:8-17

Sermon

"Noah: God's Covenant With Creation"

Hymn

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" No. - 480

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Doxology and Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

"In the Midst of New Dimensions"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist.....Bob Wertz

Accompanist.....Brandon Rhody

Special Music.....Sounds of Worship

Sound and Media.....Fred Espenshade, Michael Garman, Jim Robinson, Sarah Pugh

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Way Maker"

"Bless God"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

Scripture

Genesis 9:8-17

Sermon

"Noah: God's Covenant With Creation"

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Bob Wertz

Worship Team.....George Canonizado, Nate Erno, Sarah Pugh, Lauren Sanker,
Cynthia Smith, RJ Wertz

Sound and Media.....Fred Espenshade, Michael Garman, Jim Robinson, Sarah Pugh

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF FEB. 18

Community Dinner (Off Site)

TODAY, 5 p.m.

Mom Connection

Monday, 6 p.m.

Men's Group (Off Site)

Wednesday, 8 p.m.

WEEK OF FEB. 25

Rejoicing Spirits

Sunday, 4 p.m.

Wonderful Wednesday

Wednesday, 5 p.m.

Men's Breakfast (Off Site)

Saturday, 7:30 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 FEB. 18

Sunday

Worship

Monday

Psalms 22:23-31

Tuesday

Romans 4:13-25

Wednesday

Mark 8:27-30

Thursday

Mark 8:31-38

Friday

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the
glory of God by the Helping Hands
Sunday school class.

TEACHING NOTES

“Noah: God’s Covenant with Creation”

Genesis 9:8-17

Covenant = “bond” or “fetter”

1. God “un-creates” in order to reestablish a new creation.

⁵ *The Lord saw that the wickedness of humans was great in the earth and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually.* ⁶ *And the Lord was sorry that he had made humans on the earth, and **it grieved him to his heart.***

Genesis 6:5-6

“You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.”

- “The Great Thanksgiving,”
UM Hymnal (p.36)

¹⁷ *For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die.* ¹⁸ ***But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you.*** ¹⁹ *And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.*

Genesis 6:17-19

¹⁵ *But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.*

Psalms 86:15

2. God remembers and is faithful to His promises.

¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

Genesis 9:13-15

“Like the rainbow, the sign of the cross is God’s promise to us.”

– Susan Robb,
“Remember” (p. 12)

3. God calls us to remember what He has done for us.

Noah built an altar to the Lord.

Genesis 8:20

“Lent is a time to look inside to see how we might better spend our days on earth in light of who we are and whose we are.”

– Susan Robb,
“Remember” (p. 13)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

All-Church Study for Lent | Starts THIS WEEK

Join us for “Remember: God’s Covenants and the Cross,” our six-week small group study and sermon series for Lent. Together, we’ll explore four foundational covenants between God and his people, then connect those sacred promises to the fulfillment of God’s plan through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Learn more about the different group options and sign up on the Church Center app or at fumchurch.com. Contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 104) with questions.

Mom Connection | THIS MONDAY, Feb. 19, 6 p.m.

This group connects moms of children (newborns through high school age) 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, inspiration, and resources for Christ-centered parenting. Sign up now at fumchurch.com or on Church Center.

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

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

February Mission Focus: 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.

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).



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Community Dinner | TODAY, Feb. 18, 5 p.m.

This Community Dinner will be held at Buhrig's Gathering Place. This collaborative event (in partnership with other local churches) offers the downtown community with a meal, music and games, free of charge. Contact Lori Hoffnagle (l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com) for more information.

Retirement Celebration for Pastor Denny and Betsy | Sunday, June 9, 4:30-7 p.m.

Save the date for a celebration in the multipurpose room honoring Pastor Denny and Betsy! More details to come.



GENEROUS GIVER

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.

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 |
Wednesdays 5 p.m.**

**Passion Play Experience |
March 28**

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 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

135 W. Simpson St., Mechanicsburg | 717-766-4611 | fumchurch.com | [@fumchurch](https://www.instagram.com/fourgyouthministry)

EASTER FLOWERS

Honor your loved ones and beautify our sanctuary this Easter! To order your lilies, fill out this form and return it to the church office or call or email the office (office@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611) by 3 p.m. on Monday, March 4.

Flowers cost \$11 each. Checks can be made out to First United Methodist Church (with "Easter flowers" on the memo line).

QUANTITY: _____ **TOTAL: \$** _____

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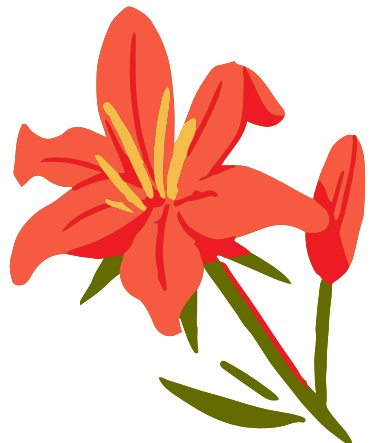
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Please pick up your flowers between Easter morning worship on Sunday, March 31, and Wednesday, April 10. Flowers not claimed by April 10 will be disposed of.



REMEMBER



Go deeper with God this Lent!

Sign up for a small group study at
fumchurch.com

