
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



REMEMBER



God's Covenants and the Cross

“Moses and Israel: Words of Life and Freedom”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

MARCH 3, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship

Hymn
"How Firm a Foundation" - No. 529

Opening Prayer

Hymn
"Thy Word Is a Lamp" - No. 601

Scripture
Exodus 20:1-17

Sermon
"Moses and Israel: Words of Life and Freedom"

Choir Anthem
"A Classic Communion"

Invitation, Confession, Pardon
Sharing Signs of Peace and The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
The Bread and Cup
Announcements

Closing Hymn
"How Great Thou Art" - No. 77

Benediction
Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller
Liturgist.....Sarah Pugh
Accompanist.....Brandon Rhody
Special Music.....Sounds of Worship
Sound and Media.....Ron Nichols, Ken Rapp, Jim Robinson, Sarah Pugh

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Great Are You Lord"

"Holy Forever"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

"Cornerstone"

Scripture

Exodus 20:1-17

Sermon

"Moses and Israel: Words of Life and Freedom"

Communion Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

Announcements

"Build My Life"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Allison Ometz

Worship Team.....Nate Erno, Sarah Pugh, Cynthia Smith, RJ Wertz, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media.....Ron Nichols, Ken Rapp, Jim Robinson, Sarah Pugh

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF MARCH

Martha Circle

Tuesday, 12 p.m.

Men's Group (Off Site)

Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Squares and Prayers

Thursday, 9 a.m.

WEEK OF MARCH 10

Moms In Prayer

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Deborah Circle

Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Lenten 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 MARCH 3

Sunday

Worship

Monday

Numbers 21:1-9

Tuesday

Psalms 107:1-16

Wednesday

Psalms 107:17-22

Thursday

Ephesians 2:1-19

Friday

John 3:14-21

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Kenneth and Tracy Knott and Lester and Eileen Wolfe by the Knott family.

TEACHING NOTES

“Moses and Israel: Words of Life and Freedom”

Exodus 20:1-17

1. The Ten Commandments provide guardrails that direct us and protect us.



“We need boundaries to keep us safe so we can thrive in our relationships with each other, the community around us, and God.”

– Susan Robb,
Remember (p. 39)

2. The Ten Commandments show us the way to life and freedom.

⁴ *'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶ but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.'* These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

Exodus 19:4-6

"God delivers these commandments not to impose a burden but to offer a gift, an opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and with each other as God's children."

– Susan Robb,
Remember (p. 47)

3. Jesus unites "the two tablets."

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to abolish but to fulfill.

Matthew 5:17

Love the Lord your God **and** love your neighbor as yourself.

Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 13:10

"God relentlessly renews the covenants that humans break, remaining faithful in the face of human faithlessness."

– Susan Robb,
Remember (p. 54)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Adult Sunday School | Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

With six classes to choose from, there is something for everyone! Visit our website, fumchurch.com, for the most up-to-date listing of classes and the topics they are studying. If you have questions, contact Tina Eaton (adultministry@fumchurch.com).

Deborah Circle | Tuesday, March 12, 7 p.m.

All women are invited to join the Deborah Circle for their next meeting in room 105. Kathie Bittenbender will lead the group. Contact Sandy Walton ([717-433-3687](tel:717-433-3687)) for more details.

Wednesday Night Men's Group | First and Third Wednesdays, 8 p.m.

This group is starting a new study on Easter by Pastor J.D. Greear. Enjoy fellowship and dive deeper into the Gospel of Matthew as you discuss Jesus's life, death, and resurrection. Contact Barry Eaton for more details.

PRAYING FOLLOWER

Good Friday Prayer Walk | Friday, March 29, 11 a.m.

Cover our community in prayer! Meet at one of the prayer sites and go on a guided walk (led by local pastors) to pray for the surrounding area. Participants are also invited to join together at noon at Mechanicsburg First Church of God (28 East Main Street) for a closing prayer and worship. Find more details on our website (fumchurch.com) and the Church Center app.

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](tel:717-766-4611), ext. 112).

PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

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

March Mission Focus: 2024 Special Sunday Offerings

The Susquehanna Conference observes 23 special Sundays throughout the year, which highlight and support different ministries and missions within the United Methodist Church. Historically, congregations (including First Church) would collect special offerings on these Sundays to support the specific ministries. Today, First Church has a unified budget and supports all 23 of these ministries during the year. Our Missions Committee is grateful to partner with so many of these wonderful programs. Check out the display in the main entrance hallway to learn more about the many ways First Church's generosity stretches far beyond our church walls.

Mission Central Collections

The Missions Committee is collecting gently used shoes and new or gently used pens for Mission Central. Drop off your donations at the collection site by the main entrance door. Thank you for your support!



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Summer Camp Registration is Open!

Register online (suscrm.org) and send your confirmation to Camp Coordinators Debb Noss (sdppp@msn.com) and Amy Ortiz (amy.ogden7@gmail.com) to be paired with a prayer partner and receive financial assistance from First Church. You can also contact our Camp Coordinators to become a prayer partner, support a camper financially, sign up for a camp-site workday, or learn more about the Camp and Retreat Ministry.



GENEROUS GIVER

Christian Fellowship Class Peanut Butter Eggs | Orders due Sunday, March 10

Get your peanut butter eggs just in time for Easter! Eggs are sold in packs of six for \$10 each. Contact Nancy Rouch (mwrner@aol.com or 717-258-8954) to place your order. Pick up your eggs in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 16, or on March 17 after Sunday School or either worship service.

Handbell Choir Sub Fundraiser | Orders due Thursday, March 14

Support our handbell choir by purchasing an R&K sub! Place your order on the forms outside the sanctuary entrances or by contacting a handbell choir member. Pick up your subs in the multipurpose room between 9:30 and noon on Sunday, March 24.

Ham Loaves

First Church will not host its annual Ham Loaf Dinner this year, but ham loaves are still available for purchase. Contact Bob Hamsher or Kathie Bittenbender to place your order.

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 14

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

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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: \$** _____

☐ In Honor OR ☐ In Memory OF: _____

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PLACED BY: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

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.





Let First Church Youth

EGG YOUR YARD!

Wake up easter morning to
a yard full of plastic eggs
filled with sweet surprises!

Proceeds benefit
First Church Youth's
summer mission trip.

FIND DETAILS AND SIGN UP AT FUMCHURCH.COM