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**First United  
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**MECHANICSBURG, PA**



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**God's Covenants *and the* Cross**

# **“David: An Eternal Covenant”**

**FOUNDATION SERVICE**

**MARCH 10, 2024**

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude  
Welcome  
Call to Worship

Hymn  
*"To God Be the Glory" - No. 98*

Confession and Pardon

Handbell Anthem  
*"Were You There"*

Scripture  
*2 Samuel 7:8b-13, 16*

Sermon  
*"David: An Eternal Covenant"*

Choir Anthem  
*"God is So Good"*

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer  
Announcements and Offering  
Doxology #94  
Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn  
*"Grace Alone"*

Benediction  
Postlude

## LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller  
Liturgist.....Jeff Hoffnagle  
Accompanist.....Brandon Rhody  
Special Music.....Sounds of Worship, Handbell Choir, George Canonizado  
Sound and Media.....Michael Garman, Fred Espenshade, Holly Kurten, Sarah Pugh

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Praise and Worship

*"Way Maker"*

*"Graves Into Gardens"*

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

*"Lord, I Need You"*

Scripture

*2 Samuel 7:8b-13. 16*

Sermon

*"David: An Eternal Covenant"*

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offering

*"Same God"*

Benediction

Postlude

## ***LEADING IN WORSHIP***

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Jeff Hoffnagle

Worship Team.....John Gross, Emily Hammaker, Geri Nuss, Allison Ometz,  
Sarah Pugh, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media..... Michael Garman, Fred Espenshade, Holly Kurten, Sarah Pugh

# COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

## 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.

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## WEEK OF MARCH 17

### Mom Connection

Monday, 6 p.m.

### Women's Lent Study

Tuesday, 1:45 p.m.

### Men's Group

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 MARCH 10

### Sunday

Worship

### Monday

Jeremiah 31:31-34

### Tuesday

Psalms 51:1-12

### Wednesday

Psalms 51:13-19

### Thursday

Hebrews 5:1-10

### Friday

John 12:20-33

### Saturday

Rest and Reflect

## ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wade and sister-in-law Mrs. JoAnn Wade by Linda and Larry Hall.

# TEACHING NOTES

## “David: An Eternal Covenant”

2 Samuel 7:8b-13, 16

1. God calls us and anoints us for God's service.

*Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel.*

2 Samuel 7:8

<sup>6</sup> *When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely his anointed is now before the Lord.”*

<sup>7</sup> *But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but **the Lord looks on the heart.**”*

1 Samuel 16:6-7

*Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward.*

1 Samuel 16:13

2. God is always with us – leading, directing and protecting.

*“and I have been with you wherever you went...”*

2 Samuel 7:9a

*<sup>5</sup> You have multiplied, O Lord my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you.  
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be counted.*

Psalm 40:4-5

3. We are never beyond the reach of God's steadfast love.

*"Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me your throne shall be established forever."*

2 Samuel 7:16

*<sup>32</sup> "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."*

Luke 1:32-33

*"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"*

Matthew 21:9

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.*

Psalm 51:10

# 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](http://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](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com)).

### **Deborah Circle | THIS 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.

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

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## **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](mailto:wecare@fumchurch.com)) for other ways to connect to First Church.

### **Passion Play Experience | Thursday, March 28, 6:30 p.m.**

Invite your friends and family to this interactive event, which takes you along the journey of Jesus from Palm Sunday to the resurrection. No tickets or preregistration are required for this free performance!





## **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](https://suscrm.org)) and send your confirmation to Camp Coordinators Debb Noss ([sdppp@msn.com](mailto:sdppp@msn.com)) and Amy Ortiz ([amy.ogden7@gmail.com](mailto: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 TODAY, March 10**

Get your peanut butter eggs just in time for Easter! Eggs are sold in packs of six for \$10 each. Contact Nancy Routh ([mwrner@aol.com](mailto:mwrner@aol.com) or [717-258-8954](tel: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 <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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**Opening Doors with Christ, One Another and Our Neighbors**

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Let First Church Youth

# EGG YOUR YARD!

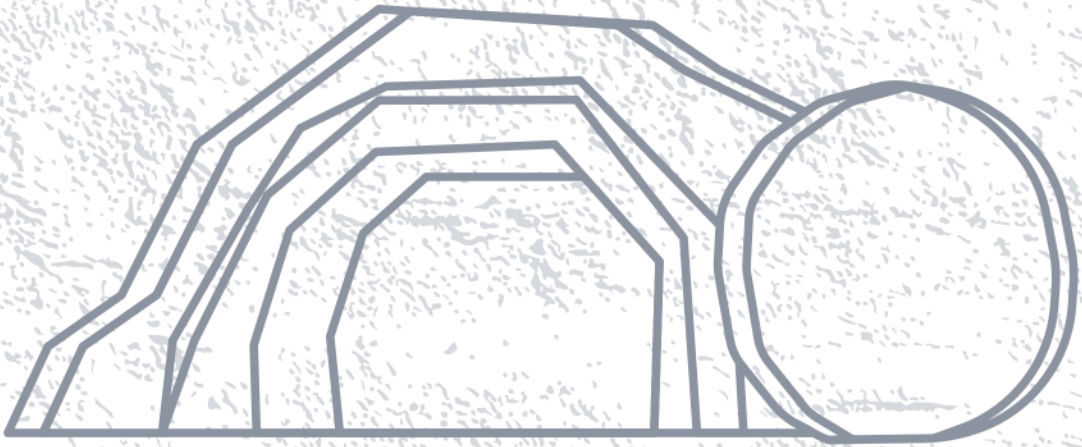
Wake up easter morning to  
a yard full of plastic eggs  
filled with sweet surprises!

Proceeds benefit  
First Church Youth's  
summer mission trip.

**FIND DETAILS AND SIGN UP AT [FUMCHURCH.COM](http://FUMCHURCH.COM)**

# EASTER

• AT FIRST CHURCH •



**6:45 A.M. SUNRISE SERVICE**  
Mechanicsburg Cemetery

**7:30 A.M. BREAKFAST**  
Fellowship Hall

**8:30 A.M. FOUNDATION SERVICE**  
Sanctuary

**11 A.M. THE GATHERING SERVICE**  
Sanctuary