
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



REMEMBER



God's Covenants and the Cross

"Jesus and the New Covenant"

FOUNDATION SERVICE

MARCH 24, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship

Hymn
"All Glory, Laud and Honor" - No. 280

Opening Prayer

Praise Chorus
"Majesty, Worship His Majesty" - No. 176

Choir Anthem
"Ride On King Jesus"

Scripture
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Sermon
"Jesus and the New Covenant"

Hymn
"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" - No. 278

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer
Announcements and Offering

Closing Hymn
"Lift High the Cross" - No. 159

Benediction
Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller
Liturgist.....Barry Eaton
Accompanist.....Brandon Rhody
Special Music.....Sounds of Worship
Sound and Media.....Michael Garman, Bill Richie, Holly Kurten, Jim Murdoch

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Scripture
Mark 11:1-11

Praise and Worship
"Hosanna"
"Great Things"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal
"King of Kings"

Scripture
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Sermon
"Jesus and the New Covenant"

Pastoral Prayer
Announcements
Offering

"Because of Jesus"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Barry Eaton

Worship Team.....George Canonizado, Nate Erno, Geri Nuss, Sarah Pugh,
Cynthia Smith, RJ Wertz

Sound and Media..... Michael Garman, Bill Richie, Holly Kurten, Jim Murdoch

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF MARCH 24

Rejoicing Spirits

TODAY, 4 p.m.

Passion Play Experience

Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Prayer Walk

Friday, 11 a.m.

WEEK OF MARCH 31

Easter Morning Worship

Sunday

Martha Circle

Tuesday, 1 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 MARCH 24

Sunday

Worship

Monday

John 13:1-17, 31-35

Tuesday

I Corinthians 11:23-26

Wednesday

John 18:1-19:43

Thursday

John 13

Friday

Mark 15:1-47

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of
God and in memory of Robert and Mildred
Shannon and Jimmy Shannon by the
Shannon family.

MACHE BASKET

This week's flowers are given to the glory of
God and in memory of Gayle Ann Elder by her
mother Anabelle Elder.

TEACHING NOTES

“Jesus and the New Covenant”

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

What are you hungry for?
For what does your heart yearn?

“I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

John 10:10b

1. The New Covenant begins at the table.

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

1 Corinthians 11:23-24

In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

1 Corinthians 11:25

“The new covenant, instituted at the table, was the beginning of a new life, a new direction, and a new identity for the disciples, for the church, and for us.”

– Susan Robb,
Remember (p. 107)

2. The cross takes us to our true home.

Time and again we as God's people "forget."

God becomes one of us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 5:6

3. Holy Week: An invitation to "reboot."

"Do this in remembrance of me."

Luke 22:19

"All of God's covenants, and Christ's table especially, teach us that faith isn't about being right or perfect or always being in agreement. It is about feeding and being fed. It's about the unconditional love of God that keeps reaching out to us, calling us to a better and more abundant life."

– Susan Robb,
Remember (p. 116)

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).

Vacation Bible School | July 15-19

Save the date for VBS 2024! We'll announce this year's theme and open registration on Sunday, April 21.

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).

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) if you have questions or want to join this group.

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.

Rejoicing Spirits | TODAY, March 24, 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.



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.

Church Work Day | Saturday, April 13, 8 a.m.

Anyone is welcome to come to the Trustees' annual Work Day at the church and parsonage to help with outdoor cleanup, mulching and other projects. Please bring gardening equipment if you have any.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

First Step Gathering | Sunday, April 14, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

New to First Church or haven't been around for a while? Stop by room 207 to get to know Pastor Denny, our staff and other newcomers, and learn about opportunities to take your next step in faith at First Church. Register for this event on our website (fumchurch.com), on the Church Center app or by contacting Katie Knorr (kidscount@fumchurch.com).

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 or 717-766-4611). You can always update your information and view a digital version of the directory on the Church Center app.



GENEROUS GIVER

Handbell Choir Sub Fundraiser | Pickup TODAY, March 24

If you purchased subs from the handbell choir's recent fundraiser, don't forget to pick them up! Stop by the multipurpose room between 9:30 a.m. and noon.

Change for Water

Water is the foundation of our very lives. Yet, according to the United Nations, over 2 billion people around the world lack access to clean, readily available drinking water. Help us to support well-digging efforts in Africa by dropping your loose change (or even paper bills) into the blue Change for Water bucket in the lobby in front of the multipurpose room.

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.

**Passion Play Experience |
March 28**

**Vacation Bible School |
July 15-19**

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

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

THE PASSION PLAY EXPERIENCE



Thursday, March 28 / 6:30 p.m.



PRAYER SITES

Mechanicsburg Area Senior High
500 South Broad Street

Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Park
1 Memorial Park Drive

First United Methodist Church
135 West Simpson Street

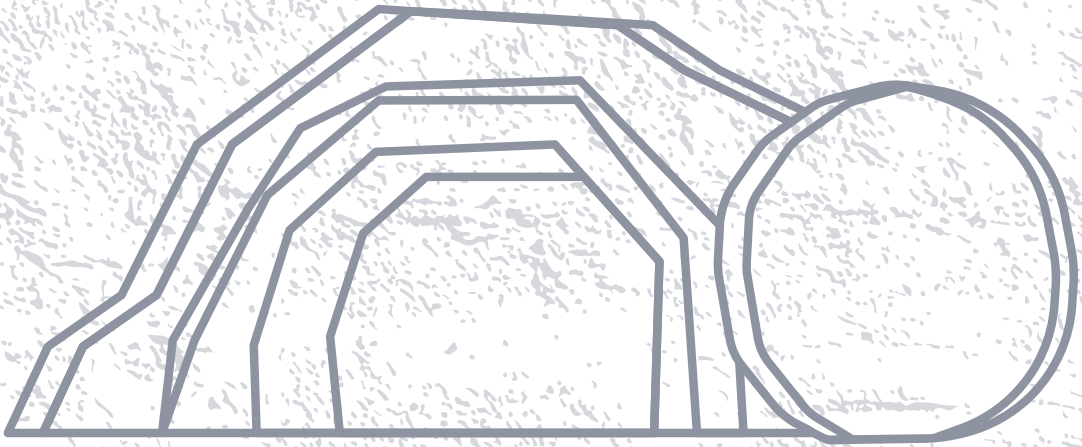
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
132 East Main Street

St. Mark Lutheran Church
117 West Keller Street

Turning Point Church
201 East Green Street

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