
WELCOME TO
First United
Methodist Church
MECHANICSBURG, PA



DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY



“The Heart of the Church”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

APRIL 28, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship

Hymn
"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" - No. 89

Opening Prayer

Women of Light Anthem
"I Am His Child"

Scripture
1 John 4:7-12

Sermon
"The Heart of the Church"

Women of Light Anthem
"Faithfulness"

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer
Announcements
Doxology
Offering Prayer

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

Benediction
Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller
Liturgist.....Sarah Pugh
Accompanist..... Brandon Rhody
Special Music.....Women of Light
Sound and Media.....Michael Garman, Jim Murdoch, Ken Rapp, Jim Robinson

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Great Are You, Lord"

"Rest on Us"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

"How He Loves"

Scripture

I John 4:7-12

Sermon

"The Heart of the Church"

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

"Bless God"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor..... Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader..... Sarah Pugh

Worship Team..... Janice Bowen, George Canonizado, John Gross, Geri Nuss,
Sarah Pugh, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media..... Michael Garman, Jim Murdoch, Ken Rapp, Jim Robinson

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF APRIL 28

Pickleball in the Park (Off Site)

Tuesday, 5 p.m.

Men's Group (Off Site)

Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Men's Breakfast (Off Site)

Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

WEEK OF MAY 5

Handbell Choir Concert

Sunday, 7 p.m.

Martha Circle

Tuesday, 1 p.m.

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 APRIL 28

Sunday

Worship

Monday

Acts 10:44-48

Tuesday

Psalm 98:1-8

Wednesday

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Thursday

1 John 5:1-6

Friday

John 15:9-17

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of husband and son Douglas K. and Alan C. Steuart and the Steuart & Hotchkiss families by Harriet Steuart.

TEACHING NOTES

“The Heart of the Church”

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another.

1 John 4:7a

Love

⁹ *God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

1 John 4:9-10

“Make no mistake. The love Paul is talking about here is not passive and fluffy. This kind of love is an up at dawn, feet on the ground, tools in hand, working kind of love.”

– Michael Curry

Love Is the Way

³⁸ *“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ ³⁹ But I say to you: Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also, ⁴⁰ and if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, give your coat as well, ⁴¹ and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. ⁴² Give to the one who asks of you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.”*

Matthew 5:38-42

Beloved

¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:11-12

“How each of us comes to feel about our individual uniqueness has a strong influence on how we feel about everyone’s uniqueness, whether we grow into adults who rejoice in the diversity of the world’s people or into adults who fear and resent diversity.”

– Fred Rogers

One Another

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7

“When we claim and constantly reclaim the truth of being the chosen ones, we soon discover within ourselves a deep desire to reveal to others their own chosenness. Instead of making us feel that we are better, more precious or valuable than others, our awareness of being chosen opens our eyes to the chosenness of others. That is the great joy of being chosen: the discovery that others are chosen as well.”

– Henri Nouwen

Life of the Beloved

Check Your Pulse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Cru Evangelism Training | Sunday, May 19, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Join Cru missionaries Matt and LeeAnn Herring in the multipurpose room for a fun and interactive experience as you learn how to more effectively share the Gospel with people who don't know Jesus.

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

This group meets at Bob Wertz, Jr.'s home and enjoys great fellowship while focusing on discussion-based Bible studies. In their current study, sportscaster James Brown and former NFL coach Tony Dungy explore how to live for God and serve him well. God has a purpose for you – are you ready to get on the field? Contact John Bowen for more information.

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.

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

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.

Bells and Friends: 2024 Handbell Choir Concert | Sunday, May 5, 7 p.m.

Embrace the joyful sound of handbells with the First Church Praise Ringers! This free concert also features collaborations with French horn, flute, violin, percussion, trumpet and choir.

DEDICATED MISSIONARY

April Mission Focus: Camp and Retreat Ministry

The Susquehanna Conference Camp and Retreat Ministry provides a space for people to encounter God and His creation in a Christ-centered community. The CRM offers camp programs for people of a variety of ages, interests, and abilities. On top of going as a camper, First Church offers ample opportunities to support this ministry as a volunteer, donor or prayer partner. Learn more at the display in the main entrance hallway or at suscrm.org.

RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

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

Join us to honor Pastor Denny and Betsy Keller for their many years of faithful service and joyfully celebrate their retirement! We will begin with a potluck dinner at 4:30 p.m. Please bring a side dish to share (we'll provide chicken, dessert and beverages). After dinner, a brief program will be held from about 5:30-6 p.m., followed by fun, fellowship and games until 7 p.m. Space will be limited so if you plan to attend, please register by May 19 at fumchurch.com or on the Church Center app. You can also register by contacting the church office (office@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611).

Pickleball in the Park | Tuesdays, 5-7 p.m.

Join us for some fun and games on the pickleball courts at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Park! No experience is necessary, and paddles and balls will be available to borrow. If the weather is poor, we'll play in the church multipurpose room. Contact Janice Bowen (717-766-4611, ext. 112 or wecare@fumchurch.com) with questions or to be added to the email list for updates and alerts.

GENEROUS GIVER

Mission Central's Grow with Us | Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Support Mission Central at its first plant and vendor fair. Enjoy shopping for seeds, plants, flowers, baked goods and handmade crafts from local artisans. The event will also feature music, activities for kids and tours of the Mission Central warehouse. Learn more at missioncentral.org.

First Church Scholarships | Applications due May 26

The First Church Trustees have available scholarships for the 2024-25 school year. If you're graduating high school or currently pursuing a postsecondary education, you can apply through the Church Center app, online (fumchurch.com/scholarship2024), or by picking up a hard copy in the church office.

Altar Flowers

Would you like to honor your loved ones and help beautify our sanctuary? We still have some dates available to reserve altar flowers in 2024. Open dates are June 30, July 21, July 28, Aug. 4, Aug. 18, and Nov. 3. Contact Linda Weldon (lindaweldon@hotmail.com or 717-519-9615) to learn more and save your spot.

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.

**Vacation Bible School |
July 15-19, Sign up today!**

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

Mission Trip | June 30-July 6

Impact | July 24-28

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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FIRST CHURCH VBS 2024

JULY 15-19 | 9 A.M.-12 P.M.

For kids age 4-completed fifth grade
\$5 per child (scholarships available!)

Visit fumchurch.com/vbs2024 or scan the code
to register your child or sign up as a volunteer.
Kids registered by June 1 receive a free CD!





REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP!

GROW IN FAITH // MAKE LIFELONG FRIENDS
ENJOY NATURE // HAVE FUN



SPECIAL OFFERS:

Early Bird Discount - Save \$25 if you register by May 1.

Sibling Discount - Register the one camper at full price, and additional siblings receive a \$25 discount.

Invite-a-Friend Gift - Invite a friend who has never been to camp and receive \$50 off the cost of camp.

Financial Assistance - First Church will pay half of your camp fees!



TO LEARN ABOUT:

- Financial assistance for campers
- Details on discounts
- What to expect at camp
- Becoming a prayer partner
- Volunteering as a camp dean, nurse or counselor
- Working at camp
- Camp site workdays

**CONTACT OUR FIRST CHURCH
CAMP COORDINATORS!**



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Visit suscrm.org to register and see a complete list of 2024 camps!