
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



JESUS CALLS YOU FRIEND

“Jesus Calls You Friend”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

MAY 5, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship

Hymn
"Blessed Assurance" - No. 369

Opening Prayer

Hymn
"There's Something About That Name" - No.171

Scripture
John 15:9-17

Sermon
"Jesus Calls You Friend"

Choir Anthem
"Come, Share the Lord"

Invitation, Confession, Pardon
The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
The Bread & Cup
Announcements and Offering

Closing Hymn
"What A Friend We Have In Jesus" - No. 526

Benediction
Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist.....Sarah Pugh

Accompanist..... Brandon Rhody

Special Music.....Sounds of Worship

Sound and Media.....Fred Espenshade, Jim Murdoch, Holly Kurten, Bill Richie

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"King of My Heart"

"House of the Lord"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

"Abide"

Scripture

John 15:9-17

Sermon

"Jesus Calls You Friend"

Communion Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Communion

Announcements & Offering

"Cornerstone"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....George Canonizado

Worship Team.....George Canonizado, John Gross, Allison Ometz,
Sarah Pugh, Lauren Sanker

Sound and Media..... Fred Espenshade, Jim Murdoch, Holly Kurten, Bill Richie

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF MAY 5

Handbell Choir Concert
TODAY, 7 p.m.

Martha Circle
Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Bible Study
Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.

WEEK OF MAY 12

Deborah Circle
Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Isaiah 61
Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Third Friday Food Trucks
Friday, 4:30-8:30 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 MAY 5

Sunday	Worship
Monday	Acts 1:1-11
Tuesday	I John 5:9-13
Wednesday	Psalm 1
Thursday	Luke 24:44-53
Friday	John 17:6-19
Saturday	Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to
the glory of God.

MACHE BASKET

This week's flowers are given to the glory of
God and in memory of my parents Paul and
Virginia Miller and friend Jim Donak
by Marilyn Donak.

TEACHING NOTES

“Jesus Calls You Friend”

John 15:9-17

*I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I **have called you friends**, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.*

John 15:15

Friendship with Jesus: Abiding Love

⁹ *As the Father has **loved** me, so I have **loved** you; **abide** in my love.* ¹⁰ *If you keep my commandments, you will **abide** in my **love**, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and **abide** in his **love**.*

John 15:9-10

*No one has greater **love** than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.*

John 15:13

Friendship with Jesus: **Complete Joy**

*I have said these things to you so that **my joy** may be **in you** and that **your joy** may be **complete**.*

John 15:11

“Joy does not just happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day.”

– Henri Nouwen

Friendship with Jesus: **A Fruitful Life**

*You are my friends if you do what I **command** you.*

John 15:14

*You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and **bear fruit, fruit that will last**, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.*

John 15:16

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

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.

DEDICATED MISSIONARY

May Mission Focus: Timeless Connections

Did you know May is Mental Health Awareness Month? Many factors impact mental health in the United States today, and it's always a sign of strength (not weakness) to seek help. Timeless Connections is a life coaching practice with a focus on faith and

hope based out of First Church. Timeless Connections offers hope to those struggling with grief and loss, relationship issues, anxiety, depression, and elder care issues, decision-making, and motivational strategies. To learn more, visit timelessconnections.org or contact Patti Vogl (pvogl@timelessconnections.org or 717-766-4611, ext. 108).

RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Community Dinner | Sunday, May 19, 5 p.m.

The next community dinner will be held at Mechanicsburg First Church of God (28 E. Main St.). This collaborative event with other local churches blesses the downtown community with a meal, music and a gift card drawing, free of charge. To learn more or volunteer, please contact Lori Hoffnagle (l_hoffnagle@yahoo.com).

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).

Graduation Announcements

Graduates: we want to celebrate your accomplishments! Fill out the Graduation Announcements form on Church Center or at fumchurch.com/2024grad so that we can honor your achievements, look forward to your future plans and stay in touch with you. Please also send a current photo of yourself to Pastor Lisa (uthrock@fumchurch.com) to be shared in our graduate recognition newsletter and worship slides. Graduating high school seniors, remember to bring in a senior photo for our youth lounge.

GENEROUS GIVER

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 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 UMC MECHANICSBURG'S

2024 **FREE** 
CONCERT
 **SERIES**

**BELLS AND
FRIENDS**

May 5

FIRST CHURCH
PRAISE RINGERS

PIANO CONCERT

July 21

BRANDON RHODY

**SONGS FROM
THE STAGE**

Oct. 13

SARAH PUGH

HOLIDAY HARMONY

Dec. 8

FIRST CHURCH
ENSEMBLES



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!

