
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



GRACE AND TRUTH

“Grace and Truth”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

MAY 19, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship

Hymn
"Spirit Song" - No. 347

Affirmation of Faith

Choir Anthem
"All Things New"

Scripture
John 1:14-17

Sermon
"Grace and Truth"

Reception of New Members
Congregational Response

Hymn
"I Am the Church"- No. 558

Announcements and Offering
Doxology

Closing Hymn
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" - No. 384

Benediction
Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist.....Pastor Lisa Aronson

Accompanist..... Brandon Rhody

Special Music.....Sounds of Worship

Sound and Media.....Fred Espenshade, Holly Kurten, Jim Robinson, Sarah Pugh

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF MAY 19

Mom Connection

Monday, 6 p.m.

Pickleball in the Park

Tuesday, 5 p.m.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

WEEK OF MAY 26

Rejoicing Spirits

Sunday, 4 p.m.

Covered In Love

Wednesday, 9:30 a.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 MAY 19

Sunday

Worship

Monday

Isaiah 6:1-8

Tuesday

Psalm 29

Wednesday

Romans 8:12-27

Thursday

Ephesians 1:15-23

Friday

John 3:1-17

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to
the glory of God and in memory of Amanda
Kay Strous by the family.

MACHE BASKET

This week's flowers are given to the glory of
God and in memory of my Mom and Dad, Elsie
and Ernest Shaw by Beryl Morgan.

TEACHING NOTES

“Grace and Truth”

John 1:14-17



1. There is **nothing** we can do to make God love us **more**.

*The Word became flesh and **made his home among us**. We have seen his glory, glory like that of a father's only son, **full of grace and truth**.*

John 1:14 (CEB)

2. You do **not** have to **achieve**, but merely **believe**.

¹⁶*From his fullness we have all received **grace upon grace**; as the Law was given through Moses, so **grace and truth** came into being through Jesus Christ.*

John 1:16-17

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; ***it is the gift of God***—⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

3. There is **nothing** you can do to make God love you **less**.

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. **But I received mercy** because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief.

1 Timothy 1:12-13

4. Grace is **not** an excuse to sin, but a reason to **love**.

¹ What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it?

Romans 6:1-2

“The more you see your own flaws and sins, the more precious, electrifying, and amazing God’s grace becomes to you.”

– Tim Keller

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

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.

Vacation Bible School | July 15-19, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

At Camp Firelight, you'll join Lu (short for Lumen) the lightning bug for an epic adventure filled with games, music, crafts, snacks and amazing Bible stories. VBS is for kids age 4 through completed fifth grade. Register your child or sign up to volunteer on the Church Center app or at fumchurch.com/vbs2024.

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.

Ecumenical Choir Concert | TODAY, May 19, 3 p.m.

The Mechanicsburg Area Council of Churches will feature more than 100 singers from over 30 local churches at its 35th annual concert. This free event will take place at St. Joseph Catholic Church (410 E. Simpson St., Mechanicsburg).

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).

Gleaning at Oak Grove Farms | June 5, 6 p.m.

This growing season (June-October), we're partnering with Oak Grove Farms to glean crops on the first Wednesday of each month. Meet us in the parking lot before heading to the fields, where we'll collect produce from the fields to share with our neighbors in need. People of all ages and abilities are welcome to participate. To learn more or be added to First Church's Glean Team, contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 112).



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Community Dinner | TODAY, 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! Space will be limited so if you plan to attend, **please register by TODAY** 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 NEXT SUNDAY, 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.

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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