
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



GOD IS FAITHFUL

“God Is Faithful”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

MAY 26, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship

Hymn
"America the Beautiful" - No. 696

Opening Prayer

Hymn
"Faith of Our Fathers" - No. 710

Scripture
Lamentations 3:19-23

Sermon
"God Is Faithful"

Hymn
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - No. 140

Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer
Announcements and Offering

Closing Hymn
"It Is Well with My Soul" - No. 377

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Liturgist.....Sarah Pugh

Accompanist..... Brandon Rhody

Sound and Media..... Jim Murdoch, Ken Rapp, Jim Robinson, Sarah Pugh

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Who You Say I Am"

"Battle Belongs"

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Scripture

Lamentations 3:19-23

Sermon

"God Is Faithful"

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements & Offering

"Goodness of God"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Dennis Keller

Worship Leader.....Sarah Pugh

Worship Team.....George Canonizado, John McHenry, Sarah Pugh, Lauren Sanker,
Abigail Wertz, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media.....Jim Murdoch, Ken Rapp, Jim Robinson, Sarah Pugh

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF MAY 26

Rejoicing Spirits

Today, 4 p.m.

Covered In Love

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Men's Breakfast (Off Site)

Saturday, 7:30 a.m.

WEEK OF JUNE 2

Moms In Prayer

Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Pastor Denny's Celebration

Sunday, 4:30 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 26

Sunday

Worship

Monday

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Tuesday

Psalms 139:1-6

Wednesday

Psalms 139:13-18

Thursday

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Friday

Mark 2:23-3:6

Saturday

Rest and Reflect

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Edward and Ina Strohmenger by Jim and Sue Chilton.

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 Donna, by Marilyn Donak.

TEACHING NOTES

“God Is Faithful”

Lamentations 3:19-23

1. Jeremiah is called **“the weeping prophet.”**



2. Lamentations means **“sad thoughts.”**
3. God is faithful, even when ***I’m not feeling it.***

¹⁹ *The memory of my suffering and homelessness is bitterness and poison.*

²⁰ *I can’t help but remember and am depressed.*

²¹ *I call all this to mind—therefore, I will wait.*

Lamentations 3:19-21

4. God is faithful ***every single day.***

²² *Certainly the faithful love of the Lord hasn’t ended;
certainly God’s compassion isn’t through!*

²³ *They are renewed every morning.*

Lamentations 3:22-23a

5. Remember God is faithful: **Say it to God!**

Great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:23b

6. Remember God is faithful: **Say it to yourself!**

I think: The Lord is my portion! Therefore, I'll wait for him.

Lamentations 3:24

7. Remember God is faithful: **Say it to others!**

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the person who seeks him.

Lamentations 3:25

8. Remember God is faithful: **Wait!**

It's good to wait in silence for the Lord's deliverance.

Lamentations 3:26

"The word 'listen' contains the same letters as the word 'silent.'"

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.

Summer Camp Registration is Open!

Register online (suscrm.org) and send your confirmation to Camp Coordinators Debb Noss (sdppp@msn.com) and Amy Ortiz (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 campsite workday, or learn more about the Camp and Retreat Ministry.

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.

Rejoicing Spirits | TODAY, May 26, 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

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

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.

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 TODAY, 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.

Giving to First Church

We're so grateful for all the ways you support First Church – through your prayers, time, talents and resources. Everything you give to First Church helps us build disciples and love our neighbors. You can place tithes or offerings in the baskets as you exit the sanctuary, send them into the church office, or give online at fumchurch.com or in the Church Center app.

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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Gleaning

at



Wednesday
June 5
6 p.m.

**Collect fresh produce for
our neighbors in need!**



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!

