
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



LOVE GOD

“Love God”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

JULY 7, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude
Welcome
Call to Worship

Opening Hymn
"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" - No. 557

Pastoral Prayer

Ministry of Music
"Welcome to the Family"

Scripture
Mark 12:28-34

Sermon
"Love God"

Hymn
"Fill My Cup, Lord" - No. 641

Communion
Announcements and Offering

Closing Hymn
"God of Grace and God of Glory" - No. 577

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Pastor Mira Hewlett

Liturgist..... Sarah Pugh

Accompanist.....Julia Coler

Special Music.....Handbell Choir, Sounds of Worship

Sound and Media.....Taylor Shepley, Ron Nichols, Jim Robinson

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Holy Forever"

"Bless God"

Summer Child Care Dismissal

"Defender"

Scripture

Mark 12:28-34

Sermon

"Love God"

Communion Prayer and The Lord's Prayer
Announcements and Offering

"Goodness of God"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Pastor Mira Hewlett

Worship Leader.....Lisa Aronson

Worship Team.....George Canonizado, Allison Ometz, Sarah Pugh,
Lauren Sanker , Abigail Wertz

Sound and Media..... Taylor Shepley, Ron Nichols, Jim Robinson

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF JULY 7

Pastor Mira Welcome Reception
TODAY, 9:45 a.m.

Pickleball in the Park
Tuesday, 5 p.m.

Covered in Love
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

WEEK OF JULY 14

Vacation Bible School
Monday - Friday 9 a.m.-12 p. m.

Isaiah 61
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Third Friday Food Trucks
Friday, 4:30 p.m. - 8 p. m.

*Scan here or
visit our website at
fumchurch.com for
more details on all
of our upcoming
events!*



SCRIPTURE FOCUS

MARK 12:28-34 (NSRVUE)

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;' ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." ³² Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³ and 'to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." ³⁴ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Merle and Della Zimmerman and Isabel Zimmerman by the family.

NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

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

Brandon Rhody Piano Concert | Sunday, July 21, 3 p.m.

Originally from Greensburg, Pa., Brandon Rhody began studying piano at age 6. He went on to earn his bachelors degree at Seton Hill University and masters degree from West Chester University in piano performance. Brandon is currently the accompanist at First Church and Shiremanstown United Methodist Church. Join us in the sanctuary as Brandon shares some of his favorite pieces on the piano.

DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Summer of Serving

Summer often means taking a break from our usual routines. Why not use it as a chance to serve in a new way? Pick up a Summer of Serving booklet at the entrance to the sanctuary to learn about opportunities to serve in our church and community this summer. Lots of opportunities are low-commitment and suitable for kids, teens and adults of all ages and abilities.

Isaiah 61 Homeless Ministry | Wednesday, July 17, 6:30 p.m.

Isaiah 61 Ministries serves the needs of the homeless in Dauphin County through a variety of services including a soup kitchen, clothing bank and life groups. First Church members help serve meals to the homeless in downtown Harrisburg on the third Wednesday of each month. Through December, we will also prepare the meal to share with our neighbors on the third Wednesday of the month. Contact Tiffany Holland (tholland1967@gmail.com) to find out how you can help.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Third Friday Food Trucks | July, 4:30-8 p.m.

Each month, we welcome five to six gourmet food trucks that serve a variety of delicious foods. This event is a great opportunity to meet our neighbors in a fun, casual atmosphere. In June, we welcome Mad Dash, Grapplin' Crab, The Italian Job, Philly Cheesesteak, East Coast Mini Donuts and Sarah's Creamery, along with live music on the Green Space Patio.

Widows and Widowers Lunch | THIS TUESDAY, July 9, 11:30 a.m.

This month, the group will dine at the Middlesex Diner. If you plan to attend, please contact Bonnie Guyer ([717-766-0145](tel:717-766-0145)). Transportation will be provided upon request.

Harrisburg Senators Game and Picnic | Sunday, Aug. 18

Invite your family and friends to join us at FNB Field on City Island for a picnic and a Harrisburg Senators baseball game! The buffet-style picnic starts at noon and the game starts at 1 p.m. Learn more and get your discounted tickets on the Church Center app or at fumchurch.com. All participants must register and pay by July 28. Contact Jenn Myers (communications@fumchurch.com) with questions.



GENEROUS GIVER

Vacation Bible School Snacks | Donations due July 15

Want to contribute to VBS snacks? We're collecting Tastykakes to share with our Camp Firelight campers! Place your donations in the collection baskets near the main entrance and welcome desk. Please no coffee cake or peanut butter varieties. Thank you for your support!

Scrip Program

Have you heard about First Church's Scrip Program? Scrip invites you to purchase gift cards from First Church for local and national retailers. When you do, a portion of the proceeds help fund ministries at First Church. Typically, you receive your gift cards one week after placing your order. Pick up an order sheet in the lobby gathering space next to the water fountains, and place your order today!

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. June's donations totaled \$22.10.

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).

Summer Worship Child Care

Every Sunday through the summer there is childcare (for ages 6 and under) at the 11 a.m. service. Activity bags available for older kids at the entrance to the sanctuary.

**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

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This July and August we'll offer one combined class for adults entitled, "Finding Balance Through Christ." Together, we'll look to Jesus, not to others, to determine our priorities for a fruitful and balanced life. Bible lessons will be held in room 123 (Guyer Classroom).

- July 7 | Welcome Reception for Pastor Mira (Multipurpose Room)
- July 14 | Lesson: Finding Balance
- July 21 | Youth Mission Presentation (Multipurpose Room)
- July 28 | Lesson: Finding Balance
- Aug. 4 | Mission Central Presentation (Multipurpose Room)
- Aug. 11 | Lesson: Finding Balance
- Aug. 18 | Mission Activity: Hope Walks Brace Painting (Fellowship Hall)
- Aug. 25 | Lesson: Finding Balance
- Sept. 1 | Lesson: Finding Balance

**Find more details and
discover other ways to grow with God at
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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!

