
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church
MECHANICSBURG, PA



“Light a Fire in
Our Hearts”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

JULY 21, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

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

Unison Prayer

Ministry of Music

Scripture

1 John 1:1-4

Sermon

"Light a Fire In Our Hearts"

Hymn

"Pass It On" - No. 572

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Doxology and Offering Prayer

Closing Hymn

"We Are the Church" - No. 558

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Katie Knorr

Liturgist.....Jennifer Myers

Accompanist.....Brandon Rhody

Special Music.....Brandon Rhody

Sound and Media.....Michael Garman, Ron Nichols, Taylor Shepley, Sarah Pugh

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Way Maker"

"Great Things"

Kids Moment

Summer Child Care Dismissal

"Set a Fire"

Scripture

1 John 1:1-4

Sermon

"Light a Fire In Our Hearts"

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

"Let the Light In"

Benediction

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Katie Knorr

Worship Leader.....Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Team.....Krissy Marshall, Sarah Pugh, Abby Wertz, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media..... Ron Nichols, Taylor Shepley, Sarah Pugh

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF JULY 21

Brandon Rhody Piano Concert

Sunday, 3 p.m.

Morning Handbell Mini Camp

Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.

Evening Handbell Mini Camp

Monday-Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

WEEK OF JULY 28

Rejoicing Spirits

Sunday, 4 p.m.

Senior Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, 1:30 p.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!*



SCRIPTURE FOCUS

1 John 1:1-4 (NRSV)

¹ We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—
² this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—
³ we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.
⁴ We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

NOTES

From Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee

At our last meeting, SPRC accepted George Canonizado's resignation from his position as First Church's custodian as of July 31. We treasure George as a member of First Church and were honored to have him as part of our staff. "

SPRC is currently looking to fill two positions on our staff:

1. Director of Youth Ministries

This position would be for 20-25 hours per week with flexible work hours. Our current Youth Pastor, Lisa Aronson, will be available to train and mentor as she transitions into her role as Pastor of Discipleship.

2. Custodian

This position is for 15 hours per week, with a flexible schedule. Our custodian is responsible for general cleaning in our church building.

If you or someone you know is interested in either of these positions, please contact SPRC Chair, Cheryl Mengle (cmengle57@gmail.com), or Pastor Mira Hewlett (pastormira@fumchurch.com).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Summer Sunday School | Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

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). Special presentations will take place in the multipurpose room or Fellowship Hall. Find more details at fumchurch.com.

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

Sermon Series Photos

We need your help as we plan for our next sermon series, "In The Garden." We'd love to feature some photos from our congregation of gardens, trees, plants and/or birds. Not every photo will be used, but we'll share some during worship and online throughout the series. Please send any photos you'd like to share to Jenn Myers (communications@fumchurch.com).

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

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.

RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Senior Ice Cream Social | Wednesday, July 31, 1:30 p.m.

Whether you're a generational senior or a high school senior, we invite you to gather with us in Fellowship Hall for an afternoon of friendship, fun and made-to-order sundaes. Pastor Mira will join us, along with Jeff Hoffnagle, who will provide some entertainment! Contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 112) with any questions.

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

New Community Aid Cart

You can now easily donate clothing, shoes and accessories at the Community Aid cart located just inside the main entrance doors. This replaces the bin that was on our church property, which would fill up very quickly. Proceeds from your donations benefit the United Women in Faith missions. Drop off your items anytime during office hours or on Sunday mornings. Thanks for your support!

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).

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.

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!

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| 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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SUNDAY, JULY 21 // 3 P.M.

FIRST CHURCH SANCTUARY

FIRST CHURCH 2024 CONCERT SERIES 

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 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
fumchurch.com**