
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA



“Birds In The Garden”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

AUG. 4, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"All the Creatures of Our God and King" - No. 62

Unison Prayer

Ministry of Music

"Hymn of Promise"

Scripture

Genesis 1:20-23; Matthew 6:25-33

Sermon

Birds In the Garden

Hymn

"On Eagle's Wings" - No. 143

Communion

Announcements and Offering

Closing Hymn

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" - No. 147

Benediction

"Trees of the Field"

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Rev. Mira Hewlett

Liturgist..... Sarah Pugh

Accompanist.....Brandon Rhody

Sound and Media.....Fred Espenshade, Holly Kurten, Ken Rapp, Jim Robinson

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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Welcome

Praise and Worship

"King of My Heart"

"Faithful Now"

Kids Moment

Summer Child Care Dismissal

"Same God"

Scripture

Genesis 1:20-23; Matthew 6:25-33

Sermon

Birds In the Garden

Communion Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Communion

Announcements and Offering

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Rev. Mira Hewlett

Worship Leader.....Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Team.....Emily Hammaker, Krissy Marshall, Sarah Pugh,
RJ Wertz, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media.....Fred Espenshade, Ken Rapp, Jim Robinson

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF AUG. 4

Yard Sale Collection Begins
Monday, 9 a.m.

Men's Group (Off Site)
Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Family Movie Night
Friday, 6-8 p.m.

WEEK OF AUG. 11

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

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

Yard, Book and Bake Sale
Saturday, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

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



SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Matthew 6:25-33 (NRSV)

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

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 Lois M. Coover by
her sister Beverly Hertzler and family.

NOTES

From Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee

SPRC is currently looking for a Director of Youth Ministries to join our First Church staff. 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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Wednesday Night Men's Group | First and Third Wednesdays, 8 p.m.

This group enjoys great fellowship while focusing on discussion-based Bible studies. Contact John Bowen or Bob Wertz, Jr. for more information about summer plans.

Upcoming Retreats

Want to get away with God? Our annual Men's Retreat will take place at Mount Asbury from Nov. 8 to 9. The 2025 Women's Retreat will be Jan. 24-26 at Rhodes Grove. Registration information will be available soon!

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

Salt 'n Light Worship Night | TODAY, Aug. 4, 7 p.m.

Join us in our parking lot and the green space for a campfire style worship night, led by our friends at Salt 'n Light Youth Ministry. Please bring a bag chair and come ready to worship. In the case of inclement weather, we will worship in the sanctuary.

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

Hope Walks Brace Painting | Sunday, Aug. 18, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Clubfoot is a common birth defect that can leave children with lifelong mobility issues. Hope Walks is a Christ-centered organization working in developing countries around the world to ensure children have access to braces and casts that treat and correct the issue early. Children are more likely to wear the braces and complete their treatment when they look colorful and fun. Join us in Fellowship Hall to paint a brace that will change the life of a child in need! While brace-painting is for all ages (with parent supervision for kids), we will have alternative painting projects for younger children.

Isaiah 61 Homeless Ministry | Wednesday, Aug. 21

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 at 6:30. Prior to serving, we also prepare the meal in the church kitchen. Contact Tiffany Holland (tholland1967@gmail.com) or Lori Hoffnagle (I_hoffnagle@yahoo.com) to learn more and get involved.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Family Movie Night | Friday, Aug. 9, 6-8 p.m.

Invite your friends, family and neighbors to join us for dinner and a movie in the sanctuary! From 6 to 6:30 p.m., we'll enjoy hot dogs, chips and drinks. Then, we'll have popcorn and watch Migration (2023). Registration is not required, but is highly encouraged for this free event. Feel free to bring a blanket or pillow!

Church Picnic | Sunday, Sept. 8, 4-7 p.m.

Each fall, we look forward to reconnecting after the summer months at our annual Church Picnic. Don't forget to save the date!



GENEROUS GIVER

Share the Harvest

Looking to share extra flowers, fruits or vegetables from your garden this summer? Check out the Share the Harvest display in the lobby gathering area outside the children's wing. Feel free to leave some produce to share with our congregation and community, or take some with you. You can also place extra food in the Little Free Pantry alongside our parking lot. Contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 112) with questions.

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 to the church office, or give online at fumchurch.com or in the Church Center app.

KIDS

Newborn-5th Grade

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.

Movie Night | Aug. 9, 6-8 p.m.

YOUTH

6th-12th Grade

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

Salt 'n Light Worship Night | Aug. 4, 7 p.m.

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)

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Salt'nLight
YOUTH MINISTRY INC

WORSHIP NIGHT

**Sunday, Aug. 4
7 p.m.**

First Church Green Space

Bring a chair or blanket and come ready to worship at this free, all-ages event!

Yard Sale

- Drop off your items in the multipurpose room **during church office hours starting Aug. 5.**
- If you need help unloading your items or can't come during the day, drop off your items **6 p.m.- 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 7 or 14.**

Find more details at
fumchurch.com

