
WELCOME TO

**First United
Methodist Church**

MECHANICSBURG, PA



A FRESH START

“A Fresh Start”

FOUNDATION SERVICE

AUG. 25, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

"This Is a Day of New Beginnings" - No. 383

Backpack Blessings

Praise Chorus

"Jesus Loves Me" - No. 151

Scripture

John 8:1-11

Sermon

A Fresh Start

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Announcements and Offering

Closing Hymn

"Grace Alone"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching.....Rev. Mira Hewlett

Liturgist..... Pastor Lisa Aronson

Accompanist.....Brandon Rhody

Sound and Media..... Fred Espenshade, Jim Murdoch, Ron Nichols

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THE GATHERING SERVICE

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Praise and Worship

"Who You Say I Am"

"Praise Your Name"

Kids Moment/Backpack Blessings

Summer Child Care Dismissal

"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

Scripture

John 8:1-11

Sermon

A Fresh Start

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements and Offering

"Death Was Arrested"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Pastor.....Rev. Mira Hewlett

Worship Leader.....Pastor Lisa Aronson

Worship Team.....Janice Bowen, Nate Erno, John Gross, Allison Ometz,
Sarah Pugh, Cynthia Smith

Sound and Media.....Fred Espenshade, Jim Murdoch, Ron Nichols

COMING UP AT FIRST CHURCH

WEEK OF AUG. 25

Backpack Blessings

TODAY, 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Rejoicing Spirits

TODAY, 4 p.m.

Covered In Love

Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

WEEK OF SEPT. 1

Pickleball in the Park

Tuesday, 5 p.m.

Squares and Prayers

Thursday, 9 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!**



SERMON FOCUS

Back to school is a time for a fresh start. See how Jesus gives the Women at the Well and us a chance for a fresh start in our lives.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

John 8:1-11

Then each of them went home, while Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and, making her stand before all of them, they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Ray "Skip" Hutter by the family.

NOTES

From Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee

We are currently hiring for two staff positions:

1. Director of Youth Ministries

20-25 hours per week with flexible work hours, working with middle and high school students and their families. Our current Youth Pastor, Lisa Aronson, will be available to train and mentor as she transitions into her role as Pastor of Discipleship.

2. Director of Office Management and Communications

Full-time role with some flexibility involves creating and implementing a variety of communications for the congregation and community, along with overseeing day-to-day office operations.

Positions will be open until filled. If you or someone you know is interested in either position, please contact SPRC Chair, Cheryl Mengle (cmengle57@gmail.com), or Pastor Mira Hewlett (pastormira@fumchurch.com).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

Fall Kick-Off Sunday | Sept. 8

Jump into a Sunday school class, Bible study or other discipleship opportunity this fall! Keep an eye out for details on upcoming programs and activities at fumchurch.com or on the Church Center app.

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.

DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Gleaning at Oak Grove Farms | Thursday, Sept. 12, 6 p.m.

We're excited to once again partner with Oak Grove Farms to glean crops. One Thursday of each month during the growing season (June-October), First Church's Glean Team will meet in the parking lot at Oak Grove Farms. Then, we'll head into the fields to collect left-over produce to share with our neighbors in need at One80 Ministries' Friday Giveaways. Contact Janice Bowen (wecare@fumchurch.com or 717-766-4611, ext. 112) to be added to our 2024 Glean Team communications.

RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

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. Join us in our Green Space and parking lot for a potluck dinner, followed by fellowship and worship. Please bring a lawn chair and a favorite side dish or dessert to share (hot dogs, hamburgers, iced tea and water will be provided).

GENEROUS GIVER

Scrip Program | Next Orders Due TODAY, Aug. 25

Scrip is a fundraising program that 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!

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

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. Kids Worship resumes Sept. 8.

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

Bible Sunday | Sept. 15, 8:30 and 11 a.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)

Rev. Mira Hewlett, Senior Pastor

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Rejoicing Spirits

*A “shush-free” service that celebrates all expressions
of worship and individuals of all abilities.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH
4 P.M.
FIRST CHURCH SANCTUARY

PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS

**Sunday, Aug. 25 // 3–4 p.m.
Elmwood Elementary**

**Join First Church and other local believers to pray
over our schools before they start a new year.**

