



May 11, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FOUNDATION SERVICE (8:30 A.M)

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" #133

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Ministry of Music Anthem "Whispering Hope"

Scripture Reading Luke 18:35-43, Revelation 3:7-8

Sermon Whispers Through Desires and Doors

Unison Prayer

Announcements

Offering

"Take My Life and Let It Be" #399

Benediction

Postlude

THE GATHERING SERVICE (11 A.M.)

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Goodness of God"

"This is Amazing Grace"

Kids Moment

Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

"Altogether Good"

Scripture Reading Luke 18:35-43, Revelation 3:7-8

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""All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

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LEADING IN WORSHIP

PreachingPastor Mira Hewlett

Liturgist Sarah Pugh

Accompanist (8:30 a.m.) Brandon Rhody

Special Music (8:30 a.m.) Women of Light

Worship Leader (11 a.m.) Sarah Pugh

Worship Band (11 a.m.) George Canonizado, Emily Hammaker, Sarah Pugh, Tracy Wertz, RJ Wertz

Sound and Media Fred Espenshade, Jim Robinson, Taylor Shepley, Bill Richie (8:30)

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Donald and Viola Adams and Jimmy Shannon by The Shannon Family.

MACHE BASKET

This week's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jenny Scott Kerstetter by Marge & Dick Scott.

KIDS

NEWBORN-GRADE 5

Kid Worship

8:30 am - WeeWorship for infant-Pre K, 1st floor kids wing; drop off before worship or anytime during

11am - WeeWorship for infant-Pre K & Kid Worship K-5th; leave after Kids Message or drop off before worship, 1st floor kids wing **Kids Activity bags at entrances anytime, see an Usher

Coming up

Road trip July 14-18th 9-noon VBS Registration is open for VBS! Open to kids ages 4-completed 5th grade More info at fumchurch.com/vbs2025

Stay Connected!

Learn more about our programs and upcoming events on our website (fumchurch. com) and on the Church Center app. Contact Director of Children and Family Ministry Katie Knorr (kidscount@fumchurch.com) with questions.

YOUTH

GRADES 6-12

No youth tonight - celebrate your mom

Coming Up:

May 18 | Youth time -TBD May 22 | Mission Trip Meeting (7-8) May 25 | End of school year picnic

Keep In Touch!

Join our Remind text list (text @4Gyo to 810 10)

Follow our instagram (@fourgyouthministry) Visit our webpage (link on Church Center) Contact Pastor of Discipleship Lisa Aronson (uthrock@fumchurch.com) to receive email updates.

Hearing God's Whispers through Desires and Doors

Journal questions pg 18, #4

The noise of our lives sometimes makes finding time to be still with God can be hard, or when we do, we fall asleep in that prayer time. One way to actively "be still" is through journalling as you listen for God's whispers.

Find a time this week to journal your reply to:

- 1) We hear God's whispers when we discern our gifts, our desires, and needs of our world. Where do or could these overlap for you?
- 2) In Revelation 3:7 the angel of the church in Philadelphia writes: "These are the words of the Holy One, the True One, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens." Give thanks for the doors in your life that God has closed and opened. What doors are you seeking direction for today?

NOTES

Bible App "Whisper" Plan

If you use the Bible App (by Life.Church), there is a 5-day Bible Plan for the book Whisper. This is a great and simple tool for engagement for those who aren't interested in reading the whole book.

Whisper Books: There are additional books available if you would like to dig deeper into the idea of hearing God's voice. Books are in the Main Lobby on the registration table for \$9.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFELONG LEARNER

VBS | Jul. 14-18, 9-12 p.m.

Vacation Bible School is officially accepting travelers! Registration is now open for kids, as well as teen and adult volunteers to join us July 14-18th from 9am-noon. Kids will Join Navigator Miss Katie and Scout the dog on an epic adventure filled with games, music, crafts, snacks and amazing Bible stories. Sign up today at fumchurch.com/vbs2025 and receive a free gift if you register before June 1st.

PRAYING FOLLOWER

Visiting with Friends!

If you miss seeing your friends at church due to issues such as aging or driving limitations, Janice Bowen would like to hear from you! Janice is interested in taking people with her for visits so that friends can remain connected by visiting in-person with one another! Whether you find yourself "stuck at home", no longer able to get out to church, or you are able to get to church but are missing your friends who are "stuck at home"...Janice would love to hear from you! 717-766-4611 x112 or wecare@fumchurch.com

PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Mechanicsburg Area Ecumenical Choir Concert | May 18, 3 p.m.

The 36th annual Mechanicsburg Area Ecumenical Choir Concert is Sunday May 18, 2025 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The free-will offering benefits New Hope Ministries.

Clearances

In 2020, we encouraged congregants to get updated Safe Sanctuary Clearances. Having clearances allows you to help (even if in a small way) alongside children and youth. Clearances expire every 5 years. Please update your clearances and submit copies to the office so that you are able to serve when God nudges you to do so. Information for obtaining clearances can be found under resources on the church website.



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Summer Mission Trip

The youth and other interested individuals are serving in Western North Carolina from June 29-July 4 to aid in disaster relief with Praying Pelican Missions. Register and learn more about the trip on Church Center.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

First Church FB Forum

Did you know that we have a church FB page where we can support and encourage one another and share about upcoming church activities? This group allows space in a safe forum to be the church online together. Search First Church Forum on Facebook and ask to join. https://www.facebook.com/share/g/18nSk1DEjX/

Sign up for Church Summer Camp!

Register for camp! FUMC will pay half (50% OFF) of all camp fees. The conference provides additional discounts for "Siblings" as well as "Inviting-a-Friend" who has never been to camp. Visit suscrm.org to register and see a complete list of camps and retreats. Forward your camp confirmations/guestions to Deb Noss sdppp@msn.com or to kidscount@fumchurch.com.

Senator's Game | Jun. 8 | Register by May 18

Mark your calendar for our annual summer church outing to see the Harrisburg Senators play baseball on City Island. Sign up on Church Center. Ticket prices include a picnic lunch and seats for the game. Register and pay by May 18th. Please reach out to Jeff Hoffnagle with questions.

2025 Graduates

As we near the end of the school year, we want to learn about those in our church family who are graduating so that we can celebrate with them (any recent graduations from any level of education, including December graduates). Please take a moment to fill out this form on Church Center to help us celebrate our graduates.

Friday Food Trucks at First | May 16

Join us in the parking lot at First United Methodist Church, 135 W. Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg for Friday Food Trucks at First! On Friday, May 16th, we will have music on the patio with RJ and Friends, along with the following food trucks: Grappling Crab Shack, Tomasic Sausage, 360 Cuisine, MoMo BBQ, Creekview Foods, DonutNV. Outside tables and chairs provided for your comfort. Children in attendance can visit the Simpson Library table and register for the Summer Learning Program! All children who register can choose their very own handmade Reading Buddy Bear (while supplies last). The food trucks serve from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. Visit fumchurch.com for details. Upcoming dates are Jul.18 (indoor family friendly movie) and Sept. 19 (Fun and Fit Fair with Sadler Health).

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GENEROUS GIVER

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.

Handbell Hoss's Steak & Sea Fundraiser | May 17

We are excited to team up with Hoss's Steak and Sea House to raise money for our trip to Scotland in August 2026. We plan to attend our 5th International Handbell Symposium. Please consider visiting the Mechanicsburg Hoss's location to aid us in raising money. Show or present our flyer on 5/17/2025 at Hoss's in Mechanicsburg and they will then donate 20% or 25% of your total check paid to The Praise Ringers from First United Methodist Church. Flyers available at registration table in lobby or on church center.

Scan here or visit fumchurch.com for more details on upcoming events and opportunities!



First UMC Worship

8:30 am - Traditional Worship with choir WeeWorship for infant-Pre K Kids Activity bags at entrance for K-5th graders

11am - Contemporary Worship with Worship Band WeeWorship for infant-PreK & Kids Worship for K-5th graders Kids Activity bags at entrance for K-5th graders

*Both services also streamed live or view later at www.youtube.com/@FUMCMechanicsburg

Looking for a Sign-Up? In the Main Lobby is the Registration Table where you can register for current studies, fundraisers, events, and more.



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