
WELCOME TO

First United
Methodist Church

MECHANICSBURG, PA

A dark silhouette of a woman's head in profile, facing right. A small crown is positioned above her forehead. The background is a textured purple color.

CELEBRATION!

February 1, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FOUNDATION SERVICE **8:30 A.M**

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

"His Eye is On the Sparrow"

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading
Esther 9:20-26a, 30-32

Sermon:
"Celebration!"

Sounds of Worship
"A Classic Communion"

Communion

Announcements

Offering

"How Great Thou Art" #77

Benediction

Postlude

FOUNDATION SERVICE **11:00 A.M**

Countdown Video

Welcome

"Great Are You Lord"

"Take You at Your Word"

Kids Moment
Wee & Kids Worship Dismissal

Pastoral Prayer

"Praise Your Name"

Scripture Reading
Esther 9:20-26a, 30-32

Sermon:
"Celebration!"

Communion

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"Way Maker"

Benediction

Postlude

LEADING IN WORSHIP

Preaching

Rev. Mira Hewlett

Liturgist

Al Robinson

Accompanist (830)

Brandon Rhody

Special Music

Sounds of Worship

Worship Leader (11)

Sarah Pugh

Worship Band

George Canonizado, John Gross, Sarah Pugh, Allison Shield, Cindy Smith, Tracy Wertz

Sound and Media

Fred Espenshade, Ron Nichols, Bill Richie, Holly Kurten

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

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

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

Keep in Touch!

We have a **new** Youth Ministry texting platform. To get the most up-to-date and real time messages please text "fumyouthmin" to 717-722-4800 to opt into receiving texts. Contact Lisa Aronson at discipleship@fumchurch.com to receive email updates.

NOTES



Reading Together...

The Book of Esther: Seeing the Invisible Hand of God

Week 4: Celebration & Legacy — Remembering God's Faithfulness

God's deliverance leads to joy, justice, and remembrance. God's faithfulness invites God's people to celebrate and continue walking in purpose.

- Jan 26: Esther 8:1–8 — Esther and Mordecai write a new decree
- Jan 27: Esther 8:9–17 — The Jews rejoice
- Jan 28: Esther 9:1–17 — Victory over their enemies
- Jan 29: Esther 9:18–32 — The institution of Purim
- Jan 30: Esther 10:1–3 — Mordecai's honor and legacy

Reflection Question: What victories or moments of deliverance has God given you that deserve remembrance and gratitude today?

ANNOUNCEMENTS



LIFELONG LEARNER

Spiritual Gifts | Short Term Class with Pastor Mira | Feb 1. and Feb. 8

Spiritual Gifts in 2 Weeks - Each Christian is given spiritual gifts that are unique to us and enable us to live more fully as God created us. Join Pastor Mira for a 2 week class on Feb 1 & Feb 8 at 9:45-10:45am in Room 105 to learn about these gifts listed throughout scripture, take an at-home quiz to learn your spiritual gifts, and learn how these gifts can be used in our lives and church to serve others and honor God. Sign up at Church Center or in the Main Lobby.



PRAYING FOLLOWER

Altar Flowers

We still have Sundays available in 2026 for dedicating Altar flowers for worship if you would like to honor a special occasion in your family or remember loved ones by donating beautiful flowers! Current dates available include: **April 12, July 26, August 2, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8**. Please contact Melody Small to confirm a date and submit payment at melodydsmall@gmail.com or 717-497-3111.



PASSIONATE WORSHIPPER

Feb 8th Worship

Our message will be from Mark 10 where Jesus blesses the children. We will hear an update from Jim Murdoch, Trustees chair, about the plans to restore the stained glass windows, starting with the large Jesus and Children window in the Sanctuary. We hope you can join us in person or online for worship and this exciting update.

Ash Wednesday Worship | Feb. 18, 7 p.m.

Join us at Shiremanstown United Methodist Church (125 E Main St, Shiremanstown, PA 17011) as we begin Lent by worshipping with our brothers and sisters in Christ.



DEDICATED MISSIONARY

Camp Sunday | Feb. 15

Join us for Sunday morning worship services on February 15th to learn about the opportunities to support and participate in a variety of amazing camps offered by the Susquehanna UMC Camping and Retreat Ministry. 2026 camp registration is currently open and the early bird deadline is May 1. Go to www.suscrm.org to learn more.



RELATIONSHIP BUILDER

Staying Connected!

To stay connected and find ways to grow in your faith at First Church, we send out a weekly email with updates and programs every Wednesday. We also send an electronic newsletter out at the start of every month with events and stories from around the church. To get the latest from First Church, email office@fumchurch.com requesting to be added to either list, or you may sign up in the Main Lobby.

Men's Breakfast | Feb. 7th, 7:30am, Brothers Restaurant

An open invitation is extended to all men who want to gather for good food and light-hearted fellowship on the first Saturday of each month (Brothers Restaurant is located at 705 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, 17055). Please contact John Bowen or Bob Wertz, Jr. if you are interested in attending.

Solo Senior's Valentine's Luncheon | Feb. 10, 11:30am

If you are missing your spouse this Valentine's Day, we would love to have you join us for lunch in the Hardwood Café' (under the balcony) on Tuesday, February 10th at 11:30 am. Please reach out to Janice Bowen for more information at wecare@fumchurch.com or contact Bonnie Guyer to RSVP (717-766-0145).

Women's Morning Meet-Up | Feb. 14th, 7:30am, Down To Earth Café

Start your morning with a warm cup of coffee and great company. Order food or a drink, or just grab a seat and connect with other women of faith, share stories, and find support in a welcoming atmosphere. Down to Earth Café is located at 100 Legacy Park Dr. Suite 108, Mechanicsburg.

Community Dinner | Feb. 15, 5pm

The next community dinner will be held at Buhrig's Gathering Place (25 E. Main Street), Mechanicsburg on February 15 at 5:00 p.m. The dinner is a collaborative event with other local churches to bless the downtown community with a meal and music, free of charge. The concept comes from the book 'Welcome to Dinner, Church,' which encourages churches to share a meal with their neighbors. First Church is responsible for the rolls/bread and fruit cocktail. Watch for details on how you can participate or contact Lori Hoffnagle at outreach@fumchurch.com for more information.



GENEROUS GIVER

Upcoming Handbell Events and Fundraisers!

The Praise Ringers at First Church are continuing to prepare for their August 2026 trip to Aberdeen, Scotland, where they'll participate in the 22nd International Handbell Symposium! You can help support the Handbell Choir in their endeavor with multiple fundraiser opportunities and events listed below. There will be more fundraisers listed throughout the year. Please visit the website, Church Center, or the handbell table in the tower entrance for more information and to sign up for fundraisers.

Pie Fundraiser – orders due TODAY February 1; pickup on Saturday, Feb. 7 in Fellowship Hall

Trivia Night – Thursday, Feb. 26th, 6pm at Maple Shade Barn

Sponsor a Bell – more info at the handbell table in the tower entrance

***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

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***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 for current studies, fundraisers, events, and more.

Church Center

FUMC app to sign up for classes, donate, and request access to the church directory. Scan QR code:



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