

Our Mission
 Connect People to Jesus Christ
 Grow Disciples
 Relieve Suffering

Prelude *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* arr. Ron Mallory
 Wesley Handbell Choir; Pam Williams, Flute

Announcements & Greeting

* Call to Worship
 Let not the wise boast of their wisdom,
Or the strong of their strength, or the wealthy of their riches.
 But let those who boast, boast in this:
That they understand and know God,
 Who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on the earth.
For in these does the Lord delight! (Jeremiah 9:23-24)

* Hymn *When Morning Gilds the Skies* No. 185

Common Prayer Pastor Kerry Leeper, Liturgist
Living God: speak to each of us that word from you which we need. Cleanse, inspire and refresh our hearts. Direct and increase our faith. Grant that we, through this hour of worship, would be enabled to see you more clearly, love you more fully, and serve you more perfectly. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading **Psalm 119:105-112** (Pew Bibles, OT, page 537) Liturgist

Anthem *All I Have* Stan Pethel
 Summer Choir; Jan Betty, Conductor

Children's Message (10:45) Laura Sambrick

Blessing for the VBS Hero Central Volunteers Laura Sambrick

Concerns of the People Pastor Joe DiPaolo

Choral Call to Prayer (10:45) *Jesus Remember Me (repeat)* No. 488
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (10:45)

* Hymn *Jesus Calls Us* No. 398

Prayer for Illumination Pastor Joe DiPaolo

* please stand if able



Contemporary Worship at 9:30

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Bring an offering, and come before him. Worship the Lord in holy splendor. – 1 Chronicles 16:29

Call to Worship

Worship Music:
1000 Tongues
Hosanna Praise is Rising
Speak to me

Welcome

What's happening at First Church!

Blessing for the VBS Hero Central Volunteers Laura Sambrick

Prayer Pastor Kerry Leeper

The Word **Matthew 13:1-23**

Sermon Pastor Kerry Leeper
"A Farmer Scattered His Seed: Are You Listening?"

Offering
Speak to me

Blessing

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HOLY LAND VIA JORDAN - JANUARY 15-24, 2018: An invitation from Pastor Joe. "I invite you to join me on this Holy Land via Jordan program that will expand our knowledge of the Bible and this sacred land. A journey following in the footsteps of Jesus & Moses will change the way you read the Bible, and you will learn why scholars refer to the Holy Land as the "Fifth Gospel". We will stand on Mount Nebo and view the land of Ancient Canaan as Moses did, sail on the Sea of Galilee like Jesus and his Disciples, and we will remember his Resurrection at the Garden Tomb with a special service..Join me in experiencing a once in lifetime journey as we see the Bible come to life!" There is room for you on the pilgrimage. Learn more from the brochure at the Welcome Center. Bring your questions to the Christian Education hour on July 16. Consider how your dream of traveling to Israel can be fulfilled.

SUNDAY BRUNCH IS BACK: Please come join us for Brunch in the Celebration Center. On Sunday, July 30, 2017 beginning at 10:30 am, right after the Contemporary Worship Service. Please join us for the Worship Service at 9:30, and stay for great fellowship and a wonderful brunch. A sign-Up Genius link is being emailed each Monday for you to sign-up to attend the brunch, as well as volunteer to help with set-up, clean-up and monetary donations to help offset the cost. You may also respond directly to Wendy Thorbahn at wthorbahn@fult.com or by phone at 717-723-2990.

FIRST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED: The FUMC Scholarship Fund Committee is pleased to announce that \$650 scholarships have been awarded each to twelve students who are members of First Church. The Family of Funds provides the distribution of funds for this purpose. The following persons applied for and met the criteria for the awards for the 2017-2018 academic year:

Shelby Amoo-Mitchual, Temple University School of Pharmacy

Sheldon Amoo-Mitchual, University of Pennsylvania

Thomas Banzhof, University of Pittsburgh

Paige Blazic, Temple University

Rebecca Coder, Elizabethtown College

Wesley Davis, Ithaca College

Cecily Dombach, Millersville University

Danielle Franklin, Bloomsburg University

Morgan Lee, Bloomsburg University

Austin Reth, Elizabethtown College

Rebecca Richer, Shippensburg University

Kelly St. John, West Chester University

Blessings to all of these students as they continue their studies.

SIGN-UP TO VOLUNTEER FOR LABOR FOR LANCASTER: HOPE HAPPENS HERE! Labor for Lancaster: Hope Happens Here is a community-wide Day of Service designed to share God's love with our city and its residents through acts of compassion, grace, justice, and peace. This is the 4th year for Labor for Lancaster and our partners are excited to have us come back! This year we are partnering with Clare House, TLC, YWCA, Ross Elementary School, Lancaster City Parks Dept., and other non-profit organizations in our community to do small projects like trash clean-up, painting, yard work, and organization for schools. All we need is for you to volunteer! Here's the scoop:

Sunday, September 3, 2017 from 1:00-5:00 PM; www.LaborforLancaster.com

Please take a moment to register your participation this year by selecting the places you'd most like to serve. We will try to meet your request the best we can. And don't forget to share with others the website and date! We hope you'll join us to make a difference in our community as we serve those around us with the hope and light of Jesus Christ. Thanks, and let's get laboring for Lancaster! - Pastor Eddie

Scripture Reading **Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23** (Pew Bibles, NT, p. 13) Pastor Joe DiPaolo

Sermon “*Scattered*” Pastor Joe DiPaolo

* Affirmation of Faith *Apostles’ Creed, Traditional Version* No. 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* Gloria Patri *He Is Lord* No. 177
He is Lord, he is Lord! He is risen from the dead and he is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

8:15 ONLY
Invitation to The Lord’s Supper Madhuri Sakrudkar, Acolyte

Confession and Pardon
**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
(All pray in silence.)

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God’s love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

* Passing the Peace

Invitation to the Offering Liturgist

Offertory (8:15) *Take My Life* Craig Courtney
Debra Lenssen, Soprano; Peter Omundsen, Piano

Offertory (10:45) *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* arr. Philip Keveren
Debra Lenssen, Violin; Peter Omundsen, Piano

Procession of Offerings

* Doxology Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (*Stanza 5*) No. 160
Praise God who reins on high, the Lord whom we adore, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Prayer of Thanksgiving Acolyte
8:15-Madhuri Sakrudkar 10:45-Cooper Lehman

8:15 ONLY
The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion Anthem *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* arr. Philip Keveren
Debra Lenssen, Violin; Peter Omundsen, Piano

Prayer after Communion
Eternal God, we give thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we will go into the world renewed in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Hymn *O Jesus, I Have Promised* No. 396

* Blessing

Dismissal *God Be with You till We Meet Again (stanza 1)* No. 673
God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven* arr. Robert Hobby
Peter Omundsen, Organ

	8:15	9:30	10:45
Greeters	W: Don & Ann Banzhof N: Ryan Trees & Kirsten Eshleman	Wendy Thorbahn, Hollis Thorbahn, Lisa Mearkle, Elsie Mearkle	W: Kyle McWilliams & Allen Popjoy N: Claude & Georgiana Doner
Ushers	Jeffrey Greiner, Barbara Greiner, Tim Greiner, Jordan Greiner, Peter Hartmann, Donald Herneisen.	Wendy Thorbahn, Hollis Thorbahn, Lisa Mearkle, Elsie Mearkle	Bruce Grove, David Greene, Julie Grove, Meredith Hafer, Morgan Hafer, Theodore Maurer, David Neuer, James Peterson.
Sound Tech	Clayton Dombach	Chris Reindollar	Chuck McWilliams
Liturgist	Pastor Kerry Leeper		Pastor Kerry Leeper
Communion Assistant	Joanna Underhill		
Acolyte	Madhuri Sakrudkar		Cooper Lehman
Welcome Center	Jan Betty	Jeanne Paules	Deb Richer
Fellowship Time	Diane Coyle & Audrey Butts	Thorbahn & Mearkle Families	
Safety & Security	Wayne Betty		



FIRST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS!

July 16, 2017

We welcome all to worship today. To help us stay connected with you, please fill out the “Connect Card” that is found in your bulletin. This card helps the church track changes in email, phone, address, and more. On the card you can tell us your areas of interest by checking all that apply. Be sure to share your prayer requests with the staff by writing them on the card. Place the card in the offering plate today. Thank you for helping us to get to know and stay connected with you!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE: Today, Pastor Joe and Katherine Spear share details and information about the Israel Pilgrimage: Holy Land via Jordan in January 2018. Then beginning July 23, Pastor Eddie, Pastor Kerry, and retired pastor Jim Goudie will lead the study, “Christianity: One of Many.” This intergenerational study will focus on the similarities and differences of faiths in and around Lancaster City, and the world. Please join us this summer during the 9:30 hour in room 214/215 as together we deepen our faith in God through dialogue, prayer, and fellowship. On September 3, Rev. Mutwale Ntambo wa Mushidi and his wife Kabaka Ndala Alphonsine will share about their ministry in Tanzania. Come hear how God is working through them to further the kingdom here on earth!

COLD WEATHER OVERFLOW SHELTER: God is Calling You! First Church needs a leader for our 2017/18 Cold Weather Shelter. The role of the leader is to oversee the work of the shelter during the two weeks in which First Church hosts and provides volunteers for the shelter. The leader coordinates volunteers for those two weeks which are February 1-8 and March 1-8, 2018. Training is available for the new leader, and Jessica Henry, who very capably led the work of First Church at the shelter during the past 3 years, is available to answer any questions and to assist. Please prayerfully consider your role in the shelter as the leader and as a volunteer.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: “Christ Caring for People through People.” This is the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister’s role is to bring God’s love into the lives of people who are going through a difficult time or experiencing a period of transition in their life. What do Stephen Ministers do? They listen to you, care for you, support and encourage you, and pray for and with you. And in the midst of this confidential, one-to-one caring relationship, God’s healing love comes pouring through to you.

REFUGEE MINISTRY: If anyone has a food processor that they no longer need, there is a recently arrived Syrian refugee mother who could really use one. Our FUMC Refugee Committee is currently helping with some of this family’s more pressing needs. Contact: Peggy Hannum: bhannum2@comcast.net or 717-984-3627.

BLOOD DRIVE at FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Thursday, July 27 from 3:00-7:00 PM. For donating you will receive 2 Lancaster Barnstormers ticket vouchers for any regular season home game and an Oregon Dairy Coupon. Plus, you will receive the satisfaction that you are sharing your life with another person in need of life giving blood.