

JESUS SOMETIMES CALLS US TO MOVE IN A NEW DIRECTION



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**First United
Methodist Church**

Our Vision
To be a central hub of Christian
ministry in Lancaster County & beyond

Our Mission:
Connect people to Jesus Christ
& the church, grow Christian disciples,
& relieve suffering

**February 8, 2026
8:15 & 10:45 AM**

Prelude "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" (arr. Valerie Stephenson)
"Rejoice, the Lord is King" (arr. Matthew Compton)
Wesley Handbell Choir Peter Omundsen, Director

Announcements & Greeting Pastors Jason Ríos & Laura Sambrick

(10:45 AM) Introit "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (Joseph Barnby)
Chancel Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

*Call to Worship

Leader: We come, so sure of the way of faith, and the ways of faith...

People: So sure of the way, we do not expect surprises.

Leader: God of the road, you step into our path and startle us!

People: So sure of the way, we are stopped in our tracks...

Leader: Surprise us, nudge us, redirect our steps.

All: So sure of the way, Lord, awaken us to new possibilities.

*Hymn No.166 "All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine"

Common Prayer

God of grace and glory, we come before you this morning with thanksgiving and praises on our lips. Today, we are in need of an alignment that only you can give. Open our hearts and minds to receive all that you have to offer so we may be a difference in this world. Transform our souls to grow more into your image that others may see you in us. Accept our brokenness and make us whole again. Reset, restore, and direct us. These things we pray in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

Scripture Psalm 15 (pew Bible, OT, p. 469)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

(8:15 AM) Anthem "In the Garden" (C. Austin Miles)
Jan Betty, soprano; Peter Omundsen, piano

(10:45 AM) Anthem "Walk By Faith" (Joel Raney)
Chancel Choir– Brian Norcross, Director

Preparation for Prayer, No. 473 "Lead Me Lord"

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

(10:45 AM) 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.

** * Children ages 3-5th grade are dismissed to Jr. Church * **

*Hymn No. 377

"It Is Well with My Soul"

Scripture

Acts 9:1-15

(pew Bible, NT, p.119)

Message

Sermon Series: Reset
Week 4: "Reset Direction"

Pastor Laura Sambrick

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Hymnal, 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.

*Song of Praise, No. 174

"His Name is Wonderful"

His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He is the mighty King, Master of everything; his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, almighty God is he; bow down before him, love and adore him, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

8:15 AM ONLY

Invitation to The Lord's Supper

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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

8:15 AM ONLY (continued)

The Lord's Prayer

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Sharing the Sacrament

Congregational Prayer (8:15 seated, 10:45 remain standing)

Speak to us, O Christ. Interrupt what harms, heal what is broken, and open our eyes to your transforming love. Send us, like Ananias, courageous enough to trust you, humble enough to serve, and faithful enough to welcome one another. Make us instruments of your peace, changed by grace and ready to follow. Amen.

Receiving the Offering

“Cry No More”

(Dan Forrest)

Jan Betty, soprano; Peter Omundsen, piano

*Doxology, No.160

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” (stanza 5)

Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

*Hymn No. 593

“Here I Am, Lord”

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Response, No. 593

“Here I Am, Lord” (refrain)

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Postlude

“Processional”

(Walker Baylor)

Peter Omundsen, organ

8:15 AM Worship

Usher Chief - Barry Rodeffer
Acolyte - Daniel Denisewicz
Liturgist - Kathy Johnson
Sound Tech - Roselyn Ovalles

10:45 AM Worship

Usher Chief - Barry Rodeffer
Acolyte - Rachel Ridgeway
Liturgist - Yaya Rios
Sound Tech - Roselyn Ovalles

Pastors– Jason Ríos & Laura Sambrick
Ministers– First Church Congregation

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The white carnation on the altar remembers Allen Forbes who passed into the arms of Jesus on January 24, 2026 at 93 years of age. He is survived by his wife, Jane. Allen's memorial service was held on Friday at Woodcrest Villa.



**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 18TH 7:00 PM**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, which includes the imposition of ashes (if you desire) and Holy Communion. Through this service of ashes, we come before God recognizing our humanity, repenting of our sins, and remembering who we are & who we can be. Come be transformed with us!

ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER 6:00 PM

We invite you to share a meal in Celebration Center prior to our Ash Wednesday worship service. We will gather to give thanks for each other and begin our journey through Lent together. [Sign up for dinner here.](#)

JOIN US FOR OUR NEW LENT STUDY LED BY PASTOR JASON

***The Third Day: Living the Resurrection* by Tom Berlin**

Thursdays, February 26-March 26 at 6:00 PM

In-person at the church and online

In this study, author Tom Berlin connects us to Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. This study traces events around these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives. A study of resurrection power at work in real lives, both then and now.

Books are available for purchase anywhere books are sold. [Sign up for the study here!](#)

HUNGRY FOR A GOOD SUB? ORDER A WEAVER'S SANDWICH VOUCHER!

It is the time of year to order your sandwich voucher for a delicious Weaver's sandwich or sub. The vouchers can be used at any S. Clyde Weaver store or at their market stand. The vouchers are \$8 each, and all proceeds go to DCA's operating budget. Board members are in the Gathering Place after each service. Checks should be made out to "DCA" with "fundraiser" in the memo line. Thank you for your continued support of Discovery Corner Academy!

BATTERY DRIVE EXTENDED! Because of the recent snow, the Green Team has extended their battery drive through next Sunday. Please drop your single-use batteries in the receptacle by the church office. All the batteries will be delivered to the proper recycling center!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCH- February 22nd

The *Caring Connections* luncheon has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 22nd in Fellowship Hall at noon. All volunteers who visit our homebound members and send cards to our Friends at Home are invited for a time of fellowship and a nice lunch in appreciation for all you do for our church family. Please sign up on today's Connect Card or RSVP to [Karen Senkowski](#)

WOMEN OF FIRST UMC – YOU ARE INVITED!

Sunday, February 15TH 12:30–2:00 PM

Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 15 from 12:30–2:00 PM for lunch and fellowship as we introduce our new *United Women in Faith* group at First Church. If you are high school age or older and looking for soul care, sisterhood, or a way to live your faith with meaning, this is for you! At this first meeting, we are especially excited to hear your ideas for small groups, events, or programs and hope to use these ideas to grow our impact together. With questions or for more information, contact [Kate Kepner](#) [Yaya Ríos](#), or [Breighana Guy](#).

ONE CELEBRATION AND TWO CALLS FOR ACTION!

Celebrate the remarkable *Generosity Unleashed* campaign! Anchor Lancaster, Maternity & Women's Health Center in Sierra Leone, and Rising Hope Christian Center in South Sudan have received \$150,000 each, with another \$10,000+ on the way. Against our \$300,000, God has done a mighty work with us!

- **CALL #1:** Let's round the total UP some more. A dozen or more folks haven't yet completed their pledge. And a bunch of us could add another gift to bless people in three mission places! Let's do it!
- **CALL #2:** Our Generosity Pledges make God's ministries happen. About 50 regular pledging families have not yet set their giving goal for this year. And a number of folks haven't begun to use their card to set their giving goal. There are Pledge Cards in the pews. Join the First Church community of goal-setters in their generosity growth!

Thank you from our Generosity Team.

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE that we will be using a new community platform called **Subsplash**. Subsplash gives us the tools and resources to stay engaged in mission. One of those tools is Subsplash Giving, which will make it easier to receive online donations. We invite you to watch for emails about our transition to the new online giving platform and the many features that will help you stay engaged with First Church. We are grateful for your continued support and partnership in ministry!

THE GENERAL BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND MINISTRY (GBHEM)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PORTAL IS OPEN for United Methodist students seeking scholarships for undergraduate and graduate study at colleges, universities, and seminaries. In 2025, GBHEM awarded more than 2,500 scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students at over 600 schools worldwide. This financial aid helped students pursue their dreams to serve as the next generation of leaders. You may submit one application each year. The deadline to complete your application is Friday, March 6, 2026. [***More information and application here***](#)

JOURNEY WITH US THROUGH LENT

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 18

Dinner 6:00 PM, 7:00 PM Service



DRINK FROM THE FOUNTAIN OF GRACE

New Sermon Series!

Sundays, February 22–April 5

8:15, 9:30 and 10:45 AM

Nursery and Children's Program at all services

Exploring God's amazing grace, a grace that sustains our deepest hunger, meets us in our brokenness, calls us to justice, and leads us to the joy of Easter resurrection.

LENT STUDY

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Led by Pastor Jason Ríos

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Week of February 26–March 26

*A study of resurrection power at work
in real lives—then and now.*



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