

Celebrating 200 Years!

Morning Worship April 11, 2010 Second Sunday of Easter 200th Anniversary Celebration Holocaust Remembrance Day

Coming Together in Christ

10:55 AM MEDITATION (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

J. S. Bach

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118: 14, 17

Leader: The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

People: **I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

* ANNIVERSARY HYMN OF PRAISE #442

"Aurelia"

The Church's One Foundation

Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1864

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Great and holy God, who inhabitest eternity, Thine everlasting arms uphold the universe and support the lowliest of Thy creatures. In this solemn hour we bring to Thine altar humble hearts and contrite spirits. From eventide to eventide we tarry in Thy courts. We unite with our brethren of the household of Israel in penitence and in prayer and, turning away from worldly pursuits, we direct our souls unto Thee. Thou who probe the heart and knowest our inmost thoughts, help us to examine ourselves in the light of Thy truth. Let neither complacency nor sinfulness separate us from Thy presence.

—*Traditional Jewish prayer*

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir) #572, The Hymnal
**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON John Dillon

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE #579, The Hymnal
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be;
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS John Dillon

Hearing God's Word

OUR 200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Barbara
Leasure

TIME FOR CHILDREN John Dillon

* ANNIVERSARY HYMN OF PREPARATION #357 "Maryton"
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee words 1879, music 1874

FIRST LESSON Acts 28:11-16 Pew Bible p. 141

SECOND LESSON John 20:19-23 Pew Bible p. 108-109

THE SERMON "The Courage of the Thankful" Rev. John Dillon
Based on the text of a sermon given by Rev. William Eisenberger on Sunday, August 29, 1943

Our Response to God's Love

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption, is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all of our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole new life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of the world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine, as through there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

“Rather, speaking in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body is joined and knit together.” (Eph. 4:15-16)

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it solely in his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his discretion in the expectation of his appearance.

—Sections 8;13-8.17, *The Theological Declaration of Barmen*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY SOLO

Ave Maria
Kathleen Cook

Schubert

* THE DOXOLOGY

#592, The Hymnal

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* ANNIVERSARY HYMN OF PARTING #383
My Faith Looks Up to Thee

“Olivet”
words 1830, music 1831

* SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

* SUNG BENEDICTION

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

**Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.**

Going Forth in God's Love

* THE POSTLUDE

Prelude in F major

J.S. Bach

* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION/CORPORATION of The First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland, Maryland, is called by the Session for **Sunday, April 25, 2010**. **Please note that the date has been changed.** The meeting will begin immediately after the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting is:

- To vote on the proposed changes to the bylaws,
- To receive the report of the Nominating Committee, and
- To conduct any other business properly coming before the congregation.

—By Order of the Session, Deborah J. Hendrickson, Clerk of Session

About the Affirmation of Faith

The PC (USA) Book of Confessions is a collection of Confessions from the church in many ages and many different situations. Therefore, its expressions of faith cover a multitude of theological opinions, many of which are obviously influenced by who participated in their preparation and the times and customs of their era. While not necessarily agreeing with every statement precisely, our Ministers, Elders, and Deacons swear to be guided by its principles and truths. We select a passage from one of these Confessions each month to experience and explore the breadth and depth of our heritage.

Continuing our exploration of the Confessions, in April we will be using the Theological Declaration of Barmen.

The Theological Declaration of Barmen was written by a group of church leaders in Germany to help Christians withstand the challenges of the Nazi party and of the so-called "German Christians", a popular movement that saw no conflict between Christianity and the ideals of Hitler's National Socialism. Delegates met from May 29-31, 1934 in the city of Wupperthal, Germany, to compose the declaration. Among the one hundred thirty-nine delegates were ordained ministers, fifty-three church members and six university professors.

Statement of Purpose

Our Church exists to worship God and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Spirit, we shall serve God's Kingdom by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

Statement of Vision

We embrace open and progressive theology. Through education, training, worship and Session leadership we will realize our vision both individually and in community. We will be open to new ideas and programs while staying true to our beliefs and traditions. We will commit our personal and corporate resources to embody our Statement of Purpose. We will live our lives responsibly with honesty and integrity.

What's Happening This Week:



SUNDAY, APRIL (11)

NAILS Group from Centreville, VA Arrives

- 9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, 2nd Sunday of Easter
200th Anniversary Celebration
On the Air WCBC
- 12:15 PM Punch & Cookies in the Library

MONDAY, APRIL (12)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
- 5:30 PM Congregational Care Meeting in Parlor

TUESDAY, APRIL (13)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool

WEDNESDAY, APRIL (14)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
- 7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL (15)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool

FRIDAY, APRIL (16)

- 9:00 AM Church Office Open
- 9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool

SATURDAY, APRIL (17)

- 8:00 AM W.MD Churches Mtg. Breakfast
at Ponderosa Steakhouse
- 5:00 PM Parent/Player Basketball Game at
Frostburg Armory

SUNDAY, APRIL (18)

- 9:00 AM Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 AM Sunday School for All Ages
- 10:15 AM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 AM Worship Service, 3rd Sunday of Easter
On the Air WCBC
- 5:30 PM Youth Basketball Banquet in Fellowship Hall