

Celebrating 200 Years!

Morning Worship April 25, 2010 Fourth Sunday of Easter Rural Life Ministry

Coming Together in Christ

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

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Cadentia* Karlmann Kolb (1703-1765)

INTROIT *You Are Before Me, Lord*

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 27:1, 2

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

People: **When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE #256

*Let the Whole Creation Cry
"Salzburg"*

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

Let us ask ourselves: Is this what we want? The great power of the Almighty God? The power that lit creation's light, that rained down death in flood and fire, that "boomed" with might from Sinai's lofty peak? Is that what we want—God's power unleashed on us? Is that something we can bear? The presence of the Almighty God? For God is holy. We are sinful. We know that this IS what we want—God's protective power! We know that this we CAN bear—God's saving power! Stir up your power, O Lord, and come! For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#63, Lift Up Your Hearts

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy upon us. (repeat)**

* THE RESPONSE IN PRAISE

#28, Lift Up Your Hearts

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah, hallelujah! (repeat)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing God's Word

TIME FOR CHILDREN

* SONG OF PREPARATION

#82, Lift Up Your Hearts

Be Still and Know

Arr. Lee Herrington and Tom Fettke

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 10: 21-23

Pew Bible p. 55

SECOND LESSON

John 10:22-33

Pew Bible p. 98

THE ANTHEM

Let Us Make A Joyful Noise

Paul Sjolund

O come let us sing unto the Lord; Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation, Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; Let us make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. O come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord, our maker; For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his Hand. Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and judges of earth, both young men and maidens, old men and children come, and sing; Let us make a joyful noise!

THE SERMON

"Look at the View, Not the Window"

Rev. John Dillon

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.

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

Andante

David L. Crouse (1940-)

* 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

* HYMN OF PARTING #285

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

“Austrian Hymn”

* 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

“Austria”

* 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**. 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

Proposed Changes to the Bylaws of First Presbyterian Church

April 25, 2010

Existing Text:

17. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The membership of the Personnel Committee should be reviewed annually by Session and should have four (4) permanent members and an *ad hoc* member. The four permanent members are: (1) the past Clerk of Session, who serves as Moderator, (2) the current Clerk of Session, (3) a member selected from the Administration and Finance Committee, and (4) a fourth member, who is selected from the congregation and who is ordained but not on Session. The term of office for any member of the Personnel Committee shall not exceed five (5) years. The fifth member of the Personnel Committee shall be a member of the Session Committee, most directly connected to the personnel review that is being conducted or personnel action that is being considered.

The Personnel Committee shall administer the employment of non-ordained staff, with concern for equal employment opportunity, fair employment practices, personnel policies, and the annual review of the adequacy of compensation for all staff, including all employees. The committee will conduct an *annual* periodic review and evaluation of all employees, ordained and non-ordained.

PROPOSED CHANGE: The Personnel Committee shall administer the employment of non-ordained employees with concern for equal employment opportunity, fair employment practices, personnel policies, and the annual review of the adequacy of compensation for all employees. The committee will conduct an annual periodic review and evaluation of all employees, ordained and non-ordained.

RATIONALE: The Personnel Policy of The First Presbyterian Church, Cumberland, Maryland, (Adopted by the Session October 19, 2006 and Revised January 10, 2008, Revised August 13, 2009, Revised September 10, 2009 and March 11, 2010) was recently revised for language and consistency. The word “employees” is now used throughout the document. This action requires an amendment to the bylaws.

We will also hear the report of the Nominating Committee:

Jamie Speis (Chair), Julie Courtney, Kathy Dowell, Carolyn Mathews and Phil Mills

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 Wuppertal, 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 (25)

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, 4th Sunday of Easter
On the Air WCBC
12:00 PM Congregational Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL (26)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
12:00 Noon Special Ministries Meeting in Parlor

TUESDAY, APRIL (27)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
7:00 PM 200th Anniversary Committee Mtg. in Parlor

WEDNESDAY, APRIL (28)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
10:00 AM Staff Meeting
6:15 PM JoyBells Rehearsal
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, APRIL (29)

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

FRIDAY, APRIL (30)

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

SUNDAY, MAY (2)

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, 5th Sunday of Easter
200th Anniversary Celebration
Elder Ordination/Installation
Time for Children, On the Air WCBC
12:00 PM Punch & Cookie Reception in Library
12:30 PM Summer Lunchbox Mtg. in Heritage Room
5:30 PM GAFOSAC Youth Meeting & Pizza

Fun and Games!

The Congregational Care Committee is looking at possible future activities for our church family and would very much appreciate your input. Please circle the activities in which you might like to participate and/or add your own suggestions and drop this in the offering plate.

Thank you for your help!

Mother/Daughter Banquet	Yes	No	Maybe
Catered	Yes	No	Maybe
Potluck	Yes	No	Maybe
Bonfire/Hotdog Roast	Yes	No	Maybe
Talent Show and Dessert	Yes	No	Maybe
Night of Conversation (groups & topics)	Yes	No	Maybe
Hymn Sing	Yes	No	Maybe
Bible Study & Sandwiches	Yes	No	Maybe
Potluck Dinners	Yes	No	Maybe
Ice Cream Social	Yes	No	Maybe
Church Sponsored Bus Trips	Yes	No	Maybe
Church Picnic	Yes	No	Maybe

Other: _____

Your Name (Optional): _____

Phone Number: _____

You can also share your idea with any Congregational Care Committee member: Kathy Dowell, Penny Campbell, Joan Ralston, Sharon Squires, Carol Morgan, Nancy Hodges or Gail Plitnik.



The people who play together stay together!