

Celebrating 200 Years!

Morning Worship April 18, 2010 Third Sunday of Easter

Coming Together in Christ

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

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *The Strife is O'er* arr. Alec Wyton

INTROIT *Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks*

Entering God's Presence

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 30: 4, 5

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

People: **For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE #107 *Celebrate with Joy and Singing* "Evelyn Chapel"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (together)

God, we confess that we do not have you all figured out, but we act as if we do. We do not wait with patience for your words of wisdom and direction. We raise your banner high but do our own will. Have mercy on us who love you but have not been able to separate our desire for power, our desire to make the rules, our desire to speak for you, from your calling on our lives. Help us, O God, remember that we are mere sinners, seeking your grace.

KYRIE ELEISON (Congregation & Choir)

#61, Lift Up Your Hearts

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. You are the potter, I am the clay, mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

* 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

#88, Lift Up Your Hearts

In the Bulb There is A Flower

Natalie Sleeth

THE ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 9:1-6

Pew Bible p. 119

SECOND LESSON

John 21:3-14

Pew Bible p. 109

THE SERMON

"153!"

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

“Columba”

* THE DOXOLOGY

#114 Lift Up Your Hearts

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, “I am strong;”
Let the poor say, “I am rich”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!**

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

* HYMN OF PARTING #104

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

“Hymn to Joy”

* 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

Hymn to Joy

* 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 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 (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

MONDAY, APRIL (19)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
12:00 Noon Highlanders Lunch at Shooters Restaurant

TUESDAY, APRIL (20)

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL (21)

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

THURSDAY, APRIL (22)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
4:00 PM Presbytery Mtg. at Glen Burnie
Korean Presbyterian Church

FRIDAY, APRIL (23)

9:00 AM Church Office Open
9:00 AM Learning Tree Preschool
3:00 PM AHS Prepares for French Dinner in
Kitchen & Fellowship Hall

SATURDAY, APRIL (24)

8:00 AM AHS Prep & Serving of French Dinner in
Kitchen & Fellowship Hall
11 AM Hope for Haiti Benefit at Allegany College

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

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!