

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 23, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/ EARTH DAY

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

SALIX FROM PLYMOUTH SUITE
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

PERCY WHITLOCK

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

MUSICAL INTROIT

CHRIST AROSE!
THE JOYBELLS

ARR. KEVIN MCCHESENEY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us dwell in God's shelter.
Let us dwell in God's work of art.
Come, because the Earth is the Lord's,
and God's Earth is our home.
We live in God's World; we are not alone.
We share this life with the heavens and the earth,
with the waters and the land,
with trees and grasses,
with fish, birds, and animals,
with minerals and creatures of every form,
and with all our brothers and sisters.
God is good and everything God makes is good.
God is love and everything God makes is love's fruit.
Let us worship God!

* HYMN #23

GOD, YOU SPIN THE WHIRLING PLANETS

"PLEADING SAVIOR"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Although Christ is risen from the grave
and has shattered the power of death,
we are still held captive by fear and doubt.
We hold on to suspicions and jealousies
that set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.
We have neglected the poor and the hungry.
In our pursuit of the "good life"
we have gone along with injustice;
we have ignored the cries of the oppressed.
We pursue profits and pleasures
that harm the land and pollute the waters.

A movement of a suite for organ named after Plymouth, England, **Salix** is an homage to its namesake, the weeping willow.

The **introit** is a festive work, incorporating the Easter hymns **CHRIST AROSE** and **LLANFAIR**, or "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today."

The **Call to Worship** reminds us that worship begins with God, who takes the initiative in calling us together. We response by praising God.

Have mercy on us, O God.
Help us to trust your power
to change our lives and make us new,
that we and all your creatures
may know the joy of life abundant,
given through Jesus Christ, the risen Lord . . .

(Time for silent reflection and prayer)

KYRIE ELEISON #579

LORD, HAVE MERCY

“ORTHODOX ”

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers and trains our hearts, hands, and tongues in the ways of peace. It is not an interruption of the service for social conversation but an integral part of the service where we greet one another as reconciled people.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE #582

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

“GLORY TO GOD”

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. *(repeat twice)*
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(Please greet one another with signs of peace.)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

GENESIS 2:4B-15
JOB 12:7-10

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 2
PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 438

ANTHEM

LOOK AT THE WORLD
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

JOHN RUTTER

Look at the world: Everything all around us;
Look at the world: and marvel everyday
Look at the world: So many joys and wonders;
So many miracles along our way.

*Praise to thee O Lord for all creation, Give us thankful hearts that we may see
All the gifts we share and every blessing, All things come of thee.*

Look at the earth: Bringing forth fruit and flower;
Look at the sky: The sunshine and the rain
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains;
Valley and flowing river field and plain.

Today's anthem is a call to thanks and praise for the wonders of creation by English composer, John Rutter.

Think of the spring, Think of the warmth of summer
Bringing the harvest before the winters cold
Everything grows, everything has a season
Til' it is gathered to the father's fold.

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish
Comes from the lord in token of his love
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty;
His is the earth and his the heavens above.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

ROMANS 8:18-39

PEW BIBLE, NT, p. 148

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE M. KELLY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that somehow, God breathed life into the world and declared that it is all good- from the eagles feeding their eaglets from fish in the river, the Potomac itself - the forests and mixed habitats of the county providing food, water, shelter and adequate space for a wide variety of wildlife. We believe that God expects us to both enjoy and oversee this creation - to use it wisely, for our benefit and for that of our neighbors and to ensure that it will continue to reflect God's creativity for generations to come. We believe that through Christ, all things are redeemed and will be made new - our own sinful selves as well as the world around us. We believe that every blade of grass and every drop of rain are miracles that testify to the work of the Holy Spirit. By living responsibly, we express our gratitude for the blessings of nature, in which we live, work, play and worship. Thanks be to God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

* HYMN #713

TOUCH THE EARTH LIGHTLY

"TENDERNESS"

(Congregation sings verses 1, 3 and 4 only; choir sings verse 2)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: PRAYER STATIONS

You are invited to visit the prayer stations around the sanctuary:

Station 1: Soil (in the back)

Station 2: Water (near the font)

Station 3: Air (at the piano/screen)

or you may stay in your seat and reflect on the images projected on the screen.

Please return to your seat when you hear the bell ring.

There will be additional time after worship to visit the stations.

MUSIC DURING THE PRAYER STATIONS

MINUET FROM WATER MUSIC SUITE

G. F. HANDEL

ELMS FROM VIEWS FROM THE OLDEST HOUSE

NED ROREM

BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

The **Affirmation of Faith** was written by Jerie Lukefahr, a ruling elder at the First Presbyterian Church in Fenandino Beach, Florida.

Two movements from larger works: Handel's **Water Music**, from 1717, written to be performed on a royal barge on the River Thames and Ned Rorem's **Views From The Oldest House**, from 1981, depicting vistas from Sunset Hill on Nantucket Island, home to the Jethro Coffin house, built in 1686.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name shall echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

CONRAD KOCHER

MIKAYLA DODGE, SOLOIST

(Text and note may be found in the Glory To God Hymnal #14.)

* DOXOLOGY

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW "LASST UNS ERFREUEN"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN

WE THANK YOU GOD, FOR WATER, SOIL, AND AIR

"YOGANANDA"

(See insert for text.)

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

THE HEAVENS ARE TELLING FROM THE CREATION FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN

BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.



Watch us live on Livestream- Sundays at 11 a.m.

<http://www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland>

Copies of Pastor Caroline's sermons are available on the church website
at www.fpc-cumberland/org/worship/sermons.

This 1989 version of the **Lord's Prayer** comes from the New Zealand Prayer Book and reflects the rich earth-based spirituality of the Maori and Polynesian cultures.

Alleluia is the Greek form of the Hebrew "Hallelujah," which means "Praise the Lord."

Originally a chorus from Haydn's best-known oratorio celebrating God's creating of the world, **The Heavens Are Telling** became a popular organ solo work in the early 20th century.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....	Caroline Kelly
Liturgist.....	Charlene Lelinski
Director of Music Ministries.....	Bryan Lohr
Director of the JoyBells.....	Julie Courtney
Musicians.....	The Sanctuary Choir and The JoyBells
Sound Technician.....	Joe Aurigemma
Nursery Care Providers.....	Ginny Reid and Jessie Gates
Ushers.....	Phil Mills and Rolfe Singerman

MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ by loving our neighbors and promoting peacemaking, justice and care of the earth.

VISION STATEMENT

We strive to be a community grounded in the good news of God's love in Christ where all of God's children are:

- Welcomed and cherished
- Called to worship, learn and grow together in faith, and
- Sent to share God's love and justice with a broken and hurting world.

Adopted by the Session on
September 17, 2015

OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....	Rev. Caroline M. Kelly
Director of Music Ministries.....	Bryan Lohr
Youth Ministries Coordinator.....	Robby May
Executive Administrative Assistant.....	Brittany Jackson
Sound Tech/Security.....	Joe Aurigemma
Sexton.....	John Brown

THE SESSION

Class of 2017: Sandra Burton, Cindy Corley, Bob Courtney, Ann Kellermeyer and Bryan Wodaski

Class of 2018: Carl Belt, Carolyn Mathews, Judy Stern, Agnes Yount

Class of 2019: Shirley Giarritta, Phil Mills, Bill McElvie, and David Stickler

Clerk of Session.....	Ann Kellermeyer
Moderator.....	Caroline Kelly

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS: We are glad you found your way to First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn and serve with us, we encourage you to visit the table outside the church office. You can also learn more about us at www.fpc-cumberland.org and www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland. Childcare is provided in the nursery. An usher will be glad to direct you there.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: While we do provide a nursery for young children, we also welcome you to bring your child with you to worship. We have "worship bags" in the back of the sanctuary that include materials for drawing and coloring, as well as Bible stories and Bible word-find games. In addition, our "Young Children in Worship" pew card contains information about why young children should be encouraged to come to worship and how parents and others can engage them more fully in worship.

FRIENDSHIP PADS: Please locate and sign the red pad in your pew, tear off the sheet and place it in the collection plate during the offering. This important practice allows us to be mindful of new folks and long-time members as well, and is a good way to learn (or remember) the names of those with whom you are seated.

PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES: (amplifiers) are available in the back of the church for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

WORSHIP BROADCASTS: Our worship services are broadcast live on Sunday mornings by WCBC AM Radio, thanks to the generosity of members and friends. You can sponsor a broadcast (or share a sponsorship with someone) for \$75. If you are interested, please contact Deb Hendrickson or the church office. This morning's broadcast is made possible by the generosity of Bill and Amy Workman **There are openings to sponsor the radio broadcast on July 2 and 30.**

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God by Buck and Jane Belt. **Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers. We have flower openings on April 30 and May 7. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money may be directed to either the Special Ministries Fund or to our radio broadcast fund, whichever you prefer.**

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of April 16, 2017
Total 2017 Pledges Promised	\$239,352.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 13,339.00
<u>2017 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$226,014.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$68,158.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$67,678.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 479.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	April 17, 2016	April 16, 2017
	82	125 (Easter Sunday)

PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR - SAVE THE DATE: Mark your calendars for **6:30PM, Tuesday, May 2nd**, and plan to join us for a **workshop on Planned Giving: Composing a Legacy**. Olanda Carr, Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation, will help us explore the critical connection between faith and legacy giving. Does your will / estate plan speak of God's grace and love as the source of your faith? To assist with answering this question, participants in the workshop will be provided with an overview of charitable giving instruments to consider when evaluating and discussing estate planning options with financial and legal advisors. Resources will also be distributed to further assist with the estate planning process. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Brittany at firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com or at 301-777-3700.

MISSION

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: The monthly outreach dinner that we help with will be held **today** at the HRDC building on Virginia Avenue. Dinner will be served from 4:00-5:30PM. If anyone can volunteer to serve dinner, help clean tables, and/or bake cupcakes, please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

THE SOUTH DAKOTA LUNCHEON AND AUCTION will be held **NEXT Sunday, April 30, following worship.**

FAITH FORMATION

WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT: REGISTRATION DEADLINE TODAY - Join us for our annual spring retreat on Friday and Saturday (April 28-29) at the Belt Farm in Romney, WV. Katie Ross will facilitate our exploration of some of the women in the New Testament, through story-telling and reflection. Come to strengthen relationships with one another and God through worship, learning, bread breaking and fellowship. Please contact Brittany by email at firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com or call her at [301-777-3700](tel:301-777-3700) to reserve your place. Some minimal expenses may be incurred but we are not asking for any payment at this time.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY, APRIL (23)

9:45 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY
11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: EARTH DAY
4:00 PM HRDC MISSION OUTREACH DINNER

MONDAY, APRIL (24)

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:30 PM CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL

TUESDAY, APRIL (25)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, APRIL (26)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
10:30 AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE
5:00 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING IN THE PARLOR
5:30 PM BRIDGES: GETTING AHEAD CLASS
6:15 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, APRIL (27)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, APRIL (28)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:00 PM WOMEN'S RETREAT BEGINS

SATURDAY, APRIL (29)

9:00 AM SOUTH DAKOTA LEARNING CAMP LUNCHEON SET-UP
2:00 PM WOMEN'S RETREAT ENDS
6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, APRIL (30)

9:45 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY
11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
12:30 PM SOUTH DAKOTA LEARNING CAMP LUNCHEON & AUCTION

The Great Dakota Giveaway!

Soup & Chili Rodeo, Live and Silent Auction

Sunday, April 30th at 12:30 PM

Auctioneer: Buck Belt

**Help us raise funds to send 20 inspired volunteers to serve at a
summer learning camp for children in South Dakota**

The Great Dakota Giveaway
Sunday, April 30th at 12:30 p.m.

Yes, I will come to support our volunteers and enjoy this fellowship and food event.
(All the food you can eat for only \$5 per person!)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Number attending: _____

I can donate the following
items: _____

I can donate the following service to be auctioned (babysitting, car wash, consulting, teaching):

If you have any questions or if you would like to make a donation,
please contact Robin Bissell at rbissell444@gmail.com.

* HYMN

WE THANK YOU GOD, FOR WATER, SOIL, AND AIR "YOGANANDA"

Unison

1. We thank you, God, for wa - ter, soil, and
2. We thank you, God, for min - er - als and
3. We thank you, God, for price - less en - er -
4. We thank you, God, for weav - ing na - ture's
5. We thank you, God, for mak - ing plan - et

1. air, large gifts sup - port - ing ev - ery -
2. ores— the ba - sis of all build - ing,
3. gy, stored in each at - om, gath - ered
4. life in - to a seam - less robe, a
5. Earth, a home for us and ag - es

1. thing that lives. For - give our
2. wealth, and speed. For - give our
3. from the sun. For - give our
4. frag - ile whole. For - give our
5. yet un - born. Help us to

1. spoil - ing and a - buse of them. Help
 2. reck - less plun - der - ing and waste. Help
 3. greed and care - less - ness of power. Help
 4. haste, that tam - pers un - a - ware. Help
 5. share, con - sid - er, save, and store. Come

1. us re - new the face of the earth.
 2. us re - new the face of the earth.
 3. us re - new the face of the earth.
 4. us re - new the face of the earth.
 5. and re - new the face of the earth.

Psalm 24:1 ~ The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

Soil helps sustain life on Earth—including your life. You know that soil supports the growth of plants, which in turn supply food for animals. Therefore, soil provides you with the food you eat, the clothes you wear, and many of the materials you use in daily life.

To maintain healthy soil, we need more farms that cultivate a number of crops in a field, not 500 acres of corn or soybeans. We also need small, mixed farms that can produce their own fertilizer rather than relying on petroleum-based products. To support healthy habitats for our native species, we need to avoid the introduction of non-native plants.

Humans contribute to the degradation of soil and destruction of healthy habitats by our reliance on unlimited access to fresh fruits and vegetables or other food products, regardless of whether they are in season or locally grown.

Prayerfully consider how you can care for our earth and use its resources in moderation.

Rev. 22:17 ~ Let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

Water covers 70% of our planet, and it is easy to think that it will always be plentiful. But only 3% of the world's water is fresh water, and two-thirds of that is tucked away in frozen glaciers or otherwise unavailable for our use. As a result, some 1.1 billion people worldwide lack access to water. Inadequate sanitation is also a problem for 2.4 billion people, exposing them to cholera and typhoid fever, and other water-borne illnesses.

About half of the world's wetlands have been destroyed since 1900, devastating the habitats of mammals, birds, fish and invertebrates. Wetlands also support the cultivation of rice, a staple in the diet of half the world's population and provide water filtration, storm protection, flood control and recreation.

Humans contribute to the lack of clean of water through over consumption, pollution, conflict, and privatization.

Prayerfully consider how you can care for our water, use it wisely, and help keep it clean of pollutants.

Gen. 1:2 - Darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Clean air is essential to life. Though air quality in the United States has improved significantly since the passage of the Clean Air Act in 1979, there are still many areas of the country where the public is exposed to unhealthy levels of air pollutants and sensitive ecosystems are damaged by air pollution.

Poor air quality is responsible for an estimated 60,000 premature deaths in the United States each year and costs from air pollution-related illness are estimated at \$150 billion per year, as well as a variety of serious environmental impacts such as acidification of lakes and streams and nutrient depletion in soils and water bodies.

Humans contribute to poor air quality through motor vehicle exhaust, industrial emissions, gasoline vapors, and chemical solvents as well as emitting dust, dirt, soot, and exhaust from mowers, ATV's, cars, trucks, buses, factories, construction sites and wood burning. These are just a few examples of how we contribute to diminished air quality.

Prayerfully consider how you might improve our air quality by reducing your carbon footprint.