

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 30, 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

CANTABILE FROM WE WALK BY FAITH
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

JAMES BIERY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

SING PRAISE TO CHRIST
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

J. S. BACH
BWV 142

Sing praise to Christ, the Lord, sing praise to Christ, sing praises!
Alleluia! Sing praise to Christ, our risen savior, our savior and king!
Adore him forever, and worship his name.

The **voluntary** comes from a suite for organ by Michigan-based composer James Biery, based on a hymn tune attributed to an early surveyor of Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

As you walk with us, as we journey together,
Lord, your word fills our hearts!
As you speak with us, as your love is revealed,
Lord, your fire burns in our hearts!
As we proclaim what we have seen and heard,
may all people be drawn to you, the risen Lord!

The **introit** is a chorus from Bach's Cantata No. 142.

* HYMN #251

CHRIST HAS ARISEN, ALLELUIA

"MFURAHINI, HALELUYA"

(You are invited to use your percussion instruments to make a joyful noise.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, we confess
that we look for the living among the dead.
We are foolish and slow to believe
the promise of the prophets.
We are frightened and full of doubt,
even when you stand among us.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Open our hearts to receive your word,
and feed us with the bread of life,
the life that death cannot destroy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord...

(Time for silent reflection and prayer)

We lead the acts of **confession** and **assurance of forgiveness** from the baptismal font, since it is at baptism that we first receive the promises of forgiveness and rebirth.

KYRIE ELEISON #579

LORD, HAVE MERCY

"ORTHODOX"

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

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

FIRST READING ACTS 2:14A, 36-41 PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 111

ANTHEM *CHRIST IS RISEN* AUSTIN C. LOVELACE

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Christ is risen, Christ is living, dry your tears, be unafraid!
Death and darkness could not hold him, nor the tomb in which he lay.
Do not look among the dead for one who lives forevermore;
Tell the world that Christ is risen, make it known he goes before.

If the Lord had never risen, we'd have nothing to believe;
But his promise can be trusted: "You will live, because I live."
As we share the death of Adam, so in Christ we live again;
Death has lost its sting and terror, Christ the Lord has come to reign.

Death has lost its old dominion, let the world rejoice and shout.
Christ, the firstborn of the living, gives us life and leads us out.
Let us thank our God, who causes hope to spring up from the ground.
Christ is risen, Christ is giving life eternal, life profound.

SECOND READING LUKE 24:13-35 PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 84

SERMON REV. CAROLINE M. KELLY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom
and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms.
He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first.

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us
lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom.**

Acts is the sequel to the gospel according to Luke. It tells the story of the beginnings of the church, describing its spread from Jerusalem to all of Palestine, and as far as Greece.

The **anthem** incorporates a traditional American hymn tune with original music of composer Austin C. Lovelace, to depict a celebratory text of 20th century Argentinian pastor Nicolás Martínez.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #741

GUIDE MY FEET

“GUIDE MY FEET”

(You are invited to use your percussion instruments to make a joyful noise.)

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* SUNG BENEDICTION #306

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

DENNIS

(Please join hands as we sing together.)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

CARILLON FROM WE WALK BY FATIH
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

JAMES BIERY

* 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 Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Caroline Kelly
Liturgist.....Cathy Levitas
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musicians..... The Sanctuary Choir
Sound Technician..... Joe Aurigemma
Nursery Care Providers.....Ginny Reid and Jessie Gates
Ushers.....Mike Levitas and Jim Mooney

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 Rich and Georgene McKenzie. **There are openings to sponsor the radio broadcast on July 2 and 30.**

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers. We have a flower opening on 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.

NEXT COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING COALITION FORUM ON OPIOID CRISIS: May 10 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm If you are interested in learning how you can be part of addressing the opioid epidemic in our area, join the Community Strengthening Coalition in Fellowship Hall for the next interactive forum for community members. Please contact Rev. Kelly for more information.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of April 23, 2017
Total 2017 Pledges Promised	\$239,352.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 13,339.00
2017 Pledge Balance Promised	\$226,014.00
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$77,698.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$71,908.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 5,789.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	April 24, 2016	April 23, 2017
	68	78

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.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN UP DAY! On Saturday, **May 6th** the Buildings & Grounds Committee invites you to come out and help clean up the church from 9AM-12PM. We will be raking, pruning, and planting for those who like to garden. Other jobs include some painting, kitchen cleaning, installing air conditioners and organizing a room full of "special things" that need TLC (Tag it, Lift it, Cart it away). Bring your own tools and gloves if you like.

FAITH FORMATION

SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: SAVE THE DATE: Vacation Bible School will take place the week of **June 20-24**, beginning with supper at 5:30 followed by the program from 6-8PM. The **theme is Rome: Paul and the Underground Church**. For more information and to register contact the church office.

SAVE THE DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 9- GETTING A DRIVER'S LICENSE: WHAT'S GOD GOT TO DO WITH IT?

Come find out as we celebrate our youth who are on their way to becoming licensed drivers. Join us for a potluck picnic supper and conversation about the connection between this important rite of passage and our relationship with God, as we gift and bless these soon-to-be licensed drivers. The event will take place at Rocky Gap State Park, White Pine Shelter, starting at 6:00 pm.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

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

MONDAY, MAY (1)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
1:00 PM AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
6:00 PM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MEETING IN THE PARLOR
7:00 PM CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL

TUESDAY, MAY (2)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:30 PM PLANNED GIVING SEMINAR

WEDNESDAY, MAY (3)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:00 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC 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, MAY (4)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:30 PM MISSION MEETING IN THE PARLOR

FRIDAY, MAY (5)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, MAY (6)

9:00 AM SPRING CLEAN UP DAY
4:00 PM PARKING LOT USE FOR WEDDING AT EMMANUEL
6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, MAY (7)

9:45 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY
11:00 AM SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION
GUEST PREACHER ANN ATKINS
12:00 PM FIRST SUNDAY FOOD & FELLOWSHIP
3:00 PM CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT
4:30 PM YOUTH GROUP MEETING