

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MAY 21, 2017

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

PRELUDE NO. 2 IN G MAJOR
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

FESTIVE INTROIT

TREPAK FROM *THE NUTCRACKER*
THE JOYBELLS

PYOTR ILYICH TCHAIKOVSKY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather us in, O Lord, and purify our hearts.
For we have come through many times of testing and trouble.
Gather us in, O Lord, and make us one people;
For we have strayed and been estranged from ones we love.
Gather us in, O Lord, and make us your disciples;
Teach us your will and your ways that we may be a living example of your love.

* HYMN #401

HERE IN THIS PLACE

"GATHER US IN"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Maker and giver of all,
forgive us when we are too preoccupied
to notice your presence in our lives:
when we walk through this world
and fail to see the wonder
of you upholding our lives and all creation;
when we walk through our lives
and fail to see you abiding with, within, and around us;
when we walk through holy moments
and fail to savor your presence,
instead feeling abandoned in the vast sweep of life
as each day rushes at us with its demands.

Open our eyes to your presence, God of love,
that we may lean on you—
for you uphold all of creation in tenderness and power...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

Felix

Mendelssohn

(1809-1847) was born into a prominent Jewish family, but was baptized as a Reformed Christian at the age of seven. Mendelssohn's musical career was defined by his signature devotion to conventional melody and harmony and his rediscovery and championing of the works of J. S. Bach.

Trepak (Трпак)

is one of several ethnic dances from Tchaikovsky's famous ballet, *The Nutcracker*. It is arranged for bell choir by Douglas E. Wagner.

KYRIE ELEISON #579

LORD, HAVE MERCY

"ORTHODOX"

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

JOHN 14:15-21

PEW BIBLE, NT, p. 103

ANTHEM

PEACE IN OUR TIME
THE JOYBELLS

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

SECOND READING

I PETER 3:13-22

PEW BIBLE, NT, p. 220

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #300

WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT

"THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS"

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

ANN KELLERMAYER AND CAROLINE KELLY

OF ELDERS (CLASS OF 2020)

BARBARA ABER, CHELSEA BOOR, JEFF GETTY, JOE WEAVER

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

RENUNCATIONS

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.

John's author makes no attempt to give a chronological account of the life of Jesus (which the other gospels do, to a degree), but rather writes "... so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name."

The Anthem arranged by John A. Behnke, is a hymn tune written by **Mendelssohn** to be sung to a Latin hymn, paraphrased in English by Martin Luther.

PROFESSION

I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

CHARGE

WELCOME

RESPONSE #300

WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT

"THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS"

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one;
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

RECOGNITION OF JOYBELLS HANDBELL CHOIR

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

*(Since our service is broadcast on the radio, please make sure
you have permission to request prayer on behalf of another person.)*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH 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.

Baptism is the basic Christian "ordination," in which we are all claimed to be disciples of Jesus Christ and to serve in the service of others. For this reason, the ordination and installation service includes a reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

HE WATCHING OVER ISRAEL
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps.
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish,
He will quicken thee.

The musical offering, based on a verse of Psalm 121, is the choral apex of Mendelssohn’s oratorio *Elijah*.

* AT THE PRESENTATION 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 #836 ABIDE WITH ME “EVENTIDE”

* 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 ALLEGRO MAESTOSO E VIVACE AND FUGUE FELIX MENDELSSOHN
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN FROM SONATA NO. 2

* 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**.

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
- Ushers..... Barbara Leasure and Sharon Squires

Mendelssohn published Six Organ Sonatas based on improvisations he played at St. Paul’s Cathedral in London, where he was wildly popular.

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 August 13, 20, and September 3.**

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Fred and Victoria Smith, Maureen Barnes, and Fred Smith, Jr., by Charles and Mae Orlick. **Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers. 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 May 14, 2017
Total 2017 Pledges Promised	\$241,753.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 13,339.00
<u>2017 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$228,414.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$90,069.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$84,597.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 5,471.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	May 15, 2016	May 14, 2017
	78	90

FAITH FORMATION

SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Vacation Bible School will take place the week of **June 20-24**, beginning with supper at 5:30 followed by the program from 6:00-8:00PM. 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 6:00PM.

MISSION

PENTECOST OFFERING: On June 4 we will be contributing to the Pentecost Offering. Forty percent of the funds will go to the Family Junction, a private, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting positive parenting and strengthening families in Allegany County, Maryland. Since 1996, the Family Junction has provided support to families by furnishing parents with the resources they need to build strong, healthy relationships with their children. Their goal is enriching the relationship between parent and child through effective communication, common-sense parenting skills and positive discipline. Families matter to this organization!

ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR SUMMER LUNCHBOX 2017: Calling all sandwich makers and lunch packers....We will again be making and delivering lunches for eight Fridays this summer ~ **beginning Friday, June 23 and running through Friday, August 11**. Please plan to join us in the Fellowship from 9:30 – noon for any or all Friday mornings this summer. We welcome all helpers. Please sign up on the sheets in the side hallway at church or call Cathy Levitas at [301-707-7386](tel:301-707-7386) for more information.

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: The monthly outreach dinner that we help with will be held **next Sunday, May 28**, 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 brownies, please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY, MAY (21)

9:45 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY
11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF ELDERS
4:30 PM YOUTH GROUP MEETING
5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL

MONDAY, MAY (22) SEXTON JOHN BROWN VACATION

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, MAY (23) SEXTON JOHN BROWN VACATION

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, MAY (24) SEXTON JOHN BROWN VACATION

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
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, MAY (25) SEXTON JOHN BROWN VACATION

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, MAY (26) SEXTON JOHN BROWN VACATION

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, MAY (27)
6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, MAY (28)

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

**** Please note that Executive Administrative Assistant Brittany Jackson will be on vacation from May 30th - June 6st. The church office will be open from 9:00AM-12:00PM by office volunteers.**

The Church office will be CLOSED on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.



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.