

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MAY 28, 2017

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

DENNIS ELIOT

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

ALLELUIA
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

MICHAEL PRAETORIUS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy, sing songs of praise,
for God reigns over all the earth!
God has gone up with a shout!
Sound the trumpets and sing songs of praise!

* HYMN #305

COME SING, O CHURCH, IN JOY!

"DARWALL'S 148TH"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, we have not lived our lives as kingdom people.
We place our crowns on hopelessness, fear, and selfishness.
We are ruled by our schedules and our need for control.
We make kings of the things we acquire and queens of our immediate desires.
We forget that your kingdom draws near to us on earth, as it is in heaven.

Forgive us, we pray.

Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

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

My Country, 'Tis Of Thee was written by Baptist minister and journalist Samuel Francis Smith, and first performed at an Independence Day celebration in Boston in 1831. The tune of the song is borrowed from the English anthem *God Save the King*, and its exact origins are unknown.

Michael Praetorius's **Alleluia** is a canonic work, likely written during his youth in Thuringia. He became one of the most progressive composers of the late Renaissance.

MUSICAL OFFERING

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

SCOTT OYER

The Christian life is marked by the offering of one's self to God. In worship, God presents us with the costly self-offering of Jesus Christ, who has claimed us and set us free. In response to God's love in Christ, we offer our lives, our gifts, our abilities, and our material goods for God's service.

* **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 #263** ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME "CORONATION"

* 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** THE ZEAL OF THE LORD ANTHONY GIAMANCO
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

* 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..... Rev. Caroline Kelly
Liturgist.....David Stickler
Pianist.....Nancy Hodges
Musicians The Sanctuary Choir
Sound Technician..... Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Bill and Ann Kellermeyer

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

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

Class of 2020: Barbara Aber, Chelsea Boor, Jeff Getty, Pam Jan, and Joe Weaver

Clerk of Session.....	Jeff Getty
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 Carolyn Mathews. **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 Mr. and Mrs. H.V. Courtney and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hoffman, by the William Courtney family. **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.**

REMINDER: OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS on Sunday, June 11. Worship is at 10:00 AM and there is no Sunday School during the summer months.

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 22, 2016	May 21, 2017
	90	69

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.

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: Next Sunday will be Pentecost Sunday, the day to contribute to the Pentecost Offering. **25% of the Pentecost Offering goes to Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) opportunities.** Your gifts to the Offering have helped this ministry area to:

- **train and equip** young adult volunteers for mission at more than 21 sites in the U.S. and around the world.
- **reduce barriers to serve** by providing assistance with student loan debt, medical insurance, and a simple living stipend.
- **provide** additional funding to ensure all young adults have the opportunity to participate.
- **provide funds** for retreats, speakers, and counseling to help YAVs discern God's call.

Please consider supporting this worthwhile offering.

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 **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 brownies, please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

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

MONDAY, MAY (29)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY

TUESDAY, MAY (30)

BRITTANY VACATION

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN UNTIL NOON

WEDNESDAY, MAY (31)

BRITTANY VACATION

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN UNTIL NOON
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, JUNE (1)

BRITTANY VACATION

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN UNTIL NOON

FRIDAY, JUNE (2)

BRITTANY VACATION

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN UNTIL NOON

SATURDAY, JUNE (3)

6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, JUNE (4)

9:45 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY
11:00 AM SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION
DAY OF PENTECOST
12:00 PM FIRST SUNDAY FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

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

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

Next Sunday, June 4th, is **Pentecost**. Please help us celebrate the gift of the Spirit by wearing something **red**.



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.