

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 18, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

IMPROVISATION IN D
BEAU HARTMAN, PIANO

O. G. HARTMAN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

HOW LONG, O LORD BARBARA WOOLLETT AND CHRISTOPHER NORTON
CAROLYN MATTHEWS, GUITAR AND VOCALS

How long, O Lord, will you forget an answer to my prayer?
No tokens of your love I see; your face is turned away from me;
I wrestle with despair!

How long, O Lord, will you forsake and leave me in this way?
When will you come to my relief? My heart is overwhelmed with grief,
by evil night and day!

How long, O Lord? But you forgive with mercy from above.
I find that all your ways are just; I learn to praise you and to trust
in your unfailing love!

A paraphrase of Psalm 13, the **introit** convincingly captures the self-centered desperation of the psalm, before breaking the mood in the third verse, with the awareness of God's all-powerful mercy and love.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Trust in the Lord and commit your way to our God.

For the Lord will make vindication shine like the light and justice like the noonday sun.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently because
those who wait for the Lord will inherit what has been promised.

**Our steps are made firm by the Lord. Even if we stumble we shall not fall,
for the Lord holds us by the hand.**

The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; God is their shelter in time of trouble.

**For God helps them and rescues them and saves them
because they take their refuge in the Lord.**

So let us offer praise to our God:

The Lord's name be praised!

This summer we will be using the scriptures from the Narrative Lectionary instead of the Revised Common Lectionary, focusing on Biblical books and topics that fall outside the typical readings: one series on the Psalms; one series on Ephesians; and one series on Revelation.

* HYMN #812

O SAVE ME, GOD, AND HEAR MY CRY

"DETROIT"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of every time and place, though we regularly affirm your loving presence when things are going well, we confess that we are apt to assume that you have abandoned us in the difficult times. Sure of your attention to us on the good days, we often fear that you have forgotten us when life turns bleak.

Forgive our flickering and fickle faith and restore within us the certainty of your constant presence no matter the circumstances of our lives. Then lead us to a more credible witness of your care so that all may come to know of your love in every time and season, through Jesus Christ our Lord...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

KYRIE ELEISON #576

LORD, HAVE MERCY

"SINGAPURA"

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE #288

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

"LIVING GOD"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

* 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

II PETER 3:3-4,8-10

ANTHEM

WITHOUT YOU

FOR KING AND COUNTRY

BEAU HARTMAN, SOPRANO

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

THE TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

Refrain:

Em C⁶ D G C Am⁶ B

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me. O
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God. The

Em C⁶ D G⁶ Am B Em fine

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me. O
Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well - spring of life. The

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.

The **Prayer for Illumination** is a hallmark of our Reformed tradition, in which we ask the Holy Spirit to change the ordinary words of scripture and preaching into the Living Word, which has the power to open hearts and minds and to transform our lives.

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
and grief in my heart, day after day?

How long shall my enemy triumph over me? *Response, verse 1*

Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God;
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

lest my enemy say, "I have defeated you,"
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen. *Response, verse 1 and 2*

But I trust in your unfailing love;
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

I will sing to the LORD,
who has dealt with me richly. *Response, verse 2*

SERMON

HOW LONG?

REV. WALT PETERS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #844

INCLINE YOUR EAR, O LORD, TO ME

"DANBY"

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

HOW LONG, O GOD, WILL MY PRAYERS BE IN VAIN?

BARBARA HAMM

CAROLYN MATTHEWS, GUITAR AND VOCALS

How long, O God, will my prayers be in vain? Why must I languish in sorrow and pain?
Do not abandon a child you have made; you are my shelter, my solace and shade.

When evil prospers and hope is long gone, do not forsake me, your presence withdrawn.
Shield and protect those who call on your name; you are my God and your blessing I claim.

Early and late will my tongue sing your praise; you will uphold me the length of my days.
You are a stronghold for all the oppressed; hear us, O God! Let your people be blessed.

For the first five weeks of summer, worship will focus on the psalms, a collection of 150 poems, originally written for and used in worship. The collection consists of primarily four types: psalms of praise; psalms of lament; psalms of thanks; and psalms of trust.

Not based on any particular psalm, **the musical offering** encompasses many of the emotions found in psalms of despair. It was written in 2009 by United Church of Christ songwriter Barbara Hamm, of Benicia, California.

* **AT THE PRESENTATION** *BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD (v. 3)* "TRENTHAM"
Breathe on me, Breath of God; till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN #834** *PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND* "PRECIOUS LORD"

* **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** *GOD OF WONDERS BY THIRD DAY* ARR. O.G. HARTMAN
BEAU HARTMAN, 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. Walt Peters
Liturgist.....Pam Jan
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Pianist.....Beau Hartman
Vocalist.....Carolyn Mathews
Sound Technician.....Joe Aurigemma
Ushers..... Rolfe Singerman and Barbara Leasure

Today we welcome back the **Rev. Walt Peters** as our guest preacher while Caroline Kelly is away for continuing education. He served congregations in Macon, GA; Tampa, FL, and Augusta, GA, before coming to First Presbyterian in Westminster in 1999, being honorably retired by Baltimore Presbytery in October of 2013. In retirement he is an active participant in the Wild Wild West Ministry Group and serves as the presbytery's Associate Stated Clerk. He and his wife Rebecca reside in Hagerstown. They have three grown children and two grandchildren.

Today we **welcome Beau Hartman** back as our guest pianist while Bryan Lohr is away for continuing education.

OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....Rev. Caroline M. Kelly
Director of Music MinistriesBryan 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

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

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 JoAnn Brotemarkle, in loving memory of her parents. **There are openings to sponsor the radio broadcast on September 3, October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.**

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God by Bert and Ronny Barb and in loving memory of Phyllis Bolyard by her 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.**

ALLEGANY ACAPELLA HARMONY, a mixed choir under the direction of Zach and Mikayla Dodge, will have a Summer Bash on June 22nd at Trinity United Methodist Church! AAH will perform selections of barbershop and acapella music. Afterwards meet the members of AAH and our new Directors Zach and Mikayla Dodge! This event is free and open to the public (though donations are appreciated)! Email Mikayla Dodge at mikaylaedodge@yahoo.com for more information or with any questions."

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of June 11, 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	\$114,826.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$101,517.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 13,308.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	June 12, 2016	June 11, 2017
	60	57

FAITH FORMATION

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will take place the week of **June 19-23**, beginning with supper at 5:30PM, followed by the program from 6:00-8:00PM. The **theme is Rome: Paul and the Underground Church**. For more information and to register (children 4 years and up), contact the church office. Registration deadline is Monday, June 19. We will be providing cookies and lemonade Friday evening for the children and their parents (estimating 110). If you can provide cookies, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the hallway and bring your items to the church kitchen no later than noon on Thursday, June 22nd.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

THE HIGHLANDERS GROUP will meet for lunch at Texas Grillhouse in LaVale **tomorrow, June 19th, at noon**. If you have any questions or if you need a ride, please contact Mary Gallion at 301-759-3607.

MISSION

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 this 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.

SUMMER LUNCHBOX NEEDS: The Summer Lunchbox Committee is requesting people to bring in boxes for packing lunches for Summer Lunchbox. They are in need of boxes that are about the size of a ream of paper box -- about 2ft. x 2ft. x 2ft. Boxes should be marked "SLB" and left under the SLB sign-up table in the side hallway or downstairs in the fellowship hall.



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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY, JUNE (18)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
GUEST PREACHER: REV WALT PETERS

MONDAY, JUNE (19)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
9:15 AM MOUNTAINSIDE BAROQUE (ALL DAY)
1:00 PM RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
5:30 PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELD AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

TUESDAY, JUNE (20)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
9:15 AM MOUNTAINSIDE BAROQUE (ALL DAY)
5:30 PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELD AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

WEDNESDAY, JUNE (21)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
9:15 AM MOUNTAINSIDE BAROQUE (ALL DAY)
5:30 PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELD AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

THURSDAY, JUNE (22)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
9:15 AM MOUNTAINSIDE BAROQUE (ALL DAY)
5:30 PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELD AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
6:00 PM SOUTH DAKOTA MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

FRIDAY, JUNE (23)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
9:15 AM SUMMER LUNCH BOX PROGRAM
9:15 AM MOUNTAINSIDE BAROQUE (ALL DAY)
5:30 PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELD AT ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

SATURDAY, JUNE (24)

CHURCH OF CHRIST (UCC) ARRIVES FOR OVERNIGHT STAY
FPC OF ROCKAWAY, NJ NAILS GROUP ARRIVES
6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

SUNDAY, JUNE (25)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
GUEST PREACHER: REV ANN ATIKINS

Please note that Rev. Kelly will be out of town for continuing education from June 18-23 and on vacation from June 24-July 1. For pastoral emergencies during her absence, please contact the church office at [301-777-3700](tel:301-777-3700) or the Rev. Hans Killius at [\(240\) 803-9933](tel:240-803-9933). We will welcome Rev. Walt Peters on Sunday, June 18 and Rev. Ann Atkins on Sunday, June 25 as our guest preachers.

Bryan Lohr will be out of town for continuing education from June 18-23. We will welcome Beau Hartman as the pianist on Sunday, June 18.