

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 16, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

10:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

PRELUDE ON NICAEA

CHARLES CALLAHAN

FROM A SUITE OF ENGLISH HYMN TUNES

BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Hope in Christ!
Hear the word of truth,
the good news of our salvation.
Believe in Christ!
We are sealed with the mark
of the Holy Spirit.
Live in Christ!
We embrace our inheritance,
as children of God.
Live to the glory of Christ!

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Giving God,
you have adopted us as your children,
sisters and brothers of your beloved, Jesus Christ.
Empower us to be holy and blameless witnesses
to your glorious reign of peace and love
now come into this world. **Amen.**

* HYMN #1

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

"NICAEA"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
you are the God of glory.
We confess that we often forget
that your holiness is dangerous.
Forgive us when we make excuses for the sins we commit,
and expect you to overlook the harm we cause
while still demanding justice from others.
We do not deserve your mercy.

A delicate setting of the "Holy, Holy, Holy" tune, the **opening voluntary** is from a 2015 suite by Vermont-based composer, Charlie Callahan. The suite was commissioned by First Presbyterian Church in Greensburg, PA to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the music ministry of their organist.

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

Forgive us,
and return us to a right relationship with you
for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ.
You made us for the purpose of praising you;
enliven us with the Holy Spirit
so that we can fulfill our calling
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ ...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

KYRIE ELEISON #28

YOU ARE BEFORE ME, LORD

"SURSUM CORDA"

Search me, O God; search me and know my heart;
try me, O God; my mind and spirit try;
keep me from any path that gives you pain,
and lead me in the everlasting way.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

"HALLE, HALLE"

Hal-le-Hal-le-Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le-Hal-le-Hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal-le-Hal-le-Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le-lu-ja. Hal - le - lu - ja.

* 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 14:25-27

PEW BIBLE, NT, p. 103

ANTHEM

BE STILL AND KNOW
ERIC RINGLER, SOLOIST

STEPHEN CURTIS CHAPMAN

Be still and know that he is God. Be still and know that he is holy. Be still, oh restless soul of mine.
Bow before the prince of peace; Let the noise and clamor cease.
Be still and know that he is God. Be still and know that he is faithful.
Consider all that he has done; Stand in awe and be amazed, and know that he will never change.
Be still. Be still and know that he is God.

Be still; Be speechless. Be still and know he is our father.
Come rest your head upon his breast; Listen to the rhythm of his unfailing heart of love,
beating for his little ones, calling each of us to come. Be still.

This summer we are 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. We begin a four week series on Ephesians today.

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

That same eternal God and Father, who by grace alone chose us in his Son Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world was laid, appointed him to be our head, our brother, our pastor, and the great bishop of our souls. But since the opposition between the justice of God and our sins was such that we by ourselves could not overcome estrangement with God, it was necessary for the Son of God to descend to us and take himself a body of our body, flesh of our flesh, and bone of our bone, and so become the Mediator between God and humanity, giving power to as many as believe in him to be the sons and daughters of God; as he himself says, "I ascend to my Father and to your Father, to my God and to your God." By this most holy brotherhood whatever we have lost in Adam is restored to us again. Therefore we are not afraid to call God our Father, not so much because God has created us, which we have in common with the reprobate, as because God has given his only Son to be our brother, and given us grace to acknowledge and embrace him as our only Mediator.

* HYMN #435

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

"IN BABILONE"

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

GOD IS WORKING HIS PURPOSE OUT

MARTIN SHAW

ERIC RINGLER, SOLOIST

God is working his purpose out, as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out, and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase
the love of God in humankind, the reign of the Prince of peace?
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea?

The Scots

Confession was written in 1560 by John Knox as the charter document for the Church of Scotland, the mother church for American Presbyterians. Though it contains its share of polemics, its literary style is simple and direct, making it a good choice for instruction in the faith more than four hundred years after it was written. Some of its language has been revised to make it more accessible to 21st century ears.

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.

All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed;
yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

The words to the **musical offering** were written in 1894 by Arthur Campbell Ainger as a tribute to the Archbishop of Canterbury. The refrain is based on a passage from the Old Testament book of Habakkuk.

* **AT THE PRESENTATION** *O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING* "AZMON"
To God all glory, praise, and love be now
and ever given by saints below and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven.

* **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN #475** *COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING* "NETTLETON"

* **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** *SCHERZO / TOCCATA ON "COME, THOU FOUNT"* FREDRICK STEFFEN
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**.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev. Caroline Kelly
Liturgist.....David Stickler
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Vocalist.....Eric Ringler
Sound Technician.....Joe Aurigemma
Thank you to today's ushers!

OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....Rev. Caroline M. Kelly
Director of Music MinistriesBryan Lohr
Executive Administrative Assistant.....Brittany Jackson
Sound Tech/Security.....Joe Aurigemma
Sexton.....John Brown

THE SESSION

Class of 2018: Carl Belt, Carolyn Mathews, Judy Stern, and 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 Rich and Georgene McKenzie. **There are openings to sponsor the radio broadcast on September 3, October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.**

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: 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 July 9, 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	\$122,946.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$114,207.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 8,739.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	July 10, 2016	July 9, 2017
	66	60

MISSION

ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR SUMMER LUNCHBOX 2017: Calling all sandwich makers and lunch packers! We will be making and delivering lunches on each Friday this summer. 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.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE: Our next Contemplative Prayer Service in the style of the Taizé community will be offered in the chapel at 5:00PM **today**. You can come as you are, invite a friend, or the person walking down the street. You may remain silent or participate in the singing and reading. You can also bring an instrument to join in! **We will gather for this service on the third Sunday each month.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY, JULY (16)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE

MONDAY, JULY (17)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
1:00 PM AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

TUESDAY, JULY (18)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, JULY (19)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
10:30 AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

THURSDAY, JULY (20)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, JULY (21)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
9:15 AM SUMMER LUNCH BOX PROGRAM

SATURDAY, JULY (22)

6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

SUNDAY, JULY (23)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
WARNER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KENSINGTON, MD NAILS GROUP ARRIVES



Watch us live on Livestream- Sundays at 10 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.