

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 30, 2017

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

10:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

PRELUDE NO. 2 IN B MINOR
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

JOHN KNOWLES PAINE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

THOU WILT KEEP HIM IN PERFECT PEACE
GAIL PLITNIK, SOPRANO

OLEY SPEAKS

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.
The darkness is no darkness to thee, but the night is clear as the day.
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship our God,
for there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Parent of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.
We come with humility, gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another in love.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving Trinity,
your justice is the working out
of your mercy and peace on earth.
Nourish us with the power of the Son,
and let us grow into his image and likeness.
Humble us in our self-conceits
so that we act not arrogantly
but with humility, patience, forbearance, and love.
Equip us for ministry on behalf of all who cry out to you.
Help us to live lives worthy of the calling
to which you call us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN #309

COME, GREAT GOD OF ALL THE AGES

"ABBOT'S LEIGH"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The **opening voluntary** is an early work of John Knowles Paine (1839-1906.) Paine was the first professor of music at Harvard and a pioneer in the field of modern music education.

Born in Canal Winchester, Ohio, **Oley Speaks** was a prolific songwriter in the 20th century, in both sacred and secular genres.

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 continue the four week series on Ephesians today.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you have called us to live lives
worthy of the calling to which we have been called.
But we confess to you and each other
that we have not always spoken the truth in love;
we have not always made every effort
to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
Forgive us and, by your grace, help us to grow in every way
into him who is our head, Jesus Christ ...

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.)

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.

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). Chords above are G, D, G, C, Am, D. The second staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). Chords above are G, B7, Em, Am, D7, G, C, G, D.

* 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 15:14

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 103

ANTHEM

ETERNAL LIFE

OLIVE DUNGAN

GAIL PLITNIK, SOPRANO

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

O divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

The anthem is a setting of the famous Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi by Olive Dungan (1904-1997), a native of Pittsburgh who composed music for voice and piano.

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 4:1-16

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 182

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

The Apostles' Creed is one of two creeds from the ancient church that comes as close as any other confessional statements to expressing the faith of all Christians, of all traditions, throughout church history. Although not written by apostles, the Apostles' Creed reflects the theological formulations of the first century church.

* HYMN #733

WE ALL ARE ONE IN MISSION

"EN FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN"

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.)

OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....	Rev. Caroline M. Kelly
Director of Music Ministries	Bryan Lohr
Executive Administrative Assistant.....	Brittany Jackson
Sound Tech/Security.....	Joe Aurigemma
Sexton.....	John Brown
Sunday Worship Child Care Providers.....	Ginny Reid and Jessie Gates

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 Linda Mellon. **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.

LIVESTREAM has cut off free access to their platform so, for the immediate future, our worship services will not be available in live video format. As we research and consider other streaming options, please let Carolyn Matthews or David Stickler know if and how you have used this service and any thoughts about our ability to broadcast our worship services beyond our sanctuary walls.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of July 23, 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	\$131,986.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$126,896.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 5,089.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	July 24, 2016	July 23, 2017
	56	60

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD & FELLOWSHIP: We're looking for volunteers to assist with coordinating and/or donating food for our First Sunday Food & Fellowship after worship on the first Sunday of each month. Two people are required to help set-up, assist during the fellowship and clean-up. Please contact Buck Belt (cbeltjr@thebeltgroup.com) or Barb Aber (Barbaber125@gmail.com) if you would be willing to assist as a coordinator or be a food donor for any of the upcoming Sundays: **September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th, and December 3rd.** Detailed instructions will be provided.

FAITH FORMATION

MISSION MILESTONE FOLLOW-UP: Join us for an ice-cream social in the Fellowship Hall after worship next Sunday and hear from our mission trip participants about their experiences with South Dakota and the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

ACCIDENTAL SAINTS: FINDING GOD IN ALL THE WRONG PEOPLE

Cheri Duncan will be leading a book study this fall based on Nadia Bolz-Weber's 2015 book, *Accidental Saints*. Bolz-Weber is a highly-acclaimed preacher and speaker and New York Times best-selling writer, but she is also unconventional and sometimes irreverent. In the book, she writes about what happens when a group of unlikely religious people form an authentic Christian community focused more on practices than on doctrine. If you are interested in finding out more or in joining the group, please join Cheri today after worship in the parlor.

MISSION

WEST VIRGINIA FLOOD RELIEF WORK CAMP: We still have some openings for the mission trip to Greenbrier, WV from September 16-22. If you are interested in participating or if you would like more information, please contact Phil Mills.

FINAL WEEKS OF SUMMER LUNCHBOX 2017: HELP NEEDED!! Calling all sandwich makers and lunch packers! We will be making and delivering lunches for two more Fridays this summer. Please plan to join us in the Fellowship from 9:30 - noon on August 4th and 11th! We welcome all helpers. Please sign up on the sheets in the side hallway at church or call Cathy Levitas 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 on **Sunday, August 20th**. 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.**

SAVE THE DATE: BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING AND SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION: We will offer prayers and blessings for students and teachers of all ages during worship on **Sunday, August 20**, in preparation for the start of a new school year. In connection with the blessing, we are collecting school supplies for Allegany County students in coordination with United Way's "Stuff the Bus." Supplies need to be delivered to the church no later than **Sunday, August 13** in order to meet the pick up deadline.

Supplies needed are: backpacks, pencils, pens, colored pencils, crayons, book covers, small tissue packs, notebook paper, 3-ring binders, erasers, flash cards, 3-prong folders w/ pockets, 3-subject spiral notebooks, 1-subject spiral notebooks, glue sticks, composition books, washable markers, pencil cases, rulers, scissors, index cards, rulers, folders

SAVE THE-DATE: Our **Fall Kickoff** has been scheduled for Sunday, **September 10th**, at Rocky Gap State Park. Rather than gathering in the sanctuary, the kickoff will be held in the Lakeview Shelter starting with worship at 11AM and followed by a potluck picnic. Please mark your calendars!

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY, JULY (30)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MONDAY, JULY (31)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, AUGUST (1)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

5:30 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING IN THE PARLOR

6:30 PM MISSION MEETING IN THE PARLOR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST (2)

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, AUGUST (3)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, AUGUST (4)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

9:00 AM SUMMER LUNCH BOX PROGRAM

SATURDAY, AUGUST (5)

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST (6)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 AM FIRST SUNDAY FOOD & FELLOWSHIP/MISSION MILESTONE FOLLOW-UP



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.