

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 13, 2017

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

10:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

ENTHRONED
BEAU HARTMAN, PIANO

O.G. HARTMAN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us sing to the Lord.
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving and songs of praise!
The Lord our God is a great God, ruling above all other gods.
We are the people of God's pasture, sheep who are held in the hand of the Lord.
Let us worship and bow down, for the Lord is a great God! Let us kneel before our Maker.
Adapted from Psalm 95

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Glory to you, O God, for you are the author of all that is good in our lives and our world.
In you, we are made whole; in you we find meaning and purpose in life; in you we are bound together as Christ's people. Open us to your presence in our worship and touch us with awe and wonder at the love we have known through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* HYMN #32

I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD

"ELLACOMBE"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, in spite of our claims of faithfulness we have given in to the claims that other gods have made upon us. All too often, we worship at the altars of wealth and power. We offer devotion that approaches idolatry to country or job or political positions. We extend unseemly adulation to celebrities and athletes and public figures. Because we have bowed ourselves before these other gods, we confess our failure to live in full commitment to your way. Forgive us, we pray. By your grace, restore us to your favor and give us both the desire and the will to worship you, and you only, so that we may live as full and faithful followers of Jesus Christ our Lord...

(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.

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.

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.)

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

JOHN 17:1-5

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 105

ANTHEM

RUSHING WATERS

MICHAEL FARREN AND DUSTIN SMITH

BEAU HARTMAN, PIANO

Let us hear the sound of angels singing holy, holy, holy is the Lord

Let us see the saints and elders

Gathering in worship 'round your throne

There's only one desire

In the hearts of your redeemed

To step deeper in the place

Where earth and heaven meet

With the sound like rushing waters

We sing blessing, honor and praise

With one voice that rolls like thunder

Every tongue will now proclaim

Our God reigns, our God reigns

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. Today we begin our four week series on Revelation.

SECOND READING

REVELATION 4:1-11

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 233

SERMON

REV. WALT PETERS

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

* HYMN #612

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

"KREMSEY"

* 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.

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

REVELATION SONG

PHILLIPS, CRAIG, AND DEAN

BEAU HARTMAN, PIANO

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, holy, holy is he
Sing a new song to him who sits on heaven's mercy seat

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings
You are my everything and I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lighting rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory and power be
To you the only one who's King

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.

Today we welcome back our guest preacher, the **Rev. Walt Peters**, to the pulpit. 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. We also welcome back our **guest pianist, Beau Hartman**, who has twice served as our Interim Director of Music Ministries. Thanks to both Walt and Beau for serving at FPC in the absences of Rev. Kelly and Bryan Lohr.

Please note that Rev. Kelly will be on vacation until Monday, August 15. 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). Bryan Lohr will be on vacation until August 18.

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
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 Jane O'Rourke. **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 in loving memory of Donald F. Evans by his wife, Joan Evans, and in loving memory of Anne and Raymond MacDonald, by their daughter, Joan Evans. **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, we are in the process of testing a new service and hope to announce the official launch soon.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of July 30, 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	\$134,231.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$131,126.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 3,104.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	August 7, 2016	August 6, 2017
	74	62

WORSHIP & MUSIC

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 next **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 **today** in order to meet the pick up deadline. **Please place your school supply donations on the table in the hallway near the Parlor.**

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

AUGUST IS FRUITS & FLOWERS MONTH: Let's bring some of God's natural beauty into our place of worship. We invite the gardeners, orchardists, farmers and patio plant growers to share and show off the bounty of summer during the **August 27th** worship service. For that morning, bring in potted or arranged fresh flowers, (maybe some sheaves of wheat) and/or baskets or plates of raw vegetables from your gardens to brighten the communion table and window sills around the sanctuary with God's handiwork. Take them home again or trade with others at the end of the service. Members of the Worship and Music Committee will help place the fruits and veggies around the sanctuary. For more information, see Carolyn Mathews or David Stickler.

WV FLOOD RELIEF WORK CAMP: To enhance the experience of the upcoming mission trip, a Mission Trip Milestone Event has been planned for the participants, their families, and others in the congregation and community. We will be coming together over breakfast foods at 8:45 a.m. on September 10th at Rocky Gap State Park just before celebrating our Fall Kick off service and picnic.

If you would be interested in sharing this experience with the trip participants, either by participating in the Milestone Event or becoming a prayer partner for one of the participants, please let Cindy Corley know at ccorley24@msn.com or Ann Kellermeyer at akellermeyer@me.com. RSVP about attending the event by Friday, September 8. RSVP about becoming a prayer partner to one of the trip participants by Tuesday, September 5.

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!

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE: Our next Contemplative Prayer Service in the style of the Taizé community will be offered in the chapel at 5:00PM **next 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.**

MISSION

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: The monthly outreach dinner that we help with will be held **Sunday, August 27**, 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 **provide cupcakes**; please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

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 (301-707-8072 or at cbeltjr@thebeltgroup.com) or Barb Aber (301-461-3729 or at 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, AUGUST (14)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
7:00 PM LEARNING TREE BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST (15)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
2:30 PM ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING IN THE PARLOR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST (16)

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 (17)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
7:00 PM SESSION MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

FRIDAY, AUGUST (18)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, AUGUST (19)

9:00 AM ROBOTICS ENGINEERING IN ALLEGANY COUNTY TOGETHER INC.
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL (TENTATIVE)
6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

SUNDAY, AUGUST (20)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING
5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL