

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 20, 2017

*Like John, isn't our first impulse to always look for the Lion, to look for a display of power human-style? But St. John tells us, in the no-uncertain-terms of his picture-language, that we flat out miss the mark. Only the Lamb who is slaughtered can reveal God's power of life to us!*

-- Paul J. Nuechterlein

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

10:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

MEDITATIVE PRELUDE ON WONDROUS LOVE  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

ALFRED V. FEDAK

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER  
MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO, ZACH DODGE, GUITAR

ROBERT LOWRY

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Response:

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name!

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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches  
and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing! **Response**

Blessing and honor and glory and power be to the One seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb forever and ever! **Response**

Alfred Fedak's setting of the beloved American hymn *Wondrous Love* quietly explores the tonal possibilities of the pentatonic tune.

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 continue our four-week series on Revelation.

## \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Mighty God, as we immerse ourselves in the revelation that you gave to John, may we be reminded that while you are as powerful as a lion, you chose to sacrifice yourself as a lamb so that our sins can be forgiven. Thank you for the gift of life. **Amen.**

## \* HYMN #826

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

“CRUCIFER”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Worthy are you, Jesus the slaughtered lamb, to receive our power and our wealth and our wisdom and our might and our honor and our glory and our blessing. Forgive us when we try to hold on to these things for ourselves, convinced that our worth and our victory lies in them, and not in you. Call us to kingdom living, sharing in your work as the royal priesthood, bringing our praises to you and bringing your rule to the world...

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

## KYRIE ELEISON #28 (VERSE 5) 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”

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Halle, Halle, Hallelujah'. The first staff is in G major, 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics 'Hal-le-Hal-le-Hal-le-lu-ja. Hal-le-Hal-le-Hal-le-lu-ja.' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'Hal-le-Hal-le-Hal-le-lu-ja. Hal-le-lu-ja. Hal-le-lu-ja.' The chords G, D, G, C, Am, D, B7, Em, Am, D7, G, C, G, D are indicated above the notes.

## \* 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 1:29-31

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 86

Like the hymn that follows it, the **Prayer of the Day** is an act of praise that appropriately follows the Call to Worship.

The lifting of the water from the font while the **Words of Assurance** are being offered links the promise of forgiveness to the promises made in the Sacrament of Baptism.

ANTHEM

HOW GREAT THOU ART  
MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO; ZACH DODGE, GUITAR

CARL BOBERG

SECOND READING

REVELATION 5:1-13

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 233

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

## RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

\* HYMN #215

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE

"WONDROUS LOVE"

BLESSING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

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

LAGRIMA  
ZACH DODGE, GUITAR

FRANCISCO TARREGA

\* AT THE PRESENTATION (VERSE 5) O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING  
To God all glory, praise, and love be now  
and ever given by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heaven.

"AZMON"

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN #268

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

"DIADEMATA"

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* SUNG BENEDICTION #306 BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS  
*(Please join hands as we sing together.)*

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

VOLUNTARY NO. 10  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

WILLIAM BOYCE

**Back to School Blessing:** Going to school for the first time or returning to school for another year brings a mixture of challenges, anxiety, hope and new opportunities for children, parents, teachers and other caregivers. Therefore, it is a prime time to acknowledge our dependence upon God and God's goodness, recognizing that God's steadfast love endures forever and even right now!

**The Closing Voluntary** is likely one of the numerous organ pieces written by William Boyce, a contemporary of G. F. Handel, to be played at the Chapel Royal or various other London churches where Boyce served as organist.

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\* 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**.

## Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev. Caroline Kelly  
Liturgist .....Charlene Lelinski  
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr  
Musician.....Zach Dodge, Guitar and Mikayla Dodge, Soprano  
Sound Technician.....Joe Aurigemma  
Ushers.....Deb and Gary Hendrickson

## 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

<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](http://www.fpc-cumberland.org/worship/sermons).

## 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](http://www.fpc-cumberland.org) and [www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland](https://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. During "A Time for Young Disciples," the children are invited forward to a brief time for learning before the Sermon. 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 Bob and Sharon Kazary. **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 George Williams by his family, Kay, Sarah, Barbara, and Jim and the special flowers in the front of the sanctuary this morning are presented in loving memory of William Lee Shaffer, JR., on his birthday, by his 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.**

We now have a YOUTUBE CHANNEL which we are using to tape and broadcast worship live. Go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland Live Stream or go to our website <http://www.fpc-cumberland.org/> and click on "click here to view our worship service" located at the bottom of the home page.

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of August 13, 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	\$144,507.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$139,586.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 4,921.00

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

August 14, 2016  
71

August 13, 2017  
53

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

**THE HIGHLANDERS GROUP** will meet for lunch at Gehauf's Restaurant **tomorrow, August 21st, at noon.** Highlanders is a Christian fellowship group open to anyone over the age of 50. If you have any questions or if you need a ride, please contact Betty Richtmeyer.

**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](mailto:cbeltjr@thebeltgroup.com)) or Barb Aber ([Barbaber125@gmail.com](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>, and December 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Detailed instructions will be provided.

## FAITH FORMATION

**MISSION MILESTONE: WV FLOOD RELIEF WORK CAMP:** To enhance the experience of the upcoming mission trip to WV, 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 8:45AM on September 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ccorley24@msn.com) or Ann Kellermeyer at [akellermeyer@me.com](mailto:akellermeyer@me.com). RSVP about attending the event by Friday, September 8th. RSVP about becoming a prayer partner to one of the trip participants by Tuesday, September 5th.

## 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.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

**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 **next Sunday, August 27th** during worship. 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.

**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 11:00AM 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 **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:

### MONDAY, AUGUST (21)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
12:00 PM HIGHLANDERS LUNCH AT GEHAUF'S RESTAURANT  
1:00 PM AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

### TUESDAY, AUGUST (22)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST (23)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
5:00 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING  
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

### THURSDAY, AUGUST (24) NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### FRIDAY, AUGUST (25)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### SATURDAY, AUGUST (26)

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

### SUNDAY, AUGUST (27)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
4:00 PM HRDC MISSION OUTREACH DINNER