

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 27, 2017

12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SALVATION  
belongs  
to our  
GOD  
WHO  
sits  
on the  
THRONE  
AND TO THE  
LAMB  
Revelation 7:10

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

10:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*SALUT D'AMOUR*  
WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN

EDWARD ELGAR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT

*THE NEW 23RD*

RALPH CARMICHAEL

GARY HENDRICKSON, SOLOIST

Because the Lord is my shepherd, I have everything that I need.  
He lets me rest in meadows green and leads me beside the quiet stream;  
He keeps on giving life to me and helps me to do what honors him the most.  
Even when walking through the dark valley of death,  
I will never be afraid, for he is close beside me.  
Guarding, guiding all the way, he spreads a feast before me  
In the presence of my enemies, he welcomes me as his special guest.  
With blessings overflowing, his goodness and unfailing kindness shall be with me all of my life,  
And afterwards I will live with him,  
I will live with him, forever in his home, forever in his home.

Originally titled *Liebesgruss* (Love's Greeting), the opening voluntary was written 1888 as an engagement present for the composer's future wife.

A paraphrase of **Psalm 23**, the introit was composed by sacred and secular songwriter Ralph Carmichael for a 1970 movie produced by the evangelist Billy Graham.

## \* OPENING SENTENCES

Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! **Amen!**

## \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, today we come into your presence grateful that from before we begin until after we end, we know that we are yours. We lift up our voices today joining the heavenly throng singing "Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!" **Join our song with all of heaven as we worship you this day in the glorious light of Christ. Amen.**

## \* HYMN #319

MEN OF FAITH, RISE UP AND SING

"SMITH"

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Holy One, you are always with us, guarding our days, and you know when we stray away, when we step out of turn, when we do wrong or turn the other way. Forgive us for not following your path. Help us to understand what it means to be washed by you, led by you, and to set about following you. Lord in your mercy, please forgive us...

*(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 musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains two measures of music. The first measure has a G chord above it and the lyrics "Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja." below it. The second measure has D, G, and C chords above it and the lyrics "Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja." below it. The second staff also has a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 4/4 time signature. It contains two measures of music. The first measure has a G chord above it and the lyrics "Hal - le - Hal - le - Hal - le - lu - ja." below it. The second measure has B7, Em, Am, D7, G, C, G, and D chords above it and the lyrics "Hal - le - lu - ja. Hal - le - lu - ja." below it.

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.

## \* 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

ISAIAH 25:1, 4-5, 8

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 613

# ANTHEM

SINCE JESUS CAME INTO MY HEART  
WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN

RUFUS H. MCDANIEL

## SECOND READING

REVELATION 6:1-8; 7:9-17

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 234

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

## RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

\* HYMN #307

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

“CWM RHONDA”

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

GAIL FOSTER

## 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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALBERT HAY MALOTTE

GARY HENDRICKSON, SOLOIST

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

## MUSICAL OFFERING

WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN

\* AT THE PRESENTATION (VERSE 5) 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.

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN #384

SOON AND VERY SOON

## “SOON AND VERY SOON”

## \* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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.

When we **welcome new members**, we recall that membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission, bearing witness to God's love and grace and promising to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church. The questions asked of new members reflect this commitment.

\* **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**

TOCCATA ON JESUS SHALL REIGN  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

GILBERT M. MARTIN

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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 .....Laura Fiscus  
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr  
Musicians.....Wesley Mason, Violinist and Gary Hendrickson, Vocalist  
Sound Technician.....Joe Aurigemma  
Ushers.....Phil Mills and Rolfe Singerman

## **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](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 JoAnn Brotemarkle in loving memory of her husband, David. **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.

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

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| <b>ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:</b>   | <b>as of August 20, 2017</b> |
| 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 | \$145,234.00                 |
| Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date | \$143,816.00                 |
| Over/(Under)                         | \$ 1,417.00                  |

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

August 21, 2016  
59

August 20, 2017  
65

**STEWARDSHIP DINNER HOSTS NEEDED:** This year we plan to have our annual Stewardship Dinners during the month of October. We intend to have one per week and vary the day of the week that each dinner is held. If you are interested or able to host a dinner in October, please be in contact with Kathy Getty or the church office to make arrangements.

## 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](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>, 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.

**NEW BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY COMING SOON:** Using a newly written curriculum called "Covenant Bible Study", we will examine the whole Bible using the lens of "Covenant" in three segments of eight weeks each. Hans Killius will be facilitating a class on the first eight-week segment starting in September. If you'd like to learn more, please join Hans after worship **today**, in the Pastor's Office.

## MISSION

**SUMMER LUNCHBOX 2017 COMES TO A CLOSE: WE MADE IT!** Thanks to all of your hard work and dedication we shopped for, made, and delivered 5,766 lunches over eight Fridays this summer!! Nearly 800 children received food each week day during this period. Our involvement with the Summer Lunchbox program these past 10 years has brought many blessings to our community as well as our congregation and friends. Well done, good and faithful servants!

Summer Lunchbox coordinators: Laura Fiscus, Deb and Gary Hendrickson, Pam Jan, Cathy Levitas, and Nadene Stroup

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

**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 **on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**. 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 (28)

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

### TUESDAY, AUGUST (29)

LEARNING TREE CLEAN UP DAY

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST (30)

LEARNING TREE CLEAN UP DAY

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
10:30 AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE  
6:00 PM LEARNING TREE: MEET THE TEACHERS  
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

### THURSDAY, AUGUST (31)

LEARNING TREE CONFERENCES

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER (1)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER (2)

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

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER (3)

10:00 AM SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION  
11:00 AM FIRST SUNDAY FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

<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).

# FALL CHURCH KICKOFF For ALL Ages



**BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Rocky Gap State Park: Lakeview Pavilion**

**Worship at 11:00AM with Picnic to follow at Noon**

**Bounce house, games, and live music!**

Baked and fried chicken and drinks will be provided.

**Bring blankets and chairs  
and a salad, side dish, or dessert to share.**

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Name of Individual/Family: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We will bring: \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one - Salad - Side Dish - Dessert

I/We request transportation from church: \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach and return in the offering plate  
or call the church office at 301-777-3700 by **Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>**.