

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT:

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

HOLY COMMUNION

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

10:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

VARIATIONS ON *KINGSFOLD*
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

ARR. CHARLES CALLAHAN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.
Look, this is our God, for whom we have waited.
Will you come to the hill of the Holy One?
We come, seeking the face of God.
Come, let us worship.

* HYMN #13

THE MIGHTY GOD WITH POWER SPEAKS

"KINGSFOLD"

CALL TO CONFESSION

The tune of the **opening voluntary** and hymn is an English folk tune, its origins dating to the middle ages. In his *English Hymn Tune Suite*, the Vermont-based composer Charlie Callahan sets the tune in three miniature variations.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last,
we come to you seeking forgiveness.

Hear our prayer, O God.

For opportunities missed, challenges unmet, calls unanswered,
Forgive us, Lord.

For isolating pride, paralyzing stubbornness, debilitating narrowness,
Forgive us, O Lord.

Loving God, help us lift our eyes to see beyond ourselves.

Help us lift our feet to go with confidence into your unknown.

Help us lift our hearts to hope for an eternity in your presence ...

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(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”

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 16:20-22

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 104

* HYMN #377

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

“HOUSTON”

SECOND READING

REVELATION 21:1-6; 22:1-5

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 244

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELL

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.

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 complete our four-week series on Revelation.

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

MUSICAL RESPONSE

BEAUTIFUL THINGS

MICHAEL AND LISA GUNGOR

BRYAN LOHR, PIANO AND MIKAYLA DODGE, VOCALIST

All this pain
I wonder if I'll ever find my way.
I wonder if my life could really change, at all.

All this earth
Could all that is lost ever be found?
Could a garden come out from this ground, at all?

*You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust.
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us.*

All around
Hope is springing up from this old ground.
Out of chaos life is being found in you.

The musical response is the title song of a 2010 album by the husband and wife musical collective, *Gungor*.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

TIDINGS OF A FLEETING VISION

DANIEL PINKHAM

BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

* **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.

The musical offering is a small and curious humoresque for the flute stops of the organ, written in 1997 as part of a larger collection called *Tidings* by American composer Daniel Pinkham.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give our thanks to the Holy One.

It is right to give our thanks and praise ... *(the Celebrant continues the prayer)*

... And so, with your saints now on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in your holy name.

Hosanna in the highest ... *(the Celebrant continues the prayer)*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

...Alpha and Omega, Beginning and Ending,
Spirit of new beginnings, we praise your holy, eternal, triune name. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name shall echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*(We will receive communion by intinction; as directed by the ushers
please come forward using the aisle closest to you, take a piece of bread from the basket,
dip it into the cup, eat it, and return to your seat using the other aisle.)*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(in unison)*

Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us.

So, Lord, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. **Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #376

WHEN ALL IS ENDED

"YOGANANDA"

* 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

VOLUNTARY NO. 1 IN D MAJOR
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

WILLIAM BOYCE

This 1989 version of the **Lord's Prayer** comes from the New Zealand Prayer Book and reflects the rich earth-based spirituality of the Maori and Polynesian cultures.

The Directory for Worship indicates that **communion** may be received in one of three traditional ways: passing the elements to each other around the communion table; coming forward to receive the elements by intinction; or seated in the pews. Today we receive communion by intinction.

The closing voluntary is comprised of two sections: a broad *largetto* introduction and a vivacious trumpet tune, typical of 18th century English organ music.

* 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.....	Hans Killius
Director of Music Ministries.....	Bryan Lohr
Musician.....	Mikayla Dodge, Vocalist
Sound Technician.....	Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....	Paul and Barb Aber

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. 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 Buck and Jane Belt. **There are openings to sponsor the radio broadcast on 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 Eugene D. Munro and Bernice L. Munro, by their family and in loving memory of his wife, Eleanor, by John Johnson. 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 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 27, 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	\$148,819.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$148,046.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 772.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

August 28, 2016

65

August 27, 2017

74

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: **November 5th and December 3rd.** 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 next Sunday, 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 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 September 12. If you'd like to learn more, please join Hans after worship **today** in the Pastor's Office.

MISSION

PEACEMAKING OFFERING: On World Communion Sunday we will be contributing to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, which supports the holistic and wide-ranging witness of the whole church.

At the national level, this witness means supporting those working to heal the divisions in violent contexts like South Sudan. It means bringing leaders together who have made a profound witness for peace around the world and deploying them to congregations like ours. It means creating materials that equip congregations to deal with important issues—from disagreements between members of session to bullying at schools to gun violence in our communities.

PRESBYTERIAN DIASTER ASSISTANCE: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) seeks your help in the midst of the catastrophe spawned by Hurricane Harvey, which continues to ravage communities along the Texas coastline. Now downgraded to tropical storm status, Harvey remains dangerous as it continues to churn inland into Texas. At this time there are 30 reported deaths, more than 9,000 people displaced and extensive damage. Weather officials forecast that Harvey will continue to produce heavy rains, with serious flooding into the middle of the week.

You can help the PDA bring hope and healing to Texas families impacted by Hurricane Harvey by praying, taking action and offering financial support. For those wishing to offer support, please place PDA Hurricane Harvey in the memo section of your check.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

JOIN US FOR OUR FALL KICKOFF: Our Fall Kickoff will be held **next 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.

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 17th**. 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, SEPTEMBER (4)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER (5)

LEARNING TREE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:30 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING IN THE PARLOR
6:00 PM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MEETING IN THE CHAPEL
6:30 PM MISSION MEETING IN THE PARLOR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER (6)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:30 PM COVENANT BIBLE STUDY II IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER (7)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER (8)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER (9)

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER (3)

8:45 AM MILESTONE MISSION EVENT AT ROCKY GAP STATE PARK
11:00 AM FALL KICKOFF WORSHIP AT ROCKY GAP STATE PARK
COMMISSIONING OF WV FLOOD WORK CAMP PARTICIPANTS
PICNIC TO FOLLOW WORSHIP

<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.

FALL CHURCH KICKOFF For ALL Ages



BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

**Sunday, September 10th
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.**

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 **today**.

GIVING WITH GRATITUDE

IT'S A TIME TO...

FALL FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Dear Friends:

This year's Stewardship dinners are taking shape as we plan for the opportunity to break bread with other members, learn more about our Church's financial health and the role your giving will play in constructing the 2018 budget. The host will provide the main course, and you are asked to bring side dishes, bread, beverages or desserts.

Those who have agreed to host dinners and their dinner dates are as follows:

Thursday, October 12th: Rex and Sandra Burton's home in LaVale at 6:00 PM

Sunday, October 15th: Buck and Jane Belt's home in LaVale at 5:30PM

Saturday, October 21st: Mike and Cathy Levitas' home in Lavale at 6:00 PM

Sunday, October 29th: Bob and Sharon Kazary's home in Grantsville at 3:00PM

Please complete your dinner reservation below and include it in the offering plate or give it to Brittany Jackson in the church office. The Stewardship Committee and church office are coordinating the dinners with guests and hosts.

First Presbyterian Church Fall Fellowship Dinners

Name: _____

I/We would like to attend a dinner on:

Thursday, October 12th at 6:00PM: _____

Sunday, October 15th at 5:30PM: _____

Saturday, October 21st at 6:00PM: _____

Sunday, October 29th at 3:00PM: _____

I will bring: _____