



## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abundant goodness,  
we confess that we want your grace for ourselves  
but often wish punishment or exclusion on others.  
We judge the efforts and motives of others  
while ignoring the faults of our own.  
Forgive us, we pray,  
when we let jealousy overtake us.  
Forgive us, we pray,  
when we are petty even in the presence of your generosity.  
Forgive us, we pray,  
when we feel slighted by you.  
May we ask once again for your mercy?  
Will you help us to be more merciful toward one another?  
We pray in the name of Christ Jesus,  
by whose grace we are saved . . .

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

### KYRIE ELEISON #437

*YOU ARE THE LORD, GIVER OF MERCY!*

“WAYFARING STRANGER”

You are the Lord, giver of mercy!  
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

#### \* RESPONSE #441 (VERSE 1)

*HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION*

“NETTLETON”

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God’s love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!  
Come to us from heaven above.  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

#### \* 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.)*

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

JONAH 3:10-4:11

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 811

The words to “**Hear the Good News of Salvation**” were written by John R. Renville in 1879. Renville was the first Native American Dakota to be ordained as a Presbyterian minister.

## ANTHEM

A VINEYARD GROWS  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

K. LEE SCOTT

Amid the world's bleak wilderness a vineyard grows with promise green,  
the planting of the Lord himself, the planting of the Lord.

His love selected this terrain, his vine with love he planted here  
to bear the choicest fruit for him, the choicest fruit for him.

We are his branches, chosen dear, and though we feel the dresser's knife,  
we are the objects of his care, the objects of his care.

From him we draw the juice of life, for him supply his winery  
with fruit from which true joys derive, from which true joys derive.

Vine, keep what I was meant to be: Your branch, with your rich life in me.

Using imagery from this morning's Gospel lesson, **the music of the anthem** is based on an English folk melody.

## GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 20:1-16

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 20

## SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

**Matthew is the second oldest gospel**, written about 80 to 90 CE, primarily for a Jewish audience. It borrows material from Mark, and from a source containing sayings of Jesus known as Q.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \* HYMN #435

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

"IN BABILONE"

## 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

A BRIGHT, UNSYMPATHETIC SUN

MICHAEL HUDSON / THOMAS TALLIS

A bright, unsympathetic sun marked off the hours one by one  
as workers hurried to a field to gather what the ground would yield.

Throughout the morning others came, throughout the day it was the same:  
the farmer, with the crop to get, hired every sturdy back he met.

But when the laborers were paid some were distressed with what was made;  
it did not matter when they'd come, they each received an equal sum!

We understand that day's dismay, the puzzle over equal pay;  
it's scandalous in any age to have compassion set the wage.

The **text of the musical offering** is taken from *Songs for the Cycle*, a 2004 collection of original hymns for the Revised Common Lectionary by Episcopal Priest, Michael Hudson. Hudson suggests this hymn to be sung to the familiar tune, commonly known as *Tallis' Canon*.

\* AT THE PRESENTATION #658 (VERSES 1-2) GOD IS SO GOOD

“GOD IS SO GOOD”

God is so good; God is so good;  
God is so good; God’s so good to me.

God cares for all; God cares for all;  
God cares for all; God’s so good to us.

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN #712

AS THOSE OF OLD THEIR FIRSTFRUITS BROUGHT

“FOREST GREEN”

\* 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

GRAND CHCEUR  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

THÉODORE DUBOIS

\* 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**.

Drawn from Scripture, **the Charge** gives marching orders for the people of God. It exhorts us to do certain things, with the attendant promise of God's support as we undertake to do them. A word of **Blessing or Benediction** always accompanies it.

## Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev. Caroline Kelly  
Liturgists.....South Dakota Learning Camp Participants  
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr  
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir  
Sound Technician.....Joe Aurigemma  
Ushers.....Kathy Dowell and Dale Corley

## 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, 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

**Our liturgists today** staffed the 2017 Presbytery-sponsored Ihanktonwan Learning Camp from July 9-15, where they spent a week teaching Native American children from the surrounding communities and engaging with members of the local tribe and Presbyterian Church. The PC (USA) and its predecessor denominations have had a long relationship with Native Americans, at times very positive and, at others, patronizing and hurtful. **Join us after worship** for lunch and reflections about how God is working through this growing partnership with our Native sisters and brothers. This summer marked the seventh consecutive year we have participated in the camp.

## 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 and then may go to the nursery for a structured lesson during the middle portion of worship or remain in the sanctuary. 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. **If you are visitor, please fill out the "Welcome to First Presbyterian Church" card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate when it comes by during the service.**

**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 Carolyn Mathews. **There are openings to sponsor the radio broadcast on 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.

**WORLD ARTISTS EXPERIENCES** is bringing the Maasai from Kenya for a free performance on October 6 at 7:00PM. The venue will be our Fellowship Hall and all are invited! We are looking for host families to house two men each for two nights. If you are interested, speak to Linda Smith or Rolfe Singerman.

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & PAM JAN

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of September 10, 2017
Total 2017 Pledges Promised	\$241,753.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 13,339.00
2017 Pledge Balance Promised	\$228,414.00
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$156,678.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$156,505.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 1,172.00

### SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

September 18, 2016

85

September 17, 2017

86

## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

ELDER: SHIRLEY GIARRITTA

**SAVE THE DATE: CHURCH FALL CLEAN UP DAY!** On Saturday, **October 21<sup>st</sup>**, the Buildings & Grounds Committee invites you to come out and help clean-up the church from 9:00AM-12:00PM. Time to start putting the outside to bed for the Fall and polishing up the inside for Advent.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

ELDERS: CARL BELT & BARBARA ABER

**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](mailto:cbeltjr@thebeltgroup.com)) or Barb Aber (301-461-3729 or at [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: **November 5<sup>th</sup>**, and **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. **Detailed instructions will be provided.**

## FAITH FORMATION

ELDERS: JOE WEAVER & CHELSEA BOOR

**FAITH FORMATION FALL OFFERINGS:** Check out the new fall Faith Formation opportunities. Please see the table outside the church office for a copy of the Faith Formation Fall Offerings brochure.

## MISSION

ELDERS: JUDY STERN & PHIL MILLS

**PEACEMAKING OFFERING:** Next Sunday, we will have the opportunity to contribute to the Peace and Global Witness Offering. Donating to this offering means using our seat at the United Nations table to speak up for the vulnerable around the world. This offering strengthens the collaboration of the Peacemaking Program and the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations with the peace work of global partners through World Mission. It has meant two pastors in Texas starting an organization that seeks civility in political discourse. It has meant supporting the work of a mission co-worker in finding reconciliation in difficult international contexts. It has meant scholarships for students recognized as peacemakers, resettlement of refugees, and support for shelters where those who are abused may find refuge.

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE:** Even as Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) began working toward recovery after Hurricane Harvey, Irma followed close behind, weaving a path of devastation, wiping out islands in the Caribbean and bringing damaging winds and storm surge to Florida. There are buildings that are no more than shells and boats where boats should not be. Years of recovery lie ahead, and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ. You can help the PDA bring hope and healing to those affected by Hurricane Irma or Hurricane Harvey by praying, taking action and offering financial support. For those wishing to offer financial support, please place PDA Hurricane Irma or PDA Hurricane Harvey in the memo section of your check.

**SOUTH DAKOTA PRESENTATION:** Join us after worship today, in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and reflections from this year's Ihanktonwan Learning Camp participants.

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

**SAVE-THE-DATE: HALLOWEEN ON THE HILL:** On Saturday, **October 28**, from **2:00-4:00PM** we will join our neighbors at Emmanuel Episcopal, to host a community-wide Halloween carnival on Washington Street. This year, we will also be integrating Hope for Heroin and Prescribe Change to have resources and support available to raise awareness on the epidemic in the community. Volunteers are needed for various tasks to make this event as success.

Contact Brittany in the church office to sign up. **Candy donations are needed!** If you would like to donate, please bring your candy to the church office.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

ELDERS: CAROLYN MATHEWS & DAVID STICKLER

**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, October 15th.** 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.**

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** is **next Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.** Next week, FSU Professor and African drumming expert Gary Philips will be joining us to help celebrate World Communion Sunday. He will play two balaphone solos and accompany congregational song on the djembe. The Worship and Music Committee members invite you to join in the spirit of worldwide communion by dressing in apparel from another country or wearing an accessory that represents another culture.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

#### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER (25)

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

#### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER (26)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

6:30 PM COVENANT BIBLE STUDY I IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER (27)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

10:30 AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

6:00 PM COVENANT BIBLE STUDY II IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

6:00 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL

7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER (28)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER (29)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER (30)

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

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER (1)

9:45 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY & 2-5 YEAR OLD CLASS: AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION

11:00 AM SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

12:00 PM FIRST SUNDAY FOOD & FELLOWSHIP IN THE LIBRARY

12:15 PM ACCIDENTAL SAINTS BOOK STUDY IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

## 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

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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).

To view worship services live or to view taped worship services, go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) (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.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup>:** Rex and Sandra Burton's home in LaVale at 6:00 PM

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>:** Buck and Jane Belt's home in LaVale at 5:30PM

**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>:** 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 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM:** \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring: \_\_\_\_\_