

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
OCTOBER 15, 2017 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

MORNING PRELUDE  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

BACH-GOULDSWORTHY

The **opening voluntary** is a movement from a *Partita* for solo violin by J. S. Bach, arranged for the organ.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

COME AND TASTE  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

ARR. ALICE PARKER

Come and taste along with me consolation flowing free,  
from the father's wealthy throne, sweeter than the honeycomb.

*I'll praise God, and you praise God, and we'll all praise God together.  
We'll praise the Lord for the work that he has done, and we'll bless his name forever.*

All that come with free goodwill, make the banquet sweeter still;  
Now I go to mercy's door, asking for a little more.

Goodness running like a stream, through the new Jerusalem,  
by a constant breaking forth, sweetens earth and heaven both.

O, return ye child of grace, turn and see God's smiling face.  
Hark, he calls backsliders home, then from him no longer roam.

The text of the **introit** was written by an 18th century Baptist minister from Massachusetts. The arrangement sung today was made in 1967 by Alice Parker, also of Massachusetts, for the Robert Shaw Chorale.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

You have been called to the banquet.

**This is the feast.**

You have been summoned to the wedding.

**This is the feast of life and light.**

From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

**We have come to the banquet that has no end.**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

\* HYMN #399

GOD WELCOMES ALL

"THEMBA AMEN"

*(You are invited to use your percussion instruments to make a joyful noise.)*

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

God welcomes all, rich and the poor;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

God welcomes all, bound and the free;

God's love is strong and it never ends.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When you invite us to your feast,

and we do not come, forgive us, O God.

When you beg us to give thanks for life,

and we fail in our thanksgiving, forgive us O God.

When we abandon the pathway you desire for us,  
forgive us, O God.

Be our guide and conscience.

Turn our feet and hands to your will,

that all we do might give glory to you ...

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

KYRIE ELEISON #578

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

"ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ"

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy;

O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy;

O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\* RESPONSE #582

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

"GLORY TO GOD"

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen

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.

\* **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**

EXODUS 32:1-14

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 75

**ANTHEM**

THE WATER IS WIDE  
THE JOYBELLS

ARR. DAN R. EDWARDS

**GOSPEL READING**

MATTHEW 22:1-14

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 23

**SERMON**

REV. ANN ATKINS

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\* **HYMN # 706**

COMMIT YOUR WAY TO GOD THE LORD

"O WALY WALY"

Commit your way to God the Lord: your cause will shine as bright as fire;  
delight to do God's holy word and you shall find what you desire.

Be still before the Lord and wait, and do not fret when wrong succeeds;  
refrain from anger, turn from hate, for God will punish evil deeds.

Salvation comes from God alone: the faithful know their help is sure;  
to heaven, all our needs are known, and in God's strength we are secure.

Commit your way to God the Lord; to peace and truth and grace aspire;  
then mercy shall be your reward; God's promises, your heart's desire.

**FAREWELL BLESSING FOR MARILYN AND PHIL NELSON**

**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.

**GIVING WITH GRATITUDE:**

ERIC RINGLER

**A TIME TO GIVE AND A TIME TO REJOICE**

During the **Time for Young Disciples**, our youngest ones are invited to come forward for a brief conversation with the pastor. They are welcome to remain in the sanctuary or go to the nursery for an age-appropriate lesson during the middle part of the service.

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

TOGETHER WE SERVE  
MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO

DANIEL CHARLES DAMON

Together we serve, united by love, inviting God's world to the glorious feast.  
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending God's love to the last and the least.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor, the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.  
We offer a home to those who will come, our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.  
Together we serve in spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.

### \* AT THE PRESENTATION #605

DA N'ASE

"DA N'ASE"

*(You are invited to use your percussion instruments to make a joyful noise.)*

**Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;  
praise to God the Spirit; praise to the Three-in-One.  
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.  
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.**

### \* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \* HYMN #700

I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME

"I'M GONNA LIVE"

*(You are invited to use your percussion instruments to make a joyful noise.)*

### \* 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

POSTLUDE  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

JOSEPH J. MCGRATH

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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**.

**Together We Serve** was commissioned in 1996 as a hymn for First Presbyterian Church in San Anselmo, California. The text draws from Ephesians, describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher.....Rev. Ann Atkins  
Liturgist.....Otto Ross  
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr  
Director of The JoyBells.....Julie Courtney  
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir and The JoyBells  
Sound Technician.....Joe Aurigemma  
Ushers.....Cathy and Mike Levitas

## 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

<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).

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.

## 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](http://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. After the Time for Young Disciples, children may go to the nursery for a Bible lesson 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 Bill and Amy Workman. **There are openings to sponsor the radio broadcast on October 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.

**COME SEE THE PRAY-GROUND AFTER WORSHIP:** You're invited to see the proposed space at the front of the sanctuary where our youngest members and parents can worship while young fingers are kept busy. The Faith Formation and Worship and Music Committees are inviting your input for this idea to integrate young children more fully into worship. Look over the space and then meet Julie Courtney in the front of the sanctuary to talk after worship.

## **ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**

**ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & PAM JAN**

<b>ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:</b>	<b>as of October 1, 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	\$168,073.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$169,195.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (1,122.00)

### **SUNDAY ATTENDANCE**

**October 9, 2016**  
73

**October 8, 2017**  
68

**NOMINATIONS** for ruling elders for the Session Class of 2021 (beginning June, 2018) are being received at this time. If you are interested in serving on Session, or would like to suggest someone, please fill out a nomination form and drop it in the box on the table outside the parlor on or before November 1, 2017.

From the Presbyterian Form of Government:

As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they "lord it over" the congregation (Matt. 20:25), but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders (also known as Ministers of the Word and Sacrament), exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of a congregation as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships.

## **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

**ELDER: SHIRLEY GIARRITTA**

**CHURCH FALL CLEAN UP DAY THIS WEEKEND!** 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.

**We need your help and talents, so please sign up for the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Painting: Side door (awning area), Hanging System, Second floor bathroom hallway and door,  
Stain and install baseboard in fellowship hall

\_\_\_\_\_ Heavy Lifting: Remove awning, Remove and store air conditioners, Move safe, Label paint and store in safe,  
Move books and store in new library space upstairs

\_\_\_\_\_ Organizing the Kitchen and Pantry: Organize and Clean

\_\_\_\_\_ Yard Work: Mulch gardens, Trim bushes, Reseed lawn, Move lariope from front to side/back

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

ELDERS: CARL BELT & BARBARA ABER

**CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE:** The Congregational Care and Outreach Committee are working to produce an updated church directory this fall. Photographers and people assisting in updating the congregation's contact information will be in the parlor after worship on **October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and November 5<sup>th</sup>**. A copy of the printed church photo directory should be available to the congregation by the First Sunday in Advent, December 3. All the updates to the directory will be reflected in the electronic version of the directory used by people who download the Instant Church Directory on their smart phones.

**THE HIGHLANDERS GROUP** will meet for lunch at Gehauf's restaurant on National Highway in LaVale **tomorrow, October 16<sup>th</sup>, at noon**. Highlanders is a Christian fellowship group open to anyone over the age of 60. If you have any questions or if you need a ride, please contact Mary Gallion at 301-759-3607.

## FAITH FORMATION

ELDERS: CHELSEA BOOR & JOE WEAVER

**MISSION MILESTONE FOLLOW-UP:** Join us for soup and sandwiches in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, October 19 at 5:30PM and hear from our flood recovery mission trip participants about their experiences in Kanawha Co., West Virginia.

**MIDDRIFTERS GATHERING:** The 40-50's Middrifiers fellowship group will meet on **Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM** at the **home of Pam Jan for a movie night**. If you have any questions or need the address to attend, please contact Pam Jan at [pamannjan@yahoo.com](mailto:pamannjan@yahoo.com) or Aaron Hendrickson at [ahendric@k12.wv.us](mailto:ahendric@k12.wv.us).

## MISSION

ELDERS: JUDY STERN & PHIL MILLS

**MISSION OUTREACH DINNER:** The monthly outreach dinner that we help with will be held **on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

**FPC WILL WELCOME INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKER, ALLA SOROKA:** Robert and Yulia Gamble will be at the **Sunday Service on October 29<sup>th</sup> with Alla Soroka**, project manager for **This Child Here**, who was selected as an International Peacemaker with the Presbyterian Church (USA). There will be a light luncheon after the service where Alla will speak about her peace making experiences. All are welcome to attend.

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE:** Years of recovery lie ahead for millions in the U.S. and Mexico after the devastation of multiple earthquakes and hurricanes this fall and your commitment will help PDA extend the hands of Christ. You can help the PDA bring hope and healing to those affected by praying, taking action and offering financial support. For those wishing to offer financial support, please place PDA Mexico, PDA Hurricane Irma/Maria or PDA Hurricane Harvey in the memo section of your check.

**HELP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST OPIOID ABUSE - Halloween on the Hill 2017:** 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 partnering with Hope for Heroin and Prescribe Change to raise awareness about the epidemic and to provide resources and support. We need your help to make this event as success. Contact Brittany Jackson in the church office to sign-up or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the hallway next to the parlor **Candy donations are needed and can be placed in the plastic bin under the table in the hallway by the parlor!**

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

ELDERS: CAROLYN MATHEWS & DAVID STICKLER

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE:** Led by Beau Hartman, 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.**

**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. For most Sundays of the year we receive communion by intinction. However, when the service is of a more somber nature, we receive communion in our seats. The following is our communion schedule for the next few months.

November 5<sup>th</sup> – seated communion for All Saints Day as we remember all the “saints” of our lives

December 3<sup>rd</sup> - seated communion for Advent as we prepare for Christ’s birth

December 24<sup>th</sup> –communion by intinction to celebrate Christ’s birth

January 7<sup>th</sup> – communion by intinction to celebrate Epiphany

## WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

### MONDAY, OCTOBER (16)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
1:00 PM BLOOD DRIVE

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER (17)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
6:30 PM COVENANT BIBLE STUDY I IN THE PASTOR’S OFFICE

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER (18)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
6:00 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL  
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM  
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER (19)

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

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER (20)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER (21)

9:00 AM FALL CLEAN UP DAY  
6:00 PM LEVITAS STEWARDSHIP DINNER  
6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER (22)

9:45 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY & 2-5 YEAR OLD CLASS: AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION  
11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY  
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

## 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:

**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:

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

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