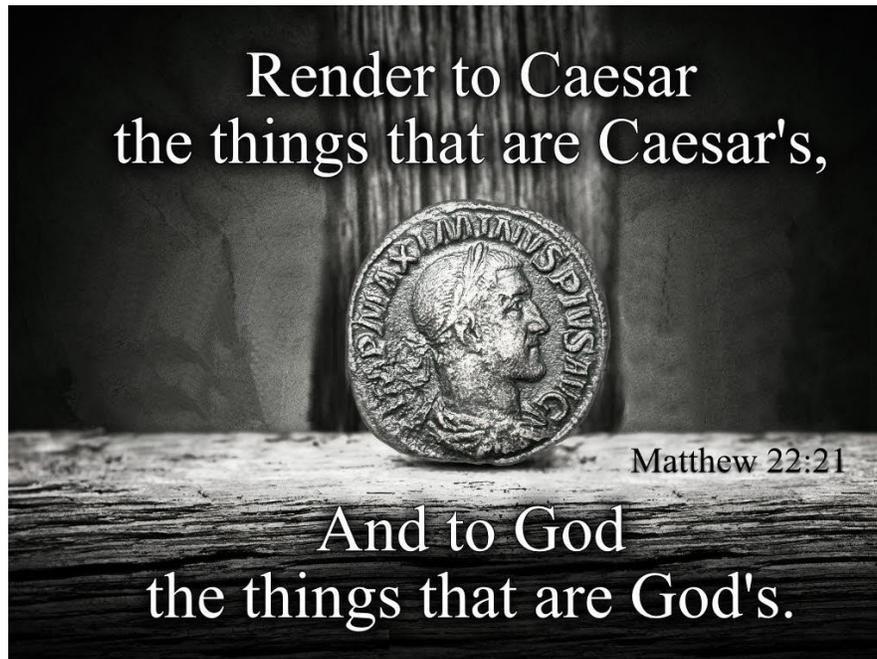


SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 22, 2017

20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

PRELUDE
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

LOUIS LEFÉBURE-WÉLY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

BLESSED JESUS
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

ANEURIN BODYCOMBE

Blessed Jesus walk beside me, let me feel thy loving presence near.
When thy tender hand doth guide me, no evil I fear.
Blessed Jesus walk beside me, much I need thy loving care.

Precious Savior stay beside me, ever would I follow in the way.
When the storms of life surround me, be my comfort and stay.
Precious Savior stay beside me. I would follow thee always.

My redeemer, be thou near me, (O God and Father be near me)
Help me bear the strain of toil and care, and when darkness closes o'er me,
at the end of the strife, may I know at last thy promise: Mine be everlasting life.
Amen.

Louis Lefébure-Wély (1817-1869) was a French composer and organist, notorious for his eccentric improvisations and secular concert works. This morning's organ music represents the best of Lefébure-Wély's compositions intended for worship.

Born in Pontardawe, Wales in 1899, **Aneurin Bodycomb** immigrated to Pittsburgh, where he had an active career as a composer. The choral introit was written for Pittsburgh's First Presbyterian Church, where Bodycomb served as organist.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Though there are rulers, presidents, kings, queens,
God is the Lord of all life.

In God we live and move and have our being.

Come, let us worship the Lord who is always with us.

Let us praise God who walks daily by our side.

* HYMN #15

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

“LASST UNS ERFREUEN“

Stanza 1 - All

Stanza 2 - Choir

Stanza 3 - Men/boys

Stanza 4 - All

Stanza 5 - Women/girls

Stanza 6 - All

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,
we place our trust in tangible things—
things we can see and touch and question whether you are really there.
Forgive us, Holy One,
when we fail to recognize that you are always nearby,
patiently waiting for us to recognize your presence and your glory.
Help us when we lose our way,
and forgive us when we forget to whom we truly belong.
Lover of justice,
open our eyes to see you; open our ears to hear you;
open our hearts to love you; and open our hands to serve you.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

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.

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

* **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

GENESIS 1:26

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 1

ANTHEM

THE IMAGE OF GOD

CRAIG COURTNEY

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

In the beginning God shaped and formed me. I am skillfully and wonderfully made.
I am the image of my creator. In every part of me God's likeness is displayed.

*Life flows from life and love from loving; gifts of the Father by nature and by grace.
A heart made glad, a soul unshaken; unbounded joy, in every breath a song of praise.*

For God's own purpose, God shaped and formed me. I am God's; I have a place within God's plan.
I am the image of my creator, past and future are secure within God's hand.

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 22:15-22

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 23

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* **HYMN # 708**

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

"SCHUMANN"

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Jesus Christ, as he is attested to us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God whom we have to hear, and whom we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

We reject the false doctrine that the Church could and should recognize as a source of its proclamation, beyond and besides this one Word of God, yet other events, powers, historic figures and truths as God's revelation.

As Jesus Christ is God's comforting pronouncement of the forgiveness of all our sins, so, with equal seriousness, he is also God's vigorous announcement of his claim upon our whole life. Through him there comes to us joyful liberation from the godless ties of this world for free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine that there could be areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ but to other lords, areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.

Jesus is Lord!
He has been Lord from the beginning.
He will be Lord at the end.
Even now he is Lord.

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.

The **Affirmation of Faith** comes from the German Barmen Declaration of 1934, which expressly repudiates the claim that other powers apart from Christ could be sources of God's revelation or that any earthly rulers, like Hitler, could be the subject of our ultimate trust and loyalty.

GIVING WITH GRATITUDE:

JEFF GETTY

A TIME TO SERVE AND A TIME TO DISCERN

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

OFFERTORY
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

LOUIS LEFÉBURE-WÉLY

* AT THE PRESENTATION #605

DA N’ASE

“DA N’ASE”

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 #543

GOD, BE THE LOVE TO SEARCH AND KEEP ME

“GREEN TYLER”

* 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

INTRODUCTION AND FUGUE
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

LOUIS LEFÉBURE-WÉLY

* 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**.

A lifelong church organist and devout Christian, the musical offering is **Lefébure-Wély’s** homage to the organ *offertories* of the French Classic era.

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.

*Join us for worship next Sunday as we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher.....Rev. Caroline Kelly
LiturgistAnn Kellermeyer
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir
Sound Technician.....Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Bill Kellermeyer and Jim Mooney

OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....Rev. Caroline M. Kelly
Director of Music MinistriesBryan 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

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.

To view worship services live or to view taped worship services, go to 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 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. 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. **There are openings to sponsor the radio broadcast on October 29, November 5, December 3, 10, 17, and 24.**

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Alexander Ragnar Kazary's first birthday, by Sharon and Bob Kazary. **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

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of October 1, 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	\$175,807.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$177,655.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (1,848.00)

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

October 16, 2016

86

October 15, 2017

75

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.

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 on the right side of the sanctuary after worship **today, next Sunday, October 29th, and November 5th**. 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.

FAITH FORMATION

ELDERS: CHELSEA BOOR & JOE WEAVER

MIDDRIFTERS GATHERING: The 40-50's Middrifiers fellowship group will meet on **Friday, October 27th 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 or Aaron Hendrickson at ahendric@k12.wv.us.

MISSION

ELDERS: JUDY STERN & PHIL MILLS

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: The monthly outreach dinner that we help with will be held **next Sunday, October 29th**, 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 next Sunday, October 29th 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: Our next Contemplative Prayer Service in the style of the Taizé community will be offered in the chapel at 5:00PM on Sunday, November 19th. 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.**

WE WILL CELEBRATE ALL SAINTS DAY Sunday, November 5. During the communion liturgy, we will pause to read the Necrology, the list of those among our membership who have died since All Saints' Day 2016. You will also be invited to lift up the names of others among us, friends and family, who have died in the past year, and to light candles in their memory.

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 5th - seated communion for All Saints Day as we remember all the "saints" of our lives

December 3rd - seated communion for Advent as we prepare for Christ's birth

December 24th - communion by intinction to celebrate Christ's birth

January 7th - communion by intinction to celebrate Epiphany

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, OCTOBER (23)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:00 PM CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL IN THE LIBRARY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER (24)

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER (25)

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, OCTOBER (26)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER (27)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER (28)

2:00 PM HALLOWEEN ON THE HILL
6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER (29)

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
12:15 PM ROBERT GAMBLE: THIS CHILD HERE LUNCHEON & PRESENTATION
3:00 PM KAZARY STEWARDSHIP DINNER
4:00 PM HRDC MISSION OUTREACH DINNER