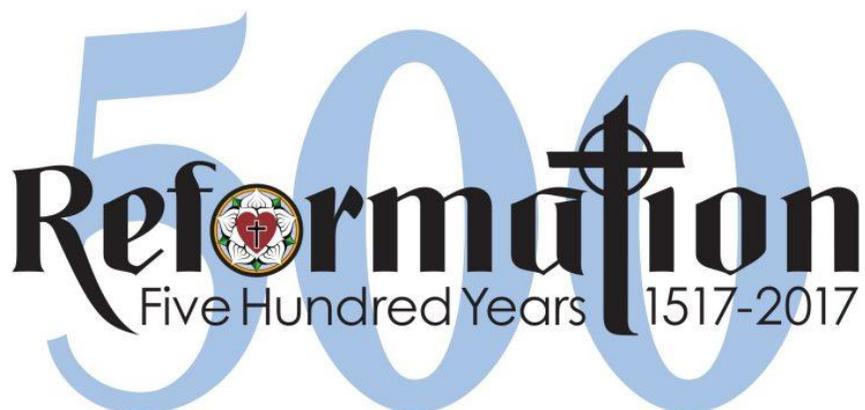


SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 29, 2017



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY *ANDANTE FROM SYMPHONY 5 "THE REFORMATION"*
WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN AND BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Mendelssohn's Fifth Symphony, known as "The Reformation," was written in honor of the 300th anniversary of the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession (the first of the great Protestant confessions).

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
All have sinned and fallen short of God's glory,
but by the grace of God we are redeemed.
Let us worship God.

* HYMN #624

I GREET THEE, WHO MY SURE REDEEMER ART

"TOULON"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
you are unchanging and yet you always surprise us,
we have known you forever and yet you are always new to us.
Your love is as old as time and as fresh as the morning dew.
You know our hearts, the times we have loved
and the times when we have merely tolerated one another.
You know our minds, the times we have truly focused on you
and the times when we have used our intelligence for selfish purposes.
You know our stories, the times we have followed you and the times we have gone astray.
Forgive us and set us free to live lives marked by your grace...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

The hymn is attributed to John Calvin (1509–1564), an influential French theologian and pastor during the Protestant Reformation and the Father of the system of Christian theology called Calvinism.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

You and I are forgiven people.

We are free and empowered to love God and to love others.

Thanks be to God for everlasting mercy and grace!

* RESPONSE #17

SING PRAISE TO GOD, YOU HEAVENS!

“WIE LIEBLICH IST MAIEN”

Sing prais - es now, God's peo - ple; your gift of speech em - ploy
to praise the Lord, your Mak - er, with thank - ful - ness and joy!
Sing with the whole cre - a - tion; a cos - mic cho - rus raise:
“To God a - lone be glo - ry and ev - er - last - ing praise!”

* 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

THE OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS CONFESS THEIR FAITH: ONE GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

DEUTERONOMY 6:1-9

ANTHEM

GOD IS A ROCK

KATHERINE K. DAVIS

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Our God is a rock and a tower of salvation, a shield and a stronghold,
protecting from harm. God sends forth his power through his endless creation,
upholding the worlds by the strength of his arm.

We thank thee, O God, for thy goodness. O God, thou dost banish all fear.
Though trouble surrounds us, it shall not confound us:
Our hearts will be strong, for we know thou art near.

With songs of thanksgiving repeat we the story of all thou hast done
for your children so dear. For thine is the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory forever. Amen.

THE EARLY CHURCH CONFESSES ITS FAITH: JESUS IS LORD

SCRIPTURE READING

ROMANS 10:9-13

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.

Deut. 6:4 is considered by some the most essential prayer in all of Judaism. Its daily recitation is regarded by traditionally observant Jews as a biblical commandment.

* HYMN #263

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

"CORONATION"

THE POST-APOSTOLIC CHURCH CONFESSES ITS FAITH: JESUS IS GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 1:1-5

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(Please see page 34 in the Hymnal for text.)

THE NICENE CREED

THE REFORMATION CHURCH CONFESSES ITS FAITH:
CHRIST ALONE THROUGH FAITH

SCRIPTURE READING

ROMANS 1:16-17

* HYMN #321

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

"AURELIA"

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH TODAY: WE BELONG TO GOD

SCRIPTURE READING

ROMANS 14:7-9

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

ANTHEM

LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN THY WORD

DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR; WESLEY MASON AND RYAN BARBER, VIOLINISTS

Lord, keep us steadfast in thy word; curb those who fain by craft and sword
would wrest the kingdom from thy son and set at naught all he hath done.

Lord Jesus Christ, thy power make known, for thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend thy Christendom that we may evermore sing praise to thee.

O comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth.
Support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

Grant peace we pray, in mercy Lord, peace in our time, O send us,
for there is none on earth but thee, none other to defend us.
Thou only Lord canst fight for us.

Give to our people, to all that be in power, peace and good government,
that, by their protection, we may lead a quiet and peaceful life always,
in all godliness and in all honesty. Amen.

GIVING WITH GRATITUDE:

A TIME TO EMBRACE AND A TIME TO TEACH

LAURA FISCUS

COMMISSIONING/BLESSING FOR MELISSA COURTNEY

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.)*

The Nicene Creed emerged in response to concerns about whether or not Jesus Christ could be both divine and human.

Romans 1:16-17 is the "Reformation text"—summed up as justification by faith.

An early work of the Danish-German composer Dietrich Buxtehude, the anthem is an elaborate setting of the hymn "Erhalt Uns, Herr," written in 1541 by Martin Luther.

During Stewardship Season, different members of the congregation will be reflecting on the ways that your faithful giving has supported our ministries and impacted their lives in positive ways.

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 RYAN BARBER AND WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN

* AT THE PRESENTATION #606 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW “OLD HUNDREDTH”
Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #275 A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD “EIN’ FEST BURG”

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY TOCCATA AND FUGUE IN D MINOR J. S. BACH
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

The closing voluntary is one of the most iconic works of organ literature.

* 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.

This morning’s service is inspired by a Reformation Day Service that was offered by First Christian Reformed Church in Hamilton, MI in 2004.

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher.....Rev. Caroline Kelly
Liturgist.....s.....Caroline Kelly and Robert Gamble
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musicians..... The Sanctuary Choir, Ryan Barber, and Wesley Mason
Sound Technician.....Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Kathy Dowell and Gary Hartung

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION of First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland, Maryland is called by the Session for Sunday, November 5, 2017 immediately after worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect someone to fill the unexpired term of Bill McElvie in the Session Class of 2019.

OUR STAFF

Minister of Word and Sacrament/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.

PRAY-GROUND: On Nov. 5th, we will begin offering a special space in the sanctuary for our youngest children and their families called the “Pray-ground”. All families are welcome to come and sit in the right front pews with their children seated on the rug. This front row seat will allow God’s youngest children to participate in the service in a place where they can see and hear best. There will be activities provided so that their little hands are kept busy while participating in worship. “Jesus said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it’” (Mark 10:14-15).

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 loving memory of her parents, Margaret and Gilbert Bailey, and in honor of their children and grandchildren, by Carolyn and Tom Mathews. **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.**

DON’T FORGET TO FALL BACK: Just a reminder that next Sunday, November 5th marks the end of Daylight Savings Time. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour!

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & PAM JAN

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of October 22, 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	\$176,282.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$181,885.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (5,603.00)

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

October 23, 2016	October 22, 2017
58	64

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 is working to produce an updated church directory this fall. Photographers and people assisting in updating the congregation's contact information will be in the front of sanctuary after worship **today, and next Sunday, 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.

MISSION

ELDERS: JUDY STERN & PHIL MILLS

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 cupcakes; please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

FPC WELCOMES INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKER, ALLA SOROKA: We welcome **Robert and Yulia Gamble** and **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.

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.**

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

WE WILL CELEBRATE ALL SAINTS' DAY next 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, OCTOBER (30)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, OCTOBER (31)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER (1)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

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, NOVEMBER (2)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER (3)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER (4)

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (5)

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

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

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

12:00 PM FIRST SUNDAY FOOD & FELLOWSHIP IN THE

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