

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

NOVEMBER 5, 2017



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY INTRODUCTION: CHORALE FROM SUITE GOTHIQUE
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

LÉON BOËLLMANN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

HARK, I HEAR THE HARPS ETERNAL

ARR. ALICE PARKER

ERIC RINGLER AND MIKAYLA DODGE, SOLOIST AND THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Hark! I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
as I near those swollen waters, with their deep and solemn roar.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lamb!

Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.

And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away.

Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.

* OPENING SENTENCES

For all the saints who went before us
who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fire,
We praise you, O God.

For all the saints who live beside us
whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own,
We praise you, O God.

For all the saints who live beyond us
who challenge us to change the world with them,
We praise you, O God.

Hark, I Hear The Harps Eternal first appeared in *Southern Harmony*, a compilation of hymns and psalm tunes published in 1835. The arrangement sung this morning was created in 1967 for the Robert Shaw Chorale by Alice Parker (b. 1925.)

On **All Saints' Day** we lift up the lives of the saints, living and dead, who together form the mystical body of Christ.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the ages,
As we remember the saints who have gone before us,
we are grateful for their witness and humbled by their example.
Even though they have marked well the path of faith,
we are aware that following in that way is hard for us to do.
We drift and waver. We resist and rebel.

Remind us that the saints before us were not perfect;
they were forgiven.
They were not righteous; they were saved by grace.
We ask for that forgiveness,
and we pray for the faith to trust in that grace, through Christ our Lord ...
(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

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins
(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am Bb C Dm
of the world; have mer - cy on us,
(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
Bb F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F
Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE #587

ALLELUIA!

"CELTIC ALLELUIA"

* 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

REVELATION 7:9-17

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 235

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #731

GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE WHOSE FAITH IS FIRM

“REPTON”

GIVING WITH GRATITUDE:

CHELSEA BOOR

A TIME TO LOVE AND A TIME TO CARE

DEDICATION OF THE PRAY-GROUND

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

O WHAT THEIR JOY AND THEIR GLORY MUST BE

ARR. HEALEY WILLAN

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

O what their joy and their glory must be, those endless sabbaths the blessed ones see!
Crowns for the valiant, to weary ones rest; God shall be all, and in all ever blest.

Truly Jerusalem name we that shore, ‘vision of peace,’ that brings joy evermore!
Wish and fulfillment can severed be n’er, nor the thing prayed for come short of the prayer.

There, where no troubles distraction can bring, we the sweet anthems of Sion shall sing,
while for thy grace, Lord, their voices of praise thy blessed people eternally raise.

Low before him with our praises we fall, of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all;
Of whom, the Father, and in whom the Son; Through whom, the Spirit, with them ever One. Amen.

* 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.

SEALING THE WORD: HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

... So, with that community of faith from every place and time - with saints and sinners, with apostles and angels, with those who know how deeply you love us, we forever sing to the glory of your name:

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.

Canadian composer Healy Willan (1880-1968) composed this morning’s musical offering in the final decade of his life, based on one of the many hymns by medieval French philosopher Peter Abelard.

F C F B^b C F

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the

(A) (D/F[#]) (F[#]m) (G) (A) (Bm)
C F/A Am B^b C Dm

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

(G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

(The Celebrant continues the prayer.)

NECROLOGY

Phyllis L. Wilson Bolyard
Mary Louise Grimm
Shirley May Brode Jenkins
Eleanor Louise Johnson
Phyllis Juanita Morgan
Susan Diehl Scott

The **Necrology** is the list of people in our congregation who have died in the past year.

(The Celebrant continues the prayer.)

... Help us to live out the mystery of faith we proclaim:

F C F B^b C F C F/A Am

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(The Celebrant continues the prayer.)

... Help us to know you, to be guided by the Holy Spirit, and to love Christ.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION SARABANDE ON LAND OF REST FROM SUITE FOR ORGAN
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN GERALD NEAR

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

We will receive communion in our seats this morning. As you pass the bread to your neighbor, please say, "The bread of heaven". As you pass the tray of cups to your neighbor, please say, "The cup of salvation."

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #326 FOR ALL THE SAINTS "SINE NOMINE"
(You are invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of a saint in your life.)

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY TOCCATA FROM SUITE GOTHIQUE LÉON BOËLLMANN
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

* 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**.

Next Sunday, November 12th, we will consecrate our financial pledges for 2018 and give thanks for all that God makes possible through the ministry of this congregation. We hope you will join us for this special service.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher.....Rev. Caroline Kelly
Liturgist.....Eric Ringler
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir
Sound Technician.....Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Paul and Barbara Aber

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: Today, we will dedicate 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 December 3, 10, 17, and 24.**

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in honor of their beautiful children, Melissa, Eddie, Hayden, and their perfect grandchildren, Gabriel, Dominic, and Christian, by Larry Ulm and Marlee Ort. **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.**

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & PAM JAN

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of October 29, 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	\$181,062.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$186,115.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (5,053.00)

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

October 30, 2016
70

October 29, 2017
69

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**. 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 **on Sunday, November 12th**, 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 pumpkin pies; please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

ELDERS: CAROLYN MATHEWS & DAVID STICKLER

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.

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

OUR STAFF

Minister of Word and Sacrament/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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER (6)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
1:00 PM AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
6:00 PM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MEETING IN THE PARLOR

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER (7)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:15 PM NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING IN THE PARLOR
5:00 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING IN THE CHAPEL
5:30 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING IN THE PARLOR
6:30 PM MISSION MEETING IN THE PARLOR
6:30 PM COVENANT BIBLE STUDY I IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER (8)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
10:30 AM STAFF MEETING 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 (9)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:30 PM ALLEGANY COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION FORUM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER (10)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
8:00 PM ALPHA PHI OMEGA (OVERNIGHT)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER (11)

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (12)

9:45 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY & 2-5 YEAR OLD CLASS: AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION
11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: CONSECRATION SUNDAY
12:15 PM ACCIDENTAL SAINTS BOOK STUDY IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

<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.

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