

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

CONSECRATION SUNDAY



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

THE GATHERING
THE JOYBELLS

TAMMY WALDROP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

MY HEART IS STEADFAST, O GOD
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

EUGENE BUTLER

My heart is steadfast, O God. My heart is steadfast in thee.
Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens, let thy glory be over the earth!
My heart is steadfast, O God, is steadfast, O Lord, in thee.

I will sing and make melody. Awake, my heart! Awake, O harp and lyre!

Awake the dawn, awake, O harp and lyre!
Give thanks to thee, give thanks among the peoples.
Sing praise to thee, sing praise among the nations.
For thy steadfast love is great, for thy faithfulness!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Keep awake, for God comes to us when we least expect God.

Listen to God's voice; God speaks and we hear God's teaching.

Share God's teaching with one another; do not keep God's word a secret.

Tell of God's wondrous deeds.

We hope in God.

Let us worship the God of hope.

Consecration Sunday is the day we offer our financial commitment to support the work of Christ through the ministries of First Presbyterian Church. We will "consecrate" or set apart our pledges for this holy purpose.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of mercy and goodness, you have asked us
 to serve you in sincerity and in faithfulness.
 We confess that we have often gone through the
 motions without meaning what we have said and done.
 You have asked us to serve you but so often
 we worship other gods.
 You are a holy God and you forgive our sins.
 Forgive us for neglecting you and obeying other gods.
 Forgive us for not being ready when you call us.
 Wake us up, O God, and forgive us in your mercy. Amen...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

KYRIE

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins
 of the world; have mer - cy on us,
 Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C F/A Am Bb C Dm
 (G) (D) (A) (Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
 Bb F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE #587

ALLELUIA!

“CELTIC ALLELUIA”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! 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.)

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers and trains our hearts, hands, and tongues in the ways of peace. It is not an interruption of the service for social conversation but an integral part of the service where we greet one another as reconciled people.

OLD TESTAMNET READING JOSHUA 24:1-3A, 14-25 PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 205

ANTHEM *LET THERE PEACE ON EARTH*
THE JOYBELLS ARR. CYNTHIA DOBRINSKI

GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 25:1-13 PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 26

SERMON REV. CAROLINE KELLY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #350 *KEEP YOUR LAMPS TRIMMED AND BURNING* "KEEP YOUR LAMPS

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 JOHN NESS BECK
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, shall I come before him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice
and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

* AT THE PRESENTATION #606 *PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW* "OLD HUNDREDETH"

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.

LITANY OF THANKS

For the grace upon grace which is this community of faith - sanctuary and sermon, music
and mission, practices of hospitality, of learning, of discernment.

We give you thanks.

For grace we each bring to add to others' graces - our personal hopes and skills, the time we
can share, the experiences from which we offer tenderness, our willingness to take
responsibility or expose vulnerability.

We give you thanks.

Based on Micah 6:6-8, **Offertory** is one of the best-known choral anthems of music educator and publisher, John Ness Beck. Shortly before his death in 1987, Beck established a foundation for the education and promotion of young choral composers. Our Director of Music Ministries, Bryan Lohr, was awarded a John Ness Beck Fellowship in 2015.

For unexpected grace that sustains us in hard times – diagnosis, discouragement, downturn or despair.

We give you thanks.

For grace in the spaces – all those possibilities of next year – the new people who will sit in these pews, the new ways we will reach out, the transitions completed and the transitions begun.

We give you thanks.

For the grace of prayer, the grace of scripture, the grace of forgiveness, the grace of the resurrection promise, the grace of a single cup of cold water for a child, a stranger or a friend.

We give you thanks.

All these we have and do and will receive through Jesus Christ, who opens our hearts and hands so that grace may flow through us to all the world.

For so many blessings we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

ACT OF CONSECRATION

(As you bring forward your pledge cards and notes of gratitude, you are invited to sing)

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me;

“LIVING GOD”

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

During the Act of Consecration, you are invited to come forward individually or as a family and place in the basket your pledge card and the slip of paper on which you have noted something for which you are thankful.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #697

TAKE MY LIFE

“HENDON”

* CLOSING RESPONSES

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this place, these people,

We give ourselves to you.

Take us out to live as changed people,

Because we have been touched by the living Lord and cannot remain the same.

Ask much from us, expect much from us,

Enable much by us, encourage many through us.

So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

* 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

MENUET FROM SUITE GOTHIQUE
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

LÉON BOËLLMANN

* 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**.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher.....Rev. Caroline Kelly
Liturgist.....Michael Levitas
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Director of the JoyBells.....Julie Courtney
Musicians.....The JoyBells and The Sanctuary Choir
Sound Technician.....Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Sharon Squires and Elva Berry

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.

THE PRAY-GROUND is a special space in the sanctuary for our youngest children and their families. 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. This morning's broadcast was made possible by the generous donation of Deb and Gary Hendrickson! **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 loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Bestwick and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Macy, by Joyce Macy. **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.**

FAITH FORMATION

YOUNG ADULT GATHER: The young adult fellowship group will meet on **Saturday, November 18th at 5:00 PM** at the home of **Josh Gilhart and Eric Ringler for a turkey dinner**. If you have any questions or need the address to attend, please contact Josh Gilhart at jagilhart@hotmail.com.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & PAM JAN

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of November 5, 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	\$194,968.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$190,345.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 4,623.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

November 6, 2016
105

November 5, 2017
77

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

ELDERS: CARL BELT & BARBARA ABER

INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT EVENT & HANGING OF THE GREENS: The Faith Formation and Congregational Care and Outreach Committees invite you to our third annual Advent Event and Hanging of the Greens. Join us after worship on **Sunday, December 10** for an intergenerational gathering designed to prepare us for the birth of Christ. After lunch and a brief refresher on Advent, we will head to the sanctuary to bless the Christmas Tree and (NEW THIS YEAR) introduce the Christmas Tree Blessing Milestone Moment, which you can take home and use with your own tree. After the blessing, you are invited to help decorate throughout the sanctuary and education building or bake cookies in the kitchen to take to our in-home members later.

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

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!

JOIN US FOR AN INTERFAITH SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 7:00PM. The service will be hosted by the B'er Chayim congregation (107 W Union St.).

DECEMBER 24TH WORSHIP SERVICES: Service times for December 24th, the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve: The **11:00 am Advent service** will feature a multi-generational "no-practice" pageant. The **Christmas Eve service begins at 7:45 pm** and includes a portion in candle light.

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

Christmas Music Offering 2017

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

TOTAL GIFT: \$ _____

To the Glory of God in **Memory** or **Honor** of: (Please circle one)

✂ _____

If you wish to dedicate Christmas Music in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete the tear-off sheet and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office.

Please print all the names exactly as you would like them to appear in the bulletin and attach a check designated "Christmas Music 2017" in the memo line. Proceeds from the Christmas Music Offering will be used to help defray the costs of seasonal guest musicians.

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 (13)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:45 PM ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING IN THE PARLOR

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER (14)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER (15)

8:15AM LEARNING TREE PANCAKES WITH POP
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 (16)

8:15AM LEARNING TREE PANCAKES WITH POP
9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
7:00 PM SESSION MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER (17)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER (18)

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (19)

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 FELLOWSHIP HALL
5:00 PM ALCO GIRLS SOCCER BANQUET IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER SERVICE IN THE CHAPEL

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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