

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NOVEMBER 19, 2017

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

EXCEPTS FROM VARIATIONS ON 'ORA LABORA'
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

GERRE HANCOCK

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

GOD, WE GIVE YOU THANKS AND PRAISE
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

NAI-CHEN TAI

God, we give you thanks and praise.
Mercy and love, you show us daily.
Blessed always be your name.

The opening voluntary is a set of variations on the hymn *Come, Labor On* by Gerre Hancock, a former organist and master of choristers at St. Thomas Church, New York, where the hymn was composed in 1918.

While composed in the 20th century, the choral introit is a song of thanksgiving in the style of a traditional Taiwanese round.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations;
you have been our home throughout all the ages.
You were there before the world was made and will be forever.
From everlasting to everlasting you are God.
Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord!
The Lord's name be praised!

* HYMN #612

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

"KREMSER"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One,
We long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace.
To serve each other in love and humility.
To serve your world with wisdom and energy.

Forgive us when we stumble over pride,
when our words and actions are not guided by love.
Turn our hearts when we act in folly.
Restore our energy when it is gone.

Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail.
But your abundant grace is strong and eternal,
And forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ...

(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

OLD TESTAMNET READING

ZEPHANIAH 1:7, 12-18

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 824

ANTHEM

LAY UP YOUR TREASURES IN HEAVEN

PEPPER CHOPLIN

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR AND ERIC RINGLER, SOLOIST

*Lay up your treasures in heaven, O people, lay up your treasures in glory
where nothing in this world can take them away, O listen, people, hear the Master say:*

*“Come and lay up your treasures in heaven, O people, lay up your treasures in glory.
Your treasures in this world will fade away, but the things of the Lord will last forevermore.”*

Well the Lord looked down and saw the people there, tied up in worry and burdened with care.
He said, “Seek first the kingdom and you will see the things that will last for eternity.” O people...

Some people trust in their silver and gold, they put their faith in the wealth they hold.
But fortunes will fade and kingdoms fall, so put your trust in the Lord of all! Won't you...

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 25:14-30

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 27

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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #719

COME, LABOR ON

“ORA LABORA”

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF GARY HENDRICKSON (CLASS OF 2019)

JEFF GETTY AND CAROLINE KELLY

A LITANY OF GIFTS

As in one body we have many parts and each part has its own function,
so all of us together with Christ are one body, and we all belong to each other.

We have different gifts according to the grace God has given us.

If your gift is to hear God's Word, **speak it out in faith.**

If our gift is service, **live to serve others.**

If your gift is the heart of a teacher, **teach what is true.**

Let preachers preach with conviction, and givers give freely;

**let officers work diligently for the people,
and let those who serve the poor, serve gladly.**

Let us not lack for enthusiasm but be ardent in spirit,

serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope,

patient in suffering, constant in prayer,

supporting one another, and welcoming all.

STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

CHARGE

WELCOME

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

EXCEPTS FROM VARIATIONS ON 'ORA LABORA'

GERRE HANCOCK

BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

Ordination is a one-time act by which the church sets apart leaders to serve in particular offices: deacon, elder or minister of word and sacrament. **Installation** occurs every time an ordained officer is elected by the congregation to a particular term of service.

We use the ecumenical version of **the Lord's Prayer**, a modern language version of this ancient text produced by the English Language Liturgical Consultation in 1988.

* **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 #37** LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING “ASH GROVE”

* 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 NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD J. S. BACH, ARR. VIRGIL FOX
 BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

The closing voluntary is a popular transcription by 20th century concert organist Virgil Fox of a movement from Bach's thanksgiving cantata *Nun Danket All Gott*.

* 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.....Mikayla Dodge
 Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
 Musicians..... The Sanctuary Choir
 Sound Technician.....Joe Aurigemma
 Ushers.....Aaron Hendrickson and Pam Jan

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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.

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 Rich and Georgene McKenzie!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of their parents, Carl and Edna Belt and William and Doris Adkisson, and in honor of their children, Eleanor and Dave Madden and Meredith and Jeremy Irons, and their grandchildren, Quinn and Griffith Madden and Bryson and Brennan Irons, by Carl and Jane Belt. **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 November 12, 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	\$198,528.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$194,574.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 3,953.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

November 13, 2016

65

November 12, 2017

73

PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2018 are available in the pews and extras can be found in the back of the sanctuary. Although they were consecrated during worship last week, you can make or update your pledge at any time. Envelopes are provided and you can place your pledge in the offering plate, or in the church office. If you need a pledge card mailed to you, please call Brittany Jackson at 301-777-3700.

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.

THE HIGHLANDERS GROUP will meet for lunch at Gehauf's restaurant on National Highway in LaVale **tomorrow, November 20th, at noon**. Highlanders is a Christian fellowship group open to anyone over the age of 50. If you have any questions or if you need a ride, please contact Betty Richtmeyer.

FAITH FORMATION

ELDERS: CHELSEA BOOR & JOE WEAVER

THE MIDRIFTERS GROUP (40-50ISH) will host a pre-tree lighting event here at the church in the fellowship hall. We will meet for hot chocolate and goodies, then walk together as a group down to the city's tree lighting program. Please join us on Friday, November 24th beginning at 4:30. Anyone interested in learning more about the Midrifiers group is welcome to attend. For more information please contact Aaron Hendrickson or Rev. Caroline Kelly.

MISSION

ELDERS: JUDY STERN & PHIL MILLS

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: The monthly outreach dinner that we help with will be held **December 17th** 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 Christmas cookies; please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY CRAM PACKS: Our congregation will participate in the Cram pack outreach program again this year. The program is designed to help the college students at Frostburg State University get through their exam week with some encouragement. We need your help collecting items to fill the packs and preparing the packs on **Sunday, December 3rd**. You can bring any of the following to the library before worship: a bag of nuts, pretzels, fruit, snacks, cookies, brownies, pencils, and energy bars. Then join the Mission Committee to help stuff the Cram Packs after worship.

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 **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!

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.

Christmas Poinsettias 2017

WE ONLY HAVE A SHORT TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS THIS YEAR. If you wish to dedicate a Christmas poinsettia, please complete the tear-off sheet below and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office **by Sunday, December 3rd**.

Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary for the 7:45PM Christmas Eve service. If you would like to take your poinsettia home, please do so after the service. If you do not wish to keep your poinsettia, please indicate below. Additional donations may also be made toward the Christmas flowers.

Please print names exactly as you wish them to appear in the bulletin and attach a check for \$11.00 for each poinsettia, marked "CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA". **Poinsettias are only available in red this year.**

Number of poinsettias: _____ at \$11.00 each

Total \$ _____ I will pick up my poinsettia:

Additional Contribution for Christmas flowers: \$ _____ I wish to donate my poinsettia:

Total \$ _____

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

By: _____

Please return your order no later than December 3rd.

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. **Please submit offering and dedication no later than Sunday, December 10th.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER (20)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
1:00 PM AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
6:00 PM CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER (21)

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER (22)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN UNTIL NOON

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER (23)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER (24)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER (25)

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (26)

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

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