



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL
NANCY HODGES, ORGAN

ROBERT W. THYGERSON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into God's presence with gladness and singing.
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth and worship with great joy.
Give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.
God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever
and God is faithful to all people, young and old, men and women, children and youth.
Let us worship God.

* HYMN #276

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

"MADRID"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, you know our needs more than we do.
We confess this day our failure to feed the hungry,
clothe the naked, heal the sick, give release to those
who are imprisoned by fear, failure, and fatigue.
You call us to be your disciples and yet we are too cautious to follow your will.
We count the cost and decide it is just too much.
Remind us once again that to do all these things in your name would be as doing it to you.
Enable us to be more welcoming of those different than we are,
to be more inclusive of those who may believe differently than we do.
Restore us to you through your loving kindness and your forgiveness...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

Reign of Christ/Christ the King Sunday ends our marking of the Christian Year and moves us to the threshold of Advent, the season that anticipates the celebration of Christ's birth and the hope for his coming again at the end of time.

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

FIRST READING

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 181

ANTHEM

THE ONE HUNDERDTH PSALM

CARL F. MUELLER

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands,
serve the Lord with gladness; Come before God's presence with singing.
Know ye that the Lord is God: It is God that hath made us and not we ourselves;
We are the people and the sheep of God's pasture.
Enter into the gates with thanksgiving, and into God's courts with praise.
Be thankful unto God and bless God's name.
For the Lord is good; God's mercy is everlasting;
and God's truth endureth to all generations.

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 25:31-46

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 27

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

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.

The **anthem** is based on Psalm 100, one of the most beloved psalms in the entire psalter. It affirms that God alone is the true object of our worship.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN

COME NOW, YOU BLESSED, EAT AT MY TABLE

"QUANTA QUALIA"

"Come now, you blessed, eat at my table," said Jesus Christ to the righteous above.

"When I was hungry, thirsty, and homeless, sick and in prison, you showed me your love."

"When did we see you hungry or thirsty?" When were you homeless, a stranger alone?

When did we see you sick or in prison? What have we done that you call us your own?

"When you gave bread to earth's hungry children, when you gave shelter to war's refugees, when you remembered those most forgotten, you cared for me in the smallest of these."

Christ, when we see you out on life's roadways, looking to us in the faces of need, then may we know you, welcome, and show you love that is faithful in word and deed.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We declare that Jesus is Lord.

His resurrection is a decisive victory
over the powers that deform and destroy human life.

His lordship is hidden.

The world appears to be dominated by people and systems
that do not acknowledge his rule.

But his lordship is real.

It demands our loyalty and sets us free
from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.

We maintain that ultimate sovereignty
now belongs to Jesus Christ
in every sphere of life.

Jesus is Lord'

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end.

Even now he is Lord. Amen.

Our **Affirmation of Faith** comes from **A Declaration of Faith**, adopted by the PC (U.S.A.) in 1985 "as a contemporary statement of faith, a reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy, and inspiration."

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

IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU
NANCY HODGES, ORGAN

GERALD PETERSON

* **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**

O God,
giver of all good things,
move us to thanksgiving,
not because of what we have, but because of whose we are;
not because of present blessing,
but because of your continuing providence;
not because of the moment,
but because of the eternity of salvation.

Let our thanksgiving be expressed
not only in feasting, but in sharing;
not only in passive enjoyment, but in active service;
not only in annual observance, but in daily attitude.

Let our offerings be used to
feed the hungry;
clothe the naked;
and heal the sick,
and in so doing
serve Christ our King. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN #268** CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS “DIADEMATA”

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **CHORAL RESPONSE** HALLELUJAH FROM MESSIAH G. F. HANDEL

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR, MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION, AND JUDIE BROWN, ORGANIST

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,
And of his Christ, and of his Christ; And he shall reign for ever and ever;
King of kings, and Lord of lords, and he shall reign forever and ever.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Though we associate Handel's Messiah with Christmas and Easter, the **Hallelujah Chorus** reflects an understanding of Christ's lordship that we lift up each and every day, but especially on "Christ the King/Reign of Christ" Sunday: Christ alone has the right to claim our highest loyalty. He is King of kings and Lord of lords!

* 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.....Cathy Levitas
Guest Organists.....Nancy Hodges and Judie Brown
Musicians..... The Sanctuary Choir
Sound Technician.....Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Mike and Laura Fiscus

<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: Is 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. This morning's broadcast was made possible by the generous donation of Carolyn Mathews!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of her mother, Phyllis "Perk" Smith, by Nancy Hodges. **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 will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund.**

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 20, 2016
76

November 19, 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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: Over the past month we have been in the process of updating the church directory and we are happy to announce that the printed directory is almost complete and will be **available on Sunday, December 3rd** before and after worship.

If you would like a printed copy of the directory please fill out the tear off below and place it in the offering plate.

NAME: _____ would like a printed directory.

If you need assistance in install the phone app directory to your phone, please contact the church office.

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.

GENTLY LOVED TOYS is in its 11th year as a community-wide outreach for the Cumberland community. This year, we will participate in their mission to provide gently loved (used) toys to children in the community; to give children and families an opportunity to give to other children and to promote the reuse of toys as a way of caring for the environment. **Please bring gently used toys and books to the church by Sunday, December 10.** The youth will sort and bag them at the Advent Event and deliver them to WMHS, where families will come and choose toys and books for their children at Christmastime.

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

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 (27)

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER (28)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER (29)

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 (30)

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER (1)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER (2)

6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE LIBRARY
7:30 PM CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER (3)

9:45 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY & 2-5 YEAR OLD CLASS: AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION
11:00 AM SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
12:00 PM FIRST SUNDAY FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE LIBRARY
FSU CRAM PACK PREPARATION
3:00 PM CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

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