

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 28, 2018



-Christ Preaching in the Temple, Guercino (1625 to 1627)

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY *THERE IS A SPIRIT THAT DELIGHTS TO DO NO EVIL*
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

NED ROREM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

ON THIS DAY EARTH SHALL RING
THE JOYBELLS

ARR. MITCHELL EITHUN

* CALL TO WORSHIP

By this we have known the presence of the Lord:
in the rising of the sun, in the smile of another's face,
in the touch of a hand or the sound of a laugh,
in the scent of a flower holding the promise of spring.

By this we have known the power of the Lord:
in the healing of hurts, in the forgiveness of sin,
in the giving of gifts beyond all expectation,
in the shower of love that comes from God's Son.

Let us give thanks to the Lord with all of our heart!

Let us worship our God, whose presence and power endures forever!

From the organ collection *A Quaker Reader*, based on various texts of famous Quakers, **the voluntary** is inspired by the dying words of of English Quaker leader and outspoken critic of the slave trade, James Naylor.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We know who you are, O Christ;
you are the one who silences demons and casts out evil spirits;
you are the one who creates new life out of utter chaos.
We know who you are, O Christ.
Forgive us, we pray, when we act otherwise.
In your name we pray....

(Time for silent reflection and prayer)

KYRIE #576

LORD, HAVE MERCY

“SINGAPURA”

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE #475

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING *(verse 3)*

“NETTLETON”

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

* 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 168

ANTHEM

LORD, OPEN THOU MY HEART
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

JOHN DRESSLER

Lord, open thou my heart to hear, and through thy word to me draw near;
Let me thy word e'er pure retain, let me thy child and heir remain.

Thy word doth deeply move my heart, thy word doth perfect health impart,
thy word my soul with joy doth bless, thy word brings peace and happiness.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
shall glory, praise, and honor be now and throughout eternity. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

MARK 1:21-28

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 33

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 #180

SILENCE! FRENZIED, UNCLEAN SPIRIT

“AUTHORITY”

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Since our service is broadcast on Youtube, 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

SHOUT TO THE LORD
THE JOYBELLS

ARR. PEGGY BETTCHER

* AT THE PRESENTATION #314 *(refrain)*

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

“CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT”

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #772

LIVE INTO HOPE

“TRURO”

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION

(All members are encouraged to stay; visitors are welcome.)

* BENEDICTION

* SUNG BENEDICTION #306

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

* 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**.

Jesus prays for us and wants us to pray for others — for the whole church and for the world that God so loves. During the **Prayers of the People**, we pray especially for people who are sick, hungry, lonely, or poor; for the cities and neighborhoods where we live; for people and leaders in other countries; for peace and fairness for all people; for all God’s creatures; for clean air, water, and soil; and for the work of the whole church to show and tell the good news of Jesus.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....	Rev. Caroline Kelly
Liturgist.....	Michael Levitas
Director of Music Ministries.....	Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....	The Sanctuary Choir
Sound Technician.....	Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....	Bob and Sharon Kazary

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION of First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland, Maryland is called by the Session for today following worship. The purposes of the meeting are:

- To hear the Annual Report of the Session
- To elect an Auditor to the Auditing Committee
- To elect a 2018 Congregational Nominating Committee
- To approve the pastor's terms of call
- To receive the 2018 budget
- To elect Officers of the Corporation
- To hear and act on a recommendation to sell the Southminster Community Center owned by the church, and
- To conduct any other business properly coming before the Congregation-Corporation.

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>

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 Addy Mallery

THE SESSION

Class of 2018: Carl Belt, Carolyn Mathews, Judy Stern, and Agnes Yount

Class of 2019: Shirley Giarritta, Gary Hendrickson, 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

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 ON YOUTUBE: 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: 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

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & PAM JAN

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of January 21, 2018
Total 2018 Pledges Promised	\$213,610.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 11,275.00
<u>2018 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$224,885.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$14,244.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$11,969.00
Over/(Under)	\$2,275.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

January 22, 2017

76

January 21, 2018

72

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

RULING ELDERS: SHIRLEY GIARRITIA AND GARY HENDRICKSON

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is having a **work night** on **Tuesday, January 30, 2018 from 6:30-8:30PM**. We plan to paint walls, replace tiles and refinish ceilings in the upstairs hallway. All helpers are welcome.

MISSION

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, JANUARY (29)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
10:00AM MILDRED RANSOM VISITATION
11:00AM MILDRED RANSOM FUNERAL SERVICE

TUESDAY, JANUARY (30)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY (31)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
10:30AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE
5:30 PM OFFICER TRAINING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE
6:00 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL IN THE LIBRARY
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY (1)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY (2)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY (3)

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY (4)

9:45 AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY & 2-5 YEAR OLD CLASS: AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION
11:00 AM SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION
12:00 PM FIRST SUNDAY FOOD & FELLOWSHIP IN THE LIBRARY
12:15 PM WAKING UP WHITE BOOK STUDY IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

Lent & Holy Week at FPC



February 14, 2018
7:00PM in the front of the Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, a 40-day spiritual journey with Jesus toward the cross and the death that ultimately brings resurrection life. It is a time to reflect on who we are and whose we are.

As part of the service, we will offer the imposition of ashes as a physical reminder of our mortality and sin and an assurance of God's forgiveness and salvation. Ashes have been used in Christian churches to mark the beginning of Lent since at least the 10th century. In Scripture, ashes are described as a symbol of purification and repentance. Communion will also be served. Our service will be reflective and informal. Join us as we begin the holiest season of the year.

Way of Life: A Lenten Study based on *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian D. McLaren

To be human is to move. To be human is to change. Today, Christianity is in need of change. More specifically, argues McLaren, Christianity is in need of a migration.

Join friends from Emmanuel Episcopal and St. Paul's Lutheran on Thursdays at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall for a simple supper, followed by study and conversation. **To order the participant study guide, please contact Brittany Jackson by February 5. They are recommended by not required for participation in the study. Cost is \$10.**

February 22 – A Better Way to Be Christian

March 1 – From a System of Beliefs to a Way of Life

March 8 – Toward a Loving God of Liberation

March 15 – For the Common Good



*Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25 at 11:00AM at First Presbyterian

*Maundy Thursday, March 29 at 7:00PM at Emmanuel Episcopal

*Good Friday, March 30 at 12:00 PM at First Presbyterian (in the Chapel) and 7:00PM at St. Paul's Lutheran

*Egg Hunt/Blessing Milestone, March 31 at 10:00AM at First Presbyterian Church (playground)

*Easter Sunday, April 1 = Sunrise service at Rocky Gap at 7:00AM and a traditional service in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian at 11:00AM