

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

APRIL 15, 2018

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

ABIDE WITH US, LORD JESUS CHRIST  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH  
BWV 649

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ is risen!  
He is risen, indeed!

CHORAL INTROIT

ALLELUIA                    BARBARA GAY AND ARTHUR FRACKENPOHL  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is risen! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!  
Beloved, we are God's children now;  
when Christ is revealed, we will be like him.  
  
Let us worship God.

The **Call to Worship** reminds us that worship begins with God, who takes the initiative in calling us together. We respond by praising God.

\* HYMN #246

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

TRURO"

CALL TO CONFSSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all hope and joy, we confess that we continue to live in fear.  
You sent the Lord of life among us yet we gave him up to die.  
You raised him from the dead yet we still do not believe.

Forgive us, God of grace.  
Help us to receive with gratitude the great gift of love you offer,  
and live as your beloved children; through Jesus 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 #579

LORD, HAVE MERCY

"ORTHODOX"

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

### \* RESPONSE #582 GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

"GLORY TO GOD"

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

### \* 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

ACTS 3:12-19

PEW BIBLE, NT, p.113

### ANTHEM

CHRIST HAS NO HANDS BUT OURS  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

HAL H. HOPSON

Christ has no hands but ours, Christ has no feet but ours.  
Ours are the eyes through which he sees the world.

Ours are the hands with which he heals, to offer health and food.  
Ours are the feet with which he walks, to go to all in need.  
  
Ours are the ears with which he hears, to sense the burdened heart.  
Ours are the lips with which he speaks, to sing a word of love.

The anthem is based on a text of St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582), as translated by composer Hal Hopson.

## RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

\* HYMN #27

SACRED THE BODY

"TENDERNESS"

\* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the new life you raise up in us through the mystery of our baptism — the sorrow of the heavy cross, the surprise of the empty tomb, the love that death could not destroy.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in baptism, fill us with the joy of resurrection, so that we may be a living sign of your new heaven and new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

When we remember and give thanks for our baptism, we commit ourselves to the continued practice of dying to sin and rising to new life in Christ.

### SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

God has made the One who was rejected the cornerstone of a new community.

In the name of Christ Jesus, let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,  
Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

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.

Holy One,  
as the risen Christ opened the minds of the disciples to understand the Scriptures and gave them power through the Holy Spirit to walk boldly in this world, open your people today to the healing, wisdom, and faith given in your Word;  
hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Prince of Peace,  
as Christ Jesus showed his wounded hands and feet to the terrified apostles, reveal to your church, and to people of prayer in every faith, the wounds of our neighbors, the fears of individuals and families, and the avenues toward healing;  
hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Author of life,  
we beg for peace among nations, peace throughout communities, peace within families.

Guide leaders and voters,  
legislatures and parliaments,  
judges and juries.

Teach diplomacy and let our ways be formed  
so that all creatures, plants, and people may have plenty;  
hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Light in our darkness,  
let your brightness burn in places shrouded in violence.  
Reveal the pains that are hidden in secret.  
Unveil the needs of our own hearts  
so that we may know the power of vulnerability.  
Your Son was raised to life even from the grave.  
Show us again that life comes from death;  
hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Healer of our every ill,  
we pray for all who are in need,  
for refugees of war and all who are displaced by storms,  
for rescue workers and medical teams,  
for those whose bones are weary,  
for those who show us the power of community  
to give hope to the frightened,  
and for all who have asked for our prayers;  
hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

You command us to bring to you our deepest desires, O God,  
and we pray now for those persons and concerns  
that lie on our hearts, spoken aloud or in silence. . . .

[A time of silence is kept.]  
Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your abundant mercy, O God,  
we commend into your care all for whom we pray,  
and our own lives;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who taught us to pray,

**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

EASTER OFFERTOIRE  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

CLÉMENT LORET

The offertory is  
a rhapsodic  
miniature for  
organ by a late  
19th century  
Belgium  
composer, based  
on a French  
Easter hymn  
dating to the  
15th century.

\* AT THE PRESENTATION PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW "LASST UNS ERFREUEN"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures high and low;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Doxology that we sing **At the Presentation (of the offering)** is an ancient chorus of praise with a vision of joining all the created beings of all times and places who forever sing praise to God.

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN #498

LOAVES WERE BROKEN, WORDS WERE SPOKEN

"BEACH SPRING"

\* 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.

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

FANFARE

BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

JACQUES LEMMENS

\* 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**.

## This Morning's Worship Leaders

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

## OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....	Rev. Caroline M. Kelly
Director of Music Ministries .....	Bryan Lohr
Executive Administrative Assistant.....	Brittany Jackson
Sexton.....	Zach Dodge
Sound Tech/Security.....	Joe Aurigemma
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:** 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

<http://www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland>

## 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](http://www.fpc-cumberland.org) and [www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland](http://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](http://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 for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of someone. 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

<b>ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:</b>	<b>as of April 8, 2018</b>
Total 2018 Pledges Promised	\$222,725.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 11,275.00
<u>2018 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$211,450.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 53,490.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 51,865.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 1,625.00

### **SUNDAY ATTENDANCE**

<b>April 9, 2017</b>	<b>April 8, 2018</b>
101(Palm Sunday)	62

## **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

ELDER: SHIRLEY GIARRITTA & GARY HENDRICKSON

**CHURCH SPRING CLEAN UP DAY!** On Saturday, **April 28<sup>th</sup>**, the Buildings & Grounds Committee invites you to come out and help clean up the church from 9:00AM-12:00PM. We need your help and talents, so please sign up on the white board by the Parlor for the following: painting, heavy lifting, and/or yard work.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH**

RULING ELDER: CARL BELT

**THE HIGHLANDERS GROUP** will meet for lunch at Patrick's restaurant in Cumberland **tomorrow, April 16th, at noon**. Highlanders is a fellowship group for senior adults. If you have any questions or if you need a ride, please contact Mary Gallion.

## **MISSION**

RULING ELDERS: JUDY STERN & PHIL MILLS

**MISSION OUTREACH DINNER:** The monthly outreach dinner that we help with will be held next **Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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.

FAITH FORMATION  
RULING ELDERS: CHELSEA BOOR & JOE WEAVER



FRIDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00PM  
BILL & ANN KELLERMEYER'S HOME

Bill and Ann are hosting a graduation milestone for the high school and college graduates in our congregation. Marisa Aurigemma, Ben Fiscus, Addison Stroup are graduating from high school; Sean Aurigemma and Atticus Speis are graduating from college.

**Join us for caring conversations and dinner as we celebrate this special time in their lives**, especially if you were one of their **mentors**, one of their **Sunday school teachers**, or made a connection with them during **youth group**. Dinner will be followed with a time for reflection, prayer and blessing. Don't miss this opportunity to meet with the seniors and their families as we recognize and honor this milestone together.

**Everyone can help celebrate by donating something for their laundry bags:** plastic food storage containers, wash cloths, coat hangers, bandages, highlighters, poster putty, bar soap, sticky notes, Q-tips, sanitizing wipes, dryer sheets, paper towels, air freshener, index cards, tissues, pens, pencils, candy, gum, room deodorizers, paper clips, stress balls. We will have a box in the entry to collect items. Please also leave your name on the sheet of paper beside it so we can let them know who contributed. If you would like to write them a personal note, please leave that in the box, also.

To come to the milestone event, **please RSVP to Brittany Jackson by Wednesday, April 25**. Let us know what you will bring:

Hors d'oeuvre \_\_\_\_\_

Side Dish\_\_\_\_\_

Salad\_\_\_\_\_

The rest will be provided.

# The Great Dakota Giveaway!

## Soup & Chili Rodeo, Live and Silent Auction

Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM  
Auctioneer: Buck Belt

**Help us raise funds to send 20 inspired volunteers to serve at a  
summer learning camp for children in South Dakota**

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The Great Dakota Giveaway  
Sunday, April 29th at 12:30 p.m.

**Yes, I will come to support our volunteers and enjoy this fellowship and food event.**  
(All the food you can eat for only \$5 per person!)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

I can donate the following items:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I can donate the following service to be auctioned (babysitting, car wash, consulting, teaching):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions or if you would like to make a donation,  
please contact Robin Bissell at rbissell444@gmail.com.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

### **MONDAY, APRIL (16)**

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
1:30 PM AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

### **TUESDAY, APRIL (17)**

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL (18)**

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
10:30 AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE  
5:30 PM COVENANT BIBLE STUDY III IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM  
6:15 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL  
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM  
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

### **THURSDAY, APRIL (19)**

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
7:00 PM SESSION MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

### **FRIDAY, APRIL (20)**

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
6:00 PM ALPHA PHI OMEGA OVERNIGHT LOCK-IN

### **SATURDAY, APRIL (21)**

6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

### **SUNDAY, APRIL (22)**

9:45AM ADULT BIBLE STUDY & 2-5 YEAR OLD CLASS: AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION  
11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
4:00 PM HRDC MISSION OUTREACH DINNER