

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

JULY 1, 2018 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Touch of Faith by Pastor Jose B. Cabajar

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

10:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

ARR. DAN MILLER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

JESUS, WE ARE HERE
MEMBERS OF THE SANCTUARY CHOIR
Jesus, we are here; we are here for you.
Teacher, we are here; we are here for you.
Spirit, we are here; we are here for you.

PATRICK MATSIKENYIRI

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
the mercies of God never come to an end.

Let us worship God.

* HYMN #39

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

"FAITHFULNESS"

CALL TO CONFESSION

"Tawa pano" ("We are here") is a statement of celebration that, in spite of life's difficulties, we have overcome them to be present for worship. Gathering for worship cannot be taken for granted in a country where transportation is expensive; political instability is a way of life; and many people care for others who are suffering from HIV/AIDS.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, triune God, we confess
that we have not lived for your glory.
We follow the crowds around you
but fail to grasp the good news you offer.
We weep at the power of death
but laugh at your promise of new life.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Heal us of all doubt and despair
and give us the gift of faith
by which you make us whole;
through Jesus Christ our Lord...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

KYRIE ELEISON #577

LORD, HAVE MERCY

"KYRIE ELEISON"

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE #581

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

"GLORIA PATRI"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, 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.)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-25, 31-33

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 720

ANTHEM

DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER

HAROLD FRIEDEL

MEMBERS OF THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Draw us in the spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the father, break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

GOSPEL READING

MARK 5:21-43

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 37

SERMON

REV. ANN ATKINS

Today's readings come from the Revised Common Lectionary, a three-year cycle of weekly Bible readings used by the vast majority of mainline Protestant churches in Canada and the United States.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #819 *BE STILL, MY SOUL* "FINLANDIA"

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING *AMERICAN FOLK HYMN* ARR. TIM PRICE
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

* AT THE PRESENTATION #605 *PRAISE TO GOD THE FATHER* "DA N'ASE"

Praise to God the Father;
praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spirit;
praise to the Three-in-One.
Sing praise, sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord ~
we praise you for your love: bringing order out of chaos,
breathing life into dust, leading captives to freedom,
calling wandering children home, giving bread to the hungry,
giving drink to the thirsty, raising the dead to life.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Thank you Lord ~
we thank you for Jesus: Word made flesh,
light of the world, living water, shepherd and gate,
way and truth, bread of heaven, cup of salvation, resurrection and life.

Take this bread and cup, O God ~
a feast of grace; take our hearts and lives- an offering of praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

In the
Presbyterian
Church (U.S.A),
all are welcome
to receive the
bread and cup,
regardless of
their age or
understanding.
If you have not
yet been
baptized, you
are encouraged
to speak to the
pastor about the
meaning of and
preparation for
Baptism.

Spirit, come ~
come and live in us: in this bread, in this cup
in your people, one in body, one in blood,
one in Christ, one in ministry,
in this place, in every place;
in this world, in the world to come...

(The celebrant continues the prayer.)

...Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving,
honor and power, forever and ever! Amen.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal and gracious One, though we live in a world of need,
here we have tasted your goodness and hungered for a world more just.
Though afflicted by brokenness and division,
here we have heard your call to be people of healing community.
Though daily we touch our limits,
here we have received the fullness of your grace.
Send us forth, O God,
in faith, in hope, and in love. Amen.

We will receive **communion by intinction**; as directed by the ushers, please come forward using the aisle closest to you, take a piece of bread from the basket, dip it into the cup, eat it and then return to your seat using the other aisle.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #821 MY LIFE FLOWS ON "HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING"

* 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 EXCERPTS FROM VARIATIONS ON 'AMERICA' CHARLES IVES
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

* 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

Guest Preacher.....Rev. Ann Atkins
Liturgist.....Sharon Kazary
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musicians..... Nancy Hodges, Piano and Members of the Sanctuary Choir
Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
Ushers.....David Stickler and Burt Heister

Please note that Rev. Kelly will be out of town on vacation from June 30 - July 8. For pastoral emergencies during her absence, please contact the church office at [301-777-3700](tel:301-777-3700) or the Rev. Hans Killius at [240\) 803-9933](tel:240-803-9933). Today we welcome Rev. Ann Atkins and next Sunday, July 8 we will welcome Rev. Rebecca Vardiman as our guest preachers.

Today we welcome back the Reverend Ann V. Atkins as our guest preacher. Ann is retired from the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, where she served for over 25 years. She is married to Rev. Hal Atkins, who also served in the B-W Conference for over 25 years, until today, which is his official retirement date from the B-W Conference. They have one son, Daniel, who is currently living with them in their retirement/downsizing home on Sperry Terrace in Cumberland. Pastors Hal & Ann continue to be blessed by serving as the pastors for the Allegany HS Football team (Hal) and the Fort Hill Football team (Ann). They both have a desire to serve God in the different places of ministry here in Cumberland and the surrounding areas, seeking to bring God's love, hope and grace to those in need.

OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....Rev. Caroline M. Kelly
Director of Music MinistriesBryan Lohr
Executive Administrative Assistant.....Brittany Jackson
Sexton.....Zach Dodge
Sound Tech/Security.....Joe Aurigemma
Sunday Worship Child Care Providers..... Addy and Jonathan Dayton

THE SESSION

Class of 2019: Shirley Giarritta, Gary Hendrickson, Phil Mills, and David Stickler

Class of 2020: Chelsea Boor, Jeff Getty, Pam Jan, Cathy Levitas, and Joe Weaver

Class of 2021: Laura Fiscus, Josh Gilhart, Aaron Hendrickson, and Agnes Yount

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

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: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of her parents, Clifford and Lessie Bell, by Agnes Yount and in appreciation of the blessing of her grandson, James Burkett, by Linda Mellon. **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.**

LOST AND FOUND: Please check the lost and found box by the door to the parking lot. Any items left for more than 30 days will be donated to Goodwill.

VIOLINIST WESLEY MASON, a recent Frostburg State graduate and frequent guest artist at FPC, will be offering a free recital at 3:00 p.m. on July 15 at Christ Lutheran Church in LaVale. The program will feature Wesley and other area musicians playing a wide array of repertoire, including classical, jazz, gospel, and pop. A free-will offering will be taken to help Wesley raise funds for a new violin, after his current instrument suffered severe damage from woodworm. Please consider attending this concert and generously supporting Wesley's music ministry in our community! The church's address is [1222 Vocke Rd, Cumberland, MD 21502](http://www.fpc-cumberland.org/). For more information, please speak with Bryan Lohr.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & GARY HENDRICKSON

| ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE: | as of June 24, 2018 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 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 | \$ 95,816.00 |
| Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date | \$ 91,761.00 |
| Over/(Under) | \$ 4,054.00 |

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

| June 25, 2017 | June 24, 2018 |
|---------------|---------------|
| 95 | 58 |

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: CHELSEA BOOR & JOE WEAVER

CAREGIVER MILESTONE: Join us on Sunday, July 15, after worship, as we celebrate the caregivers in our midst. Whether they are or have taken care of a loved one, at home or at a long term residence, their lives are greatly changed.

If you are a caregiver or you have been, please plan to join with others at a potluck meal, caring conversations and blessings. We will provide the meat and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert.

If there are others of you who carry these caregivers near and dear to your heart, consider helping with the set up or clean-up of this celebration. Let Brittany, Cindy Corley or Ann Kellermeyer know if you are planning to attend by Wednesday, July 11.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PHIL MILLS & PAM JAN

ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR SUMMER LUNCHBOX 2018: Calling all sandwich makers and lunch packers....We have begun making and delivering lunches on Fridays this summer and will continue through Friday, August 10. Please plan to join us in the Fellowship from 9:30 - noon for any or all Friday mornings this summer. We welcome all helpers. Please sign up on the sheets in the side hallway at church or call Cathy Levitas at [301-707-7386](tel:301-707-7386) for more information.

SOUTH DAKOTA LEARNING CAMP TRANSPORTATION HELP NEEDED: Camp participants are in need of one driver and a minivan to transport six volunteers to Reagan Airport on Saturday July 7th, to leave the church parking lot at 10:30AM at 11 Washington St Cumberland.

They are also in need of two drivers and two minivans to drive 12 volunteers back from DC Reagan Airport at 4:00PM on Sunday July 15th, returning to the church parking lot around 7:30PM. If you have a minivan that you can loan, but can't drive, please let us know. We can also rent the minivans, so if you're willing to drive please let us know. You'll meet some wonderful and grateful people! Contact BJ Wrights at 301-876-0262 or Robin Bissell at 240-444-4219 as soon as possible.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, JULY (2)

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

TUESDAY, JULY (3)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:30 PM COVENANT BIBLE STUDY II IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

WEDNESDAY, JULY (4)

CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

THURSDAY, JULY (5)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, JULY (6)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
9:30 AM SUMMER LUNCHBOX PROGRAM

SATURDAY, JULY (7)

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

SUNDAY, JULY (8)

10:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
NAILS: HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ARRIVES