

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
JULY 29, 2018 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*For the Christian there is always a connection
between the ordinary events of life and
the stupendous work of God in history.
Everything we do in obedience to God,
no matter how small, is significant.
It is part of a cosmic mosaic which
God is painting to display the greatness of
his power and wisdom to the world and
to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places.*

-John Piper, Ruth: the Best Is Yet to Come, 1984.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

10:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

VIVACE FROM TRIO SONATA NO. 6
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH
BWV 530

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT

BEAU HARTMAN, PIANO

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Here in this place, there are no foreigners,
for all are welcome in God's house.
Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,
for love is the language of faith.
Here in our lives, there are no divisions,
for God dwells in each of us.
Come, let us worship in unity and love.

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 #53

O GOD, WHO GIVES US LIFE

"NOEL"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You asked for my hands
that you might use them for your purpose.
I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them,
for the work was hard.
You asked for my mouth
to speak out against injustice.
I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes
to see the pain of poverty.
I closed them, for I did not want to see.

You asked for my life
that you might work through me.
I gave a small part that I might not get too involved.

Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you,
only when it is convenient for me to do so,
only in those places where it is safe to do so,
and only with those who make it easy to do so.

Father, forgive me, renew me,
send me out as a usable instrument
that I might take seriously the meaning of the cross.

Joe Seremane, South Africa

(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.)

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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.

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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

MATTHEW 7:7-8

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 57

SECOND READING

RUTH 3:1-18

READERS' THEATRE: GAIL FOSTER, BEAU HARTMAN, CAROLINE KELLY AND ROLFE SINGERMAN

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #684

FAITH BEGINS BY LETTING GO

"LUX PRIMA"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God
whose love is the source of all life
and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face
in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by evil
that waits to enslave us all
and whose love, defeating even death,
is our glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful
and full of doubt, in God we trust;
and, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves, in the service of others,
to seek justice and to live in peace,
to care for the earth
and to share the commonwealth
of God's goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness
and the power of the spirit of love,
and in the company of the faithful
so to be the church,
for the glory of God. Amen.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER BEAU HARTMAN

FAREWELL BLESSING FOR GAIL FOSTER

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

This summer we are using the scriptures from the Narrative Lectionary instead of the Revised Common Lectionary, focusing on Biblical books and topics that fall outside the typical readings. Today is the third in our four-week series on the Book of Ruth.

Our **Affirmation of Faith** comes from the **Iona Community**, an ecumenical Christian community committed to the belief that worship is all that we are and all that we do, both inside and outside the church, with no division into the sacred and the secular.

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

PSALM 108
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

EMMA LOU DEIMER

O God, my heart is ready. I will sing and make melody. Awake, my soul!

*** 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**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*** HYMN #700**

I’M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME

“I’M GONNA LIVE”

*** 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

VOLUNTARY IN G
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

HENRY HERON

The Christian life is marked by **the offering** of one’s self to God. In worship, God presents us with the costly self-offering of Jesus Christ, who has claimed us and set us free. In response to God’s love in Christ, we offer our lives, our gifts, our abilities, and our material goods for God’s service.

* 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.....Otto Ross
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Guest Pianist..... Beau Hartman
Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Charlene Lelinski and Barbara Leasure

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 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.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & GARY HENDRICKSON

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of July 22, 2018
Total 2018 Pledges Promised	\$222,725.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 11,275.00
2018 Pledge Balance Promised	\$211,450.00
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 113,730.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 115,699.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (1,968.00)

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

July 23, 2017

60

July 22, 2018

78

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

RULING ELDERS: SHIRLEY GIARRITTA & AARON HENDRICKSON

THE BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE proudly announces the completion of the painting in the Sanctuary, Flower Room, and Heritage Room where there was previous water damage. There were also major plastering repairs made this week as well.

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOE WEAVER & CHELSEA BOOR

COMMUNION MILESTONE: Join us next Sunday, August 5 for a milestone focused on the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. We'll start at 8:30am with breakfast (in lieu of our after worship fellowship hour) and then reflect on the meaning and practice of communion before we share communion later during worship. We will provide drinks, plates, utensils. Please feel free to bring a simple breakfast food to share. Activities will include grape stomping, making bread, devotions, caring conversations, blessing, and prayer. Please be sure to wear something that will not be ruined by the grapes! Please RSVP to Brittany Jackson at firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com by August 2nd and bring a breakfast item to share. We will provide drinks.

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.

OUR HELP IS NEEDED

The Union Rescue Mission provides a safe shelter, three hot meals per day, clothing, hygiene items, diapers, formula and other necessities to those in need in our community.

They are currently in need of:

- Tampons
- Baby wipes
- Diapers, size 4 - 6
- Soap bars, bath size
- Shampoo, regular size
- Conditioner, regular size
- Deodorant, women's & men's



Goal: 100 Packs

When: July through September

What: Donations of individual items

Where: Please place items in the marked donation box located in the foyer.

HELP IS NEEDED TO DELIVER DONATIONS TO THE UNION RESCUE MISSION: We are in need of persons to sign up to deliver the donations to the mission. We plan to deliver the items twice a month. Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer beside the donation boxes.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, JULY (30)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, JULY (31)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST (1)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

THURSDAY, AUGUST (2)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, AUGUST (3)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

9:30 AM SUMMER LUNCHBOX PROGRAM

SATURDAY, AUGUST (4)

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST (5)

8:30 AM MILESTONES MINISTRY COMMUNION EVENT

10:00AM SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

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

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