

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 22, 2018

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

10:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

MEDITATION ON 'DUNDEE'
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

ALFRED V. FEDAK

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT

PEACE IS FLOWING LIKE A RIVER
MIKAYLA AND ZACH DODGE

TRADITIONAL

* 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.

* HYMN #30

O GOD, IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY

"DUNDEE"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Welcoming one another in the name of Jesus Christ establishes the context for worship as an encounter with the Holy One who calls all things into being.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Covenant-making God,
you provide for us in many different ways,
and we confess that we do not always recognize you
at work in the world around us.

We get impatient,
wanting you to work on our schedule.
We wish for something more or different
than what you have offered.
We want someone else to solve
problems we have had a hand in creating.

Forgive our foolish ways,
our thoughtless words,
our arrogant ignorance.
Turn our eyes once again to you,
and focus our hearts on your way,
that we may be faithful to your promise...

(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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

LUKE 3:36-38

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 57

ANTHEM

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?
MIKAYLA AND ZACH DODGE

ROBERT LOWRY

SECOND READING

RUTH 2:1-12

READERS' THEATRE: MIKAYLA DODGE, ZACH DODGE, CAROLINE KELLY, ROLFE SINGERMAN, SUZANNE WRIGHT

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

The ritual of **confession and assurance** is not a time of judgment; it is a time of grace. It is not a time to fear God; it is a time to experience God's unending love through Jesus. It is a time to take a load off our shoulders so that we might more freely live.

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 second in our four-week series on the Book of Ruth.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #686

GOD OF OUR LIFE

"SANDON"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

God created all the worlds that are
and upholds and rules everything.

We affirm that the universe exists
by the power of God's Word and Spirit.
God has chosen to give it reality
out of the love we have come to know in Christ.

God still works
through the processes that shape and change the earth
and the living things upon it.
We acknowledge God's care and control
in the regularity of the universe
as well as in apparently random happenings.
There is no event from which God is absent
and God's ultimate purpose in all events is just and loving.

-A Declaration of Faith

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."

BLESSING OF CAREGIVERS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

WHEN MEMORY FADES
MIKAYLA AND ZACH DODGE

"FINLANDIA"

When memory fades and recognition falters,
when eyes we love grow dim, and minds, confused,
speak to our souls of love that never alters;
speak to our hearts by pain and fear abused.
O God of life and healing peace,
empower us with patient courage, by your grace infused.

As frailness grows and youthful strengths diminish,
in weary arms that worked their earnest fill,
your aging servants labor now to finish
their earthly tasks, as fits your mystery's will.
We grieve their waning, yet rejoice, believing
your arms, unwearied, shall uphold us still.

The **musical offering** was sung last Sunday as part of the Caregiver Milestone. It is #808 in our hymnal, written for a daughter caring for a mother suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

Within your Spirit, goodness lives unfading.
The past and future mingle into one.
All joys remain, unshadowed light pervading.
No valued deed will ever be undone.
Your mind enfolds all finite acts and offerings.
Held in your heart, our deathless life is won!

* **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 #762** *WHEN THE POOR ONES* "EL CAMINO"

* **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 *TOCCATA* DAVID H. HEGARTY
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

Just as the Call to Worship functions as the beginning of worship, the **charge and benediction** function as the beginning of our life lived as Christians in the world. God says to us, "Go!" and tells us how we should go.

* 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.....Mikayla Dodge
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musicians..... Zach and Mikayla Dodge
Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Ann and Bill Kellermeier

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.

WHAT HAPPENED AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY? Join Melissa Courtney after worship today in the library for a conversation about actions taken by the 223rd General Assembly in St. Louis, Missouri (June 16-23, 2018). Melissa was commissioned to this year's General Assembly and served as the Baltimore Presbytery's Young Adult Advisory Delegate.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & GARY HENDRICKSON

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of July 15, 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	\$ 110,580.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 111,709.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (1,128.00)

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

July 16, 2017
57

July 15, 2018
63

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

RULING ELDERS: SHIRLEY GIARRITTA & AARON HENDRICKSON

THE BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE proudly announces the completion of the installation of LED lights throughout the church!

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOE WEAVER & CHELSEA BOOR

COMMUNION MILESTONE: Join us 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 a child-friendly conversation about communion but invite everyone to join us. 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 (23)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, JULY (24)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
2:00 PM WORLD ARTIST EXPERIENCE PLANNING MEETING IN THE LIBRARY
6:00 PM GARDEN CLUB MEETING WITH SHIRLEY IN THE PARLOR

WEDNESDAY, JULY (25)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
10:30 AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

THURSDAY, JULY (26) NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, JULY (27)

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

SATURDAY, JULY (28)

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

SUNDAY, JULY (29)

9:15AM CALLED SESSION MEETING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE
10:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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