

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 8, 2018

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

10:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

PRELUDE IN G
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

REV. REBECCA VARDIMAN, HARP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised!

* HYMN #14

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

"DIX"

CALL TO CONFESSION

A **greeting** 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

God our Provider, you care even for the birds of the air and the lilies of the field. Yet we find it difficult to trust you with our lives. You know that we need food, clothing, and places to live, whether or not we lose our jobs, whether or not the stock market rises, whether or not our pensions are adequate. Yet worry consumes us. Forgive us our lack of faith and free us to seek your reign and your will above all things, for you, O God, are faithful. You do not promise that our lives will be easy, but you do promise to be with us in every situation of our lives, to make a way out of no way. In Jesus Christ we pray...

(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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

JOB 38:1-7, 39-44

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 458

ANTHEM

HE'S EVERYTHING TO ME

RALPH CARMICHAEL

CAROLYN MATTHEWS, VOCALS AND GUITAR

In the stars his handiwork I see;
On the wind he speaks with majesty;
Tho' he ruleth over land and sea,
What is that to me?

I will celebrate nativity;
For it has a place in history;
Sure he came to set his people free.
What is that to me?

'Til by faith I met him face to face;
And I felt the wonder of his grace;
Then I knew that he was more
Than just a God who didn't care,
That lived away out there.
And now he walks beside me day by day,
Ever watching o'er me lest I stray,
Helping me to find that narrow way.
He's everything to me.

Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers and trains our hearts, hands, and tongues in the ways of peace. It is not an interruption of the service for social conversation but an integral part of the service where we greet one another as reconciled people.

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 12:22-34

THE MESSAGE

SERMON

REV. REBECCA VARDIMAN

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #137

HE CAME DOWN

“HE CAME DOWN”

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

HYMN OF PROMISE

NATALIE SLEETH

CAROLYN MATTHEWS, VOCALS AND GUITAR

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
 In cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
 In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,
 Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
 There’s a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
 From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
 Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
 In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,
 In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
 Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

* 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 #134

JOY TO THE WORLD

“ANTIOCH”

Typically, we use the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, but today the gospel reading comes from Eugene Peterson’s *The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language*. Peterson was the founding pastor of Christ the King Presbyterian Church in Bel Air, Md, where Rev. Kelly’s family worshiped in the 1970s.

In response to the word, we pray for the world God so loves. These prayers are not the work of a single leader, but an act of the whole congregation as Christ’s royal priesthood. We affirm our participation in the prayer through our “amen” or other responses.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* SUNG BENEDICTION #306

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS
(Please join hands as we sing together.)

DENNIS

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

HUMORESQUE
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

PIETRO YON

* 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. Rebecca Vardiman
Liturgist.....Eric Ringler
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musicians..... Carolyn Mathews, Guitar and Vocals; Rev. Rebecca Vardiman, Harp
Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Kathy Dowell and John Mullan

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 back the Reverend Rebecca Vardiman as our guest preacher. Rebecca is a retired United Methodist minister who has served churches in our area for 25 years. Rebecca chairs the Cumberland Area Interfaith Ministerial Association (CAIMA) and is involved with the Women's Action Coalition and Choose Civility. She is lives with her husband Nelson Cleavenger and cat Sylvia.

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

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 Franz Lettner, Ralph and Ellen Brand, Dorothy Ross, Robert Ross, Louise Ross and Olive Wilson by Otto and Katie Ross. **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 July 1, 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	\$ 105,231.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 103,730.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 1,501.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

July 2, 2017
106

July 1, 2018
55

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, JULY (9)

NAILS: HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:00 AM

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

4:45 PM

ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING IN THE PARLOR

TUESDAY, JULY (10)

NAILS: HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:00 AM

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

6:30 PM

COVENANT BIBLE STUDY II IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

WEDNESDAY, JULY (11)

NAILS: HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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 (12)

NAILS: HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:00 AM

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, JULY (13)

NAILS: HOPEWELL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

9:00 AM

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

9:30 AM

SUMMER LUNCHBOX PROGRAM

SATURDAY, JULY (14)

6:00 PM

N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, JULY (15)

10:00AM

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FAITH FORMATION
RULING ELDERS: CHELSEA BOOR & JOE WEAVER

CAREGIVER MILESTONE: Join us next Sunday 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 to transport three-four volunteers back from DC Reagan Airport at 4:00PM on Sunday July 15th, returning to the church parking lot around 7:30PM. You'll meet some wonderful and grateful people! Contact BJ Wrights or Robin Bissell as soon as possible.

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 dire 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.