

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

AUGUST 5, 2018

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



-Michelangelo, 1511-12

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

10:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

MORNING PRAYER
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

MATT SCHINSKE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT

COME INTO GOD'S PRESENCE
NANCY HODGES AND BETTY RICHTMEYER
Come into God's presence singing "Alleluia, alleluia!"
Come into God's presence singing "Jesus is Lord!"
Praise the Lord together singing "Worthy the Lamb!"
Praise the Lord together singing "Glory to God!"

ANONYMOUS

This anonymous worship chorus is thought to have been created extemporaneously during the 1960s and was one of the earliest songs of that kind. The opening line is a paraphrase of Psalm 100:2, and the very act of singing this song fulfills that verse's invitation.

* 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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of mercy and love,
 you set before us lives of prosperity
 but we live lives of fearful hoarding;
 you give us laws and stories of strength
 but we weave tales of fear and anxiety;
 you pour out blessings without number
 but we count them carefully, calculating their worth.
 Forgive our need to control, our craving for power
 and help us to let go and let our lives unfold as you
 would have us live them.
 For we ask in Jesus name...

(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

FIRST READING

LUKE 1:46-55

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 53

ANTHEM

RAIN DOWN

ARR. JOHN CARTER

NANCY HODGES AND BETTY RICHTMEYER

*Rain down; rain down; rain down your love on your people.
 Rain down; rain down; rain down your love, God of life.*

Faithful and true is the word of our God; All of God’s works are so worthy of trust.
 God’s mercy falls on the just and the right; Full of God’s love is the earth.

We who revere and find hope in our God; Live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.
 God will protect us from darkness and death; God will not leave us to starve.

God of creation, we long for your truth; You are the water of life that we thirst.
 Grant that your love and peace touch our hearts; All of our hope lies in you.

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

RESPONDING TO & SEALING OF THE WORD

* HYMN #658

GOD IS SO GOOD

"GOD IS SO GOOD"

(Please sing the word "us" in place of "me" throughout the hymn.)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

GAIL HAZARD

* 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.

It is indeed right ... (The Celebrant continues the prayer.)

... Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven!

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.

And now, lest we believe ... (The Celebrant continues the prayer.)... until we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share. **Amen.**

The **Invitation to the Lord's Table** is not a minisermon nor an explanation of the sacrament, but an invitation to share in the feast to which Christ invites all who trust in him.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....	Rev. Caroline Kelly
Liturgist.....	Hans Killius
Director of Music Ministries.....	Bryan Lohr
Guest Pianist.....	Nancy Hodges
Vocalists.....	Nancy Hodges and Betty Richtmeyer
Sound Technician	Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....	Bob and Sharon Kazary

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.

SAVE THE DATE: We are hosting the 880th Gathering of the Presbytery of Baltimore on Thursday, September 13, 2018. During worship, Rev. Kelly will be installed as the new Presbytery Moderator, and the Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, Director of the Presbyterian Office of Public Witness in D.C., will preach. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us! If you can help direct parking or serve as a greeter, please let Brittany Jackson know at firstpresbyteriansecretary.org.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & GARY HENDRICKSON

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of July 29, 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	\$ 115,247.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 119,688.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (4,441.00)

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

July 30, 2017	July 29, 2018
72	73

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

MIDRIFTERS AND YOUNG ADULT GROUP SAVE THE DATE: Join the Midriffers and Young Adults on Sunday, August 19th at Constitution Park beginning at 6:00PM. We will fellowship and picnic from 6-7:30PM, then enjoy the tunes at the Shanty Irish band starting at 7:30PM! There is no charge for the concert. Please bring your own food and a blanket to sit on. We will picnic somewhere close to the stage where the band will play.

YOUTH BACK-TO-SCHOOL COOKOUT: All youth and their families are invited to the Fiscus Home for a cookout on Sunday, August 19th at 6:00PM. Meat/veggie burgers for grilling and drinks will be provided. Bring a side to share and RSVP to Brittany Jackson at 301-777-3700 or firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PHIL MILLS & PAM JAN

ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR SUMMER LUNCHBOX 2018: Calling all sandwich makers and lunch packers to come join us for our final lunch packing of the season. Please plan to join us this Friday, August 10th in the Fellowship from 9:30 - noon. We welcome all helpers. Please sign up on the sheets in the side hallway at church or call Cathy Levitas at 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 people 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, AUGUST (6)

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST (7)

- 9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
- 5:30 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING IN THE PARLOR
- 6:30 PM MISSION MEETING IN THE PARLOR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST (8)

- 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, AUGUST (9)

- 9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
- 5:00 PM STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING IN THE PARLOR

FRIDAY, AUGUST (10)

- 9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
- 9:30 AM SUMMER LUNCHBOX PROGRAM (LAST DAY OF THE SEASON)

SATURDAY, AUGUST (11)

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST (12)

- 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