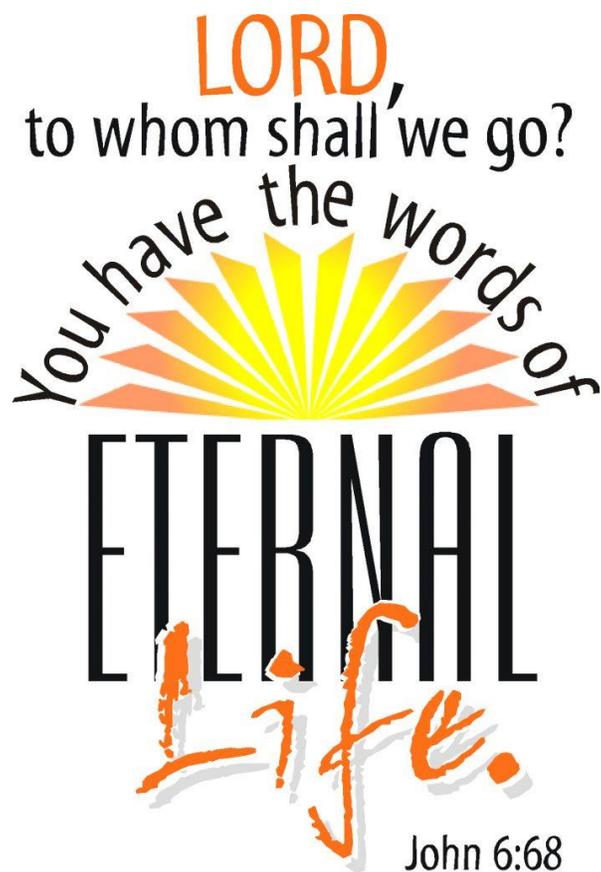


SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 26, 2018

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

10:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

MELODY IN F
WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN

ANTON RUBINSTEIN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to Christ, the living bread,
Who satisfies those who hunger and thirst for what is right.
Come to Christ, who gives living water,
That we may never thirst again.
Come to Christ, that being filled ourselves,
We may minister to the hunger and thirst of others.
Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord!
The Lord's name be praised.

This morning we welcome violinist and friend of the congregation, **Wesley Mason** to worship! Wesley will be offering a variety of 19th century music throughout today's worship service.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess
 that we have not followed your way.
 You call us to love and serve you,
 yet we choose false and empty idols.
 You call us to new life in Christ,
 yet we turn aside and fall back in fear.
 Forgive us, God of grace.
 Give us, by your Word and Spirit,
 the wisdom and strength
 to love and serve you faithfully;
 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.)

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

JOSHUA 24:1-2A, 14-18

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 205

ANTHEM

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 WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN

CLAUDE DEBUSSY

SECOND READING

JOHN 6:56-69

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 93

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #460

BREAK THOU THE BREAD OF LIFE

"BREAD OF LIFE"

BLESSING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

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 IMPROVISATION ON *WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE*
WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN AND BRYAN LOHR, 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

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #516

FOR THE BREAD WHICH YOU HAVE BROKEN

"KINGDOM"

* 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

SALUT D'AMOUR
WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN

EDWARD ELGAR

Back to School Blessing: Going to school for the first time or returning to school for another year brings a mixture of challenges, anxiety, hope and new opportunities for children, parents, teachers and other caregivers. Therefore, it is a prime time to acknowledge our dependence upon God and God's goodness, recognizing that God's steadfast love endures forever and even right now!

Many of us give our monetary offering weekly. Many of us give our offering monthly or even yearly. This morning, even if you are not putting your monetary offering in the plate today, please touch the inside of the plate when it goes by. This will help us remember that the gift we are offering is actually ourselves.

* 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.....	Carolyn Mathews
Director of Music Ministries.....	Bryan Lohr
Musician.....	Wesley Mason, Violin
Sound Technician	Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....	Jim Mooney and Pam Jan

OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....	Rev. Caroline M. Kelly
Director of Music Ministries	Bryan 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 George Williams by his family, Kay, Sarah, Barbara, and Jim. **There are flower openings for September 23 and 30! 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.**

REMINDER: OUR FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS on Sunday, September 9th with our Fall Kick-off at Rocky Gap State Park. **Worship begins at 11:00 AM during the fall months.**

JOIN US AS WE HOST THE PRESBYTERY GATHERING ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018. 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 calendar and plan to join us! Lunch is available if you order and pay online by Friday, August 31. Please contact Brittany Jackson at firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com if you would like further details to order a meal for the gathering.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & GARY HENDRICKSON

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of August 19, 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	\$ 128,755.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 131,657.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (2,902.00)

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

August 20, 2017
65

August 19, 2018
67

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOE WEAVER & CHELSEA BOOR

FALL OFFERINGS:

Book Club: As a part of our ongoing journey to learn more about systemic racism, we will be reading *Stamped from the Beginning, The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* by Ibram X. Kendi (2015), winner of the 2016 National Book for Nonfiction. Rev. Paul Roberts, President of Johnson C. Smith Seminary, has recommended Kendi's book as a follow up to our earlier study of *Waking Up White*. Rev. Roberts conducts congregational workshops on race, designed to debunk the myth of race, provide space for open conversation about race, cultivate empathy, and mobilize congregants to fight systemic racism. He is currently the President of Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary, the only historically black Presbyterian seminary in the U.S. He preached here on the occasion of Rev. Kelly's installation as pastor in 2012.

Christianity 101: In response to a number of requests to learn more about what it means to be a Reformed Christian (a Presbyterian), we will use Dr. Shirley Guthrie's classic *Christian Doctrine* to explore questions like: Who is God? (the Doctrine of the Trinity); Who are We? (the Doctrine of Human Beings); Who is in Charge? (The Doctrine of the Resurrection) and others. A best-seller for more than 30 years, *Christian Doctrine* has introduced thousands of laity, students and theologians to the tenets of the Christian faith. Dr. Guthrie taught theology at Columbia Theological Seminary for nearly 40 years. He earned his Ph.D. at the University of Basel ((Switzerland), where he was a student of Karl Barth, often regarded as the greatest Protestant theologian of the 20th century.

Please contact Ann Kellermeyer if you are interested in participating in the *Stamped from the Beginning, The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America* book study and contact Rev. Kelly if you are interested in the Christianity 101 study.

MISSION MILESTONE FOLLOW-UP: Join us for lunch in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 16 after worship and hear from our South Dakota Learning Camp participants about their experiences in Marty, South Dakota.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PHIL MILLS & PAM JAN

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: Our service at the Outreach Dinner meal resumes today, moving from the HRDC on Virginia Avenue to St. John's Lutheran Church on Arch Street, just a few blocks away. **We will be offering an orientation for new folks and a time to hear from regular participants about their experience today at 11:15AM.** Dinner will be served from 4:00-5:30PM. If anyone can volunteer to serve dinner, help clean tables, and/or provide cupcakes, please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

FPC TO HOST GIRL RISING FILM SCREENING: "Girl Rising" is a film depicting nine girls from developing countries overcoming great obstacles to obtain an education and change their fates. "Girl Rising" will spark an interest in attending the presentations of our upcoming guests, Lynn Mindermann (Q Mountain), and Veda Gill (P.E.B.) (See below for more

information). This documentary/drama will be shown at the Embassy Theatre, Cumberland, on September 22 and October 6 at 1:00 PM. The film will be followed by an interdisciplinary panel discussion. Come, and be inspired!

QHOLAQHOE MOUNTAIN CONNECTIONS (LESOTHO, AFRICA) VISIT: Join us on September 23 as Lynn Mindermann, a QMC volunteer, will be at FPC during the Sunday service and will give a presentation following the service detailing QMC's commitment to educating the children and young adults of Qholaqhoe (Q) Mountain. Lynn takes great pride and enjoyment in talking about the students. She will introduce us to Rethabile, Maleroba, Keabile, Chenene, and Pinki, our scholarship students. These high schoolers walk miles to and from school. Some of them live alone and some of them are the head of their family.

PRESBYTERIAN EDUCATION BOARD IN PAKISTAN VISIT: Join us on October 7 as Veda Gill, Executive Director of Presbyterian Education Board (PEB) in Pakistan will be at FPC. Many at FPC know Veda and her work to fulfill PEB's mission of providing quality educational opportunities to the poor masses, without regard for caste, color, or creed. Veda oversees all the activities of the PEB office in Lahore and 22 schools throughout the Punjab province of Pakistan.

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 (27)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
LEARNING TREE CLEAN UP DAY

TUESDAY, AUGUST (28)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
LEARNING TREE CLEAN UP DAY
6:00 PM LEARNING TREE MEET THE TEACHERS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST (29)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
LEARNING TREE PARENT CONFERENCE DAY
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

THURSDAY, AUGUST (30)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, AUGUST (31)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER (1)

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER (2)

10:00AM SERVICE OR WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION
LAST 10:00AM SERVICE OF THE SUMMER