

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



based on Mark 7:1-23

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

10:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

PRELUDE IN A CLASSIC STYLE
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

GORDON YOUNG

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Every generous act is a gift from God
who gives birth to us through the word.
Let us worship God.

* HYMN #637

O SING TO THE LORD

"CANTAÍ AO SENHOR"

(You are invited to use a percussion instrument to make a joyful noise during the hymn.)

The **Call to Worship** reminds us that worship begins with God, who takes the initiative in calling us together. We respond by praising God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess
that we have not followed your way.
You lavish your love upon us,
yet we let our hearts grow cold.
You wash us clean in your mercy,
yet we defile ourselves in sin.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Give us a new religion:
to love you and one another
even as you have loved us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

KYRIE ELEISON #551

LORD, HAVE MERCY

“LAND OF REST”

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE #475

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING (Verse 3)

“NETTLETON”

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it for thy courts above.

* 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

DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-9

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 205

ANTHEM

ALLEGRO MAESTOSO FROM SONATA NO. 8
BRYAN LOHR, PIANO

W. A. MOZART

SECOND READING

MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 93

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

RESPONDING TO & SEALING OF THE WORD

* HYMN #459

O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE

“MUNICH”

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.

Composed in Paris shortly after the death of Mozart's mother, **the anthem** is one of only two sonatas written by Mozart in a minor key.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

AS A CHALICE CAST OF GOLD
ERIC RINGLER, TENOR

THOMAS TROEGER

As a chalice cast of gold, burnished, bright, and brimmed with wine,
make me, Lord, as fit to hold grace and truth and love divine.
Let my praise and worship start with the cleansing of my heart.

Save me from the soothing sin of empty cultic deed
and the pious, babbling din of the claimed but unlived creed.
Let my actions Lord, express what my tongue and lips profess.

When I dance or chant your praise, when I sing a psalm or hymn,
when I preach your loving ways, let my heart add its amen.
Let each cherished outward rite thus reflect your inward light.

* AT THE PRESENTATION #586

ALLELUIA

"ALLELUIA 7"

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

* 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 a good and fruitful work to give thanks to you ... *(The Celebrant continues the prayer.)*

... All these we do with all your people now on earth and all the multitude of heaven, praising you
joining in their unending hymn:

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy are you and holy is your work among us in Jesus Christ... *(The Celebrant continues the prayer.)*

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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.

The word "thanksgiving," in its Greek-derived form, "Eucharist," is the most widely used description for the Sacrament of the Meal. Other ways are "Lord's Supper," which emphasizes the sense of fellowship we enjoy as we gather, or "Holy Communion," which emphasizes our intimate spiritual relationship with Christ.

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.
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... Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us ... *(The Celebrant continues the prayer.)*

... Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament
 live in the unity of your Holy Spirit,
 that we may show forth your gifts to all the world.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* **HYMN #740** *LEAD ME, GUIDE ME* "LEAD ME, GUIDE ME"
(You are invited to use a percussion instrument to make a joyful noise during the hymn.)

* 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 *ALLELUIA FROM EXULTATE, JUBILATE* W. A. MOZART
 BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

We will receive communion by intinction; as directed by the ushers, please come forward using the aisle closest to you, take a piece of bread from the basket, dip it into the cup, eat it and then return to your seat using the other aisle. Gluten-free bread is available.

* 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.....	Eric Ringler
Director of Music Ministries.....	Bryan Lohr
Musician.....	Eric Ringler, Tenor
Sound Technician	Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....	Mike Levitas and Carolyn Mathews

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 Eugene D. Munro and Bernice L. Munro, by their family and in loving memory of his wife, Eleanor, by John Johnson. **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 next 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. 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!

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & GARY HENDRICKSON

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of August 26, 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	\$ 130,752.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 135,647.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (4,895.00)

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

August 27, 2017
74

August 26, 2018
55

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

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 who will preach during worship and give a presentation after worship. 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, SEPTEMBER (3)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER (4)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
9:00 AM LEARNING TREE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
5:30 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING IN THE PARLOR
6:30 PM MISSION MEETING IN THE PARLOR
7:00 PM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MEETING IN THE CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER (5)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
10:30 AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE
5:30 PM ALLEGANY BOYS SOCCER TEAM DINNER IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
6:30 PM JOYBELLS POLISH AND PARLAY
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE LIBRARY
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER (6)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER (7)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER (8)

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER (9)

11:00AM FALL KICK-OFF AT ROCK GAP STATE PARK
WE WELCOME REV. WALT PETERS AS OUR GUEST PREACHER

* Please note that Rev. Kelly will be away for vacation from September 7-20th. For pastoral emergencies during September 7-10, 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).