

FALL KICK OFF SUNDAY
ROCKY GAP STATE PARK: LAKEVIEW PAVILION



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 9, 2018; 11:00 AM
GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

MR. WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

SING AND REJOICE
MEMBERS OF THE SANCTUARY CHOIR
Sing and rejoice! Sing and rejoice!
Let all things living now sing and rejoice!
Alleluia!

WILLIAM BRADBURY

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Listen! God is welcoming us to this time of worship.
No matter your age, sex, skin color, or social status – all are welcome.
This is a place where we all belong; this is a time when we are all acceptable.
The maker of all seeks our common good. The God of mercy calls us to be merciful.
We are not judges over others, but are called instead to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Come to sing praises and to put your trust in God.
Come to prepare yourself to serve in Christ's name.
**We bring all our needs to God who is our hope
in order that we may share that hope with others.**
Let us worship God...

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

* SONG

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES

"AZMON"

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - jice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that our good intentions have gone astray. We tend to favor those who are like us and give honor to those we deem important. We often ignore the poor, write off those with whom we disagree, and excuse our own self-serving behaviors. We find it easier to give advice than to do good. We would rather point fingers at others who are unfair than give up our own advantages in life. Have mercy upon us O God. Forgive us, renew us, and grant us a depth of faith that will make a difference in our and in our world, through Jesus Christ our Lord...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

God promises always to love and forgive us — even when don't follow God's way, or when we do things that hurt others. Everyone makes mistakes; that is why we confess our sin together. When we confess our sin, we say that we are sorry for these things, and we ask God to forgive us and help us live new lives.

KYRIE

YOU ARE THE LORD, GIVER OF MERCY!

“WAYFARING STRANGER”

You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!

You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE

GLORY TO GOD

“GLORIA”

(Sing 4 times, in English or Latin.)

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!
Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o!

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

* 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.)

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 35:4-7A

ANTHEM

OPEN YOUR EARS, O FAITHFUL PEOPLE
MEMBERS OF THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

“HASIDIC MELODY”

Open your ears, O faithful people; open your ears and hear God’s word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood; God has come to you.

God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!
God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!
God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!

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

* SONG

WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT

“DUNLAP’S CREEK”



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e’er spoke: “My peace be with you here.”
 we re - joice and cry, “My Lord and God!”
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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

MR. WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN

* AT THE PRESENTATION

GOD IS SO GOOD

“GOD IS SO GOOD”

God is so good; God is so good;
 God is so good; God’s so good to me.
 God cares for all; God cares for all;
 God cares for all; God’s so good to us.

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.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Drawn from Scripture, the **Charge** gives marching orders for the people of God. It exhorts us to do certain things, with the attendant promise of God's support as we undertake to do them. A word of **Blessing or Benediction** always accompanies it.

* **SONG** *BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS*
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

“DENNIS”

* **BLESSING**

* **CHARGE**

* 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**.

Today we welcome back our guest preacher, the Rev. Walt Peters, to the pulpit. He served congregations in Macon, GA; Tampa, FL, and Augusta, GA, before coming to First Presbyterian in Westminster in 1999, being honorably retired by Baltimore Presbytery in October of 2013. In retirement he is an active participant in the Wild Wild West Ministry Group. He and his wife Rebecca reside in Hagerstown. They have three grown children and two grandchildren

Please note that Rev. Kelly will be out of town on vacation from September 7th-10th and September 14th-20th. 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) from September 7th-10th and Rev. Laurel Underwood (FPC, Frostburg) at (301) 412-4565 from September 14th-20th.

Worship Leaders

Guest Preacher.....Rev. Walt Peters
LiturgistEric Ringler
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musician.....Members of the Sanctuary Choir; Zach Dodge, Guitar; Brenda Luger, Flute; and Wesley Mason, Violin
Sound Technician.....Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Buck Belt and Robin Bissell

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS: We are glad that you decided to worship with us today. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn, and serve with us, we encourage you to visit our website at www.fpc-cumberland.org and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland. Feel free to join us for worship any Sunday at 11AM at First Presbyterian Church at 11 Washington Street, Cumberland.

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. The church will provide the main dish and drinks. Please bring a side or dessert to share.

FPC TO HOST GIRL RISING FILM SCREENING: “Girl Rising” (PG-13) is a film depicting nine girls from developing countries as they overcome 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 22nd and October 6th 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 23rd** as Lynn Mindermann, a QMC volunteer, will give a presentation prior to our worship service at 9:30AM in the library detailing QMC’s commitment to educating the children and young adults of Qholaqhoe (Q) Mountain. Lynn will then join us for worship and also be available after service in the library to answer any questions. Lynn takes great pride in and enjoys talking about the students. She will introduce us to Rethabile, Maleroba, Keabile, Chenene, and Pinki, our scholarship students. These high school students walk miles to and from school. Some of them live alone and some of them are the heads of their families.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY is October 7th: The Worship and Music Committee invites you to join in the spirit of worldwide communion by dressing in apparel from another country or wearing an accessory that represents another culture. Also, on October 7th we will have the opportunity to donate to the **Peace and Global Witness Offering**. This offering funds the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, enabling them to bring in International Peacemakers, hold conferences, and advocate for active nonviolent solutions to conflict.

In connection with our celebration of World Communion Sunday, we welcome Veda Javaid Gill, **Executive Director of the Presbyterian Education Board (PEB) in Pakistan**, as our guest preacher. Join Veda after worship for lunch and a presentation about PEB’s ministry of providing quality education to the poor, without regard for caste, color or religion. As Executive Director, Veda oversees all the activities of the PEB office in Lahore and 22 schools throughout the Punjab province of Pakistan.

ANONYMOUS REQUIEM: Join the Allegany Arts Council, the New Day Campaign, and The First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, October 18, 2018, for Anonymous Requiem, part of the Resilience project, one in a month-long series of events throughout Allegany County designed to educate and reduce the stigma surrounding addiction and mental illness.

Anonymous Requiem is a community healing event aimed to honor and remember those who have lost their battle to substance abuse and/or mental health disorders, those whose lives have been impacted by those losses, and to uplift and support those who are coping with these issues in their lives.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER (10)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:45 PM ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING IN THE PARLOR
5:00 PM ANONYMOUS REQUIEM PLANNING MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER (11)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:00 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING IN THE PARLOR

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER (12)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING IN THE PARLOR
6:00 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER (13)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
10:00 AM PRESBYTERY GATHERING: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CUMBERLAND, MD

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER (14)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
MISSION MOVIE SCREENING AT PAM JAN'S HOME

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER (15)

6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER (16)

9:45 AM 2-5 YEAR OLD CLASS: AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION
11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY; REV. ANN ATKINS PREACHING
12:15 PM SOUTH DAKOTA LEARNING CAMP MILESTONE MISSION FOLLOW-UP EVENT

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.

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