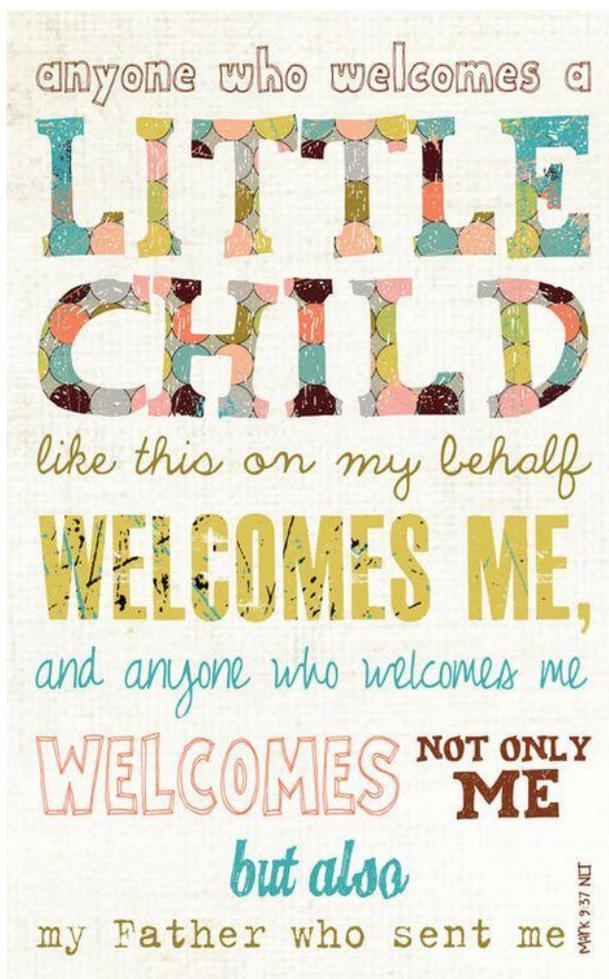


SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

AIR FROM ORCHESTRAL SUITE NO. 3
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

LORD, WE COME TO THEE
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

JIM TAYLOR

Children of the heavenly father now unto his bosom gather.
In his love he sent his son to die. Now we rightfully cry:
"Abba, Father," your adopted children cry.
"Abba, Father," Lord, we come to thee.

As God's people gather for worship, through Scripture or song, we focus our attention on God and away from ourselves.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
The last are first in the realm of God;
the least are welcomed in Jesus' name.
Let us worship God.

* HYMN #394

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

"WESTMINSTER ABBEY"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess
that we have not followed your way.
We sow the seeds of conflict
while you seek the harvest of peace.
We argue about who is greatest
while you welcome the last and least.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Draw near to us this day
with the wisdom of your Word,
and teach us how to serve you;
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.)

A TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

PSALM 1

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 463

Worshippers today, like the prophet Isaiah, cannot come into the presence of our holy God without realizing our own sinfulness. When we confess, we do so for ourselves and for the church as a whole.

Scripture calls us to confession; Scripture also assures us of God's inestimable love.

ANTHEM

ORDER MY STEPS THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

GLENN BURLEIGH

Order my steps in your word, dear Lord. Lead me, guide me every day.
Send your anointing, father I pray. Order my steps in your word, please,
order my steps in your word.

Humbly I ask thee, teach me your will, while you are working, help me be still.
Though satan is busy, God is real! Order my steps in your word, please,
order my steps in your word.

I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill. Please order my steps, Lord, and I'll do your blessed will.
The world is ever changing, but you are still the same; if you order my steps, I'll praise your name.

Order my steps in your word, order my tongue in your word;
Guide my feet in your word, wash my heart in your word.
Show me how to walk in your word, show me how to talk in your word.
When I need a brand new song to sing, show me how to let your praises ring in your word.
Please, order my steps in your word.

SECOND READING

MARK 9:30-37

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 42

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #727

WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT

"THE SERVANT SONG"

(Please note that the first verse of the hymn is repeated following the fifth verse.)

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

LITTLE JEWELS

ARR. RUTH ARTMAN

THE WOMEN OF THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

When he cometh to make up his jewels, all his jewels, precious jewels,
his loved and his own; Like the stars of the morning, his bright crown adorning,
they shall shine in their beauty, bright gems for his crown!

He will gather the gems for his kingdom; all the pure ones, all the bright ones,
his loved and his own! Like the stars of the morning, his bright crown adorning,
they shall shine in their beauty, bright gems for his crown!

Little children who love their redeemer, are the jewels, precious jewels, his loved and his own.
Like the stars of the morning, his bright crown adorning, they shall shine in their beauty,
bright stars for his crown. Little children are the jewels for his crown.

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.

* AT THE PRESENTATION #586

ALLELUIA

“ALLELUIA 7”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #761

CALLED AS PARTNERS IN CHRIST’S SERVICE

“BEECHER”

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

* SUNG BLESSING #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

POSTLUDE IN C MAJOR
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

HENRY PURCELL

* 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.....	Cathy Levitas
Director of Music Ministries.....	Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....	The Sanctuary Choir
Sound Technician	Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....	Renee Kiddy and Wesley Mason

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 thanksgiving for six years of shared ministry with the staff and congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Cumberland by Caroline Kelly and Jim Mooney. **There are flower openings for September 30, October 7, 14, and 21! 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.**

ANONYMOUS REQUIEM: Join the Allegany Arts Council, the New Day Campaign, and The First Presbyterian Church on **Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 6:30PM**, 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.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & GARY HENDRICKSON

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of September 16, 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	\$ 141,647.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 147,616.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (5,968.00)

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

September 17, 2017	September 16, 2018
68	66

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

ELDERS: SHIRLEY GIARRITTA & AARON HENDRICKSON

SAVE THE DATE: CHURCH FALL CLEAN UP DAY! On Saturday, October 13th, the Buildings & Grounds Committee invites you to come out and help clean-up the church from 9AM-12PM. Time to start putting the outside to bed for the Fall and polishing up the inside for Advent.

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOE WEAVER & CHELSEA BOOR

FAITH FORMATION FALL OFFERINGS: Join us this fall as we introduce many Faith Formation opportunities. Please see an usher for a copy of the Faith Formation Fall Offerings brochure.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PHIL MILLS & PAM JAN

FPC TO HOST SECOND *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. Join us for the film, which will be shown at the Embassy Theatre, Cumberland, on October 6th at 1:00 PM. The film will be followed by an interdisciplinary panel discussion, including Veda Javaid Gill, Executive Director of the Presbyterian Education Board (PEB) in Pakistan. A free will offering will be collected to benefit Pressley Ridge of Western MD & YMCA Family Center Teen Parent Program.

On World Communion Sunday, October 7th, Veda Javaid Gill will be 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.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: Also, on October 7th we will have the opportunity to donate to the **Peace and Global Witness Offering**. 25% of the Offering will be given to the **Family Crisis Resource Center** here in Cumberland, Maryland. Here are some of the programs offered by this organization:

Programs are available for victims and survivors of Domestic Violence, Rape, Sexual Assault/Abuse, & Incest:

24 Hour Helpline: [301-759-9244](tel:301-759-9244)
Shelter Information & Referral
Crisis Intervention
Case Management
Individual & Group Counseling
Advocacy and Accompaniment
Sexual Assault Response Team
Domestic Violence Follow-Ups
Supervised Visitation & Exchange

The Abuse Intervention Program (AIP) is available for perpetrators of intimate partner abuse.

Contact FCRC: Office: [301-759-9246](tel:301-759-9246); Helpline: [301-759-9244](tel:301-759-9244); Fax: [301-759-4934](tel:301-759-4934)

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: DAVID STICKLER & CATHY LEVITAS

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.

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 through September. Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer beside the donation boxes.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER (24)

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER (25)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER (26)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

6:15 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL

7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER (27)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER (28)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER (29)

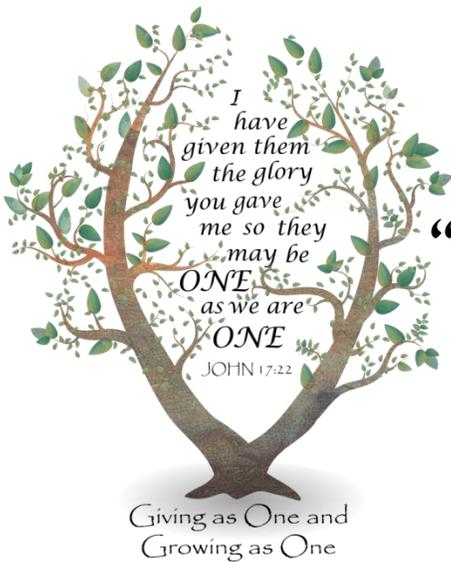
6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER (30)

9:45AM AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION: LEARNING TO LOVE LIKE GOD (2-5 YEAR OLDS)

9:45 AM FEASTING ON THE WORD - EARLY ELEMENTARY (K-2ND GRADE)

11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

“GIVING AS ONE, GROWING AS ONE”

FALL FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Dear Friends:

This year’s Stewardship dinners are taking shape as we plan for the opportunity to break bread with other members, learn more about our Church’s financial health and the role your giving will play in constructing the 2019 budget. The host will provide the main course, and you are asked to bring side dishes, bread, beverages or desserts.

Those who have agreed to host dinners and their dinner dates are as follows:

Saturday, October 6th: Mike and Cathy Levitas’ home in LaVale at 6:00 PM

Friday, October 19th: Shirley Giarritta’s home in Cumberland at 6:00PM

Sunday, October 21st: Bob and Sharon Kazary’s home in Grantsville at 3:00PM

Please complete your dinner reservation below and include it in the offering plate or give it to Brittany Jackson in the church office. The Stewardship Committee and church office are coordinating the dinners with guests and hosts.

First Presbyterian Church Fall Fellowship Dinners

Name: _____

I/We would like to attend a dinner on:

Saturday, October 6th at 6:00PM: _____

Friday, October 19th at 6:00PM: _____

Sunday, October 21st at 3:00PM: _____

I will bring: _____

TWO MORE STEWARDSHIP DINNER HOSTS NEEDED: This year we plan to have our annual Stewardship Dinners during the month of October. We intend to have one per week and vary the day of the week that each dinner is held. At this time we have the above three dinners scheduled, but are in need of two more hosts to complete our dinners this year. If you are interested or able to host a dinner in October, please be in contact with Kathy Getty or the church office to make arrangements.