

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

CHORALE PRELUDE ON 'GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY'

BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

ARR. PAUL MANZ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT

WORSHIP HIM

JIM TAYLOR

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Worship him, Christ our Savior!

Lift up his name, sing of his mercy.

We come to give him praise, O bless his holy name forever and forever.

He reigneth evermore. Amen.

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Upon this gathering of your people,
pour out your Spirit, O Lord.
Be near to us and speak to us,
and we will proclaim your glory.

* HYMN #307

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

“CWM RHONDDA”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of unity,
we live in a world where our lives move
between inclusivity and exclusivity.
We often move toward the latter,
trying to oust from our circles
those who do not think like us,
act like us, or look like us.
Forgive our need to reject
and to always be on the lookout
for those things that make us different.
Give us the eyes of our Teacher,
who knows unconditional love and compassion
and sees us all as one, for it is in his name that we pray...

(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

We lead the acts of confession and assurance of forgiveness from the baptismal font, since it is in baptism that we first receive the promises of forgiveness and rebirth.

During the Time for Young Disciples, our youngest ones are invited to come forward for a brief conversation with the pastor. They are welcome to remain in the sanctuary or go to the nursery for an age-appropriate lesson during the middle part of the service.

FIRST READING

NUMBERS 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 124

ANTHEM

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE

SEBASTIAN TEMPLE

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR; DANIEL MOODY, COUNTERTENOR

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
 Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 O master grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
 to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love with all my soul.
 Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
 Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.
 Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 in giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

The anthem is a contemporary setting of the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.

SECOND READING

MARK 9:38-50

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 42

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #301

LET US BUILD A HOUSE

"TWO OAKS"

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.

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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

IF GOD BE FOR US FROM MESSIAH

G. F. HANDEL

BEAU HARTMAN, SOPRANO

If God be for us, who can be against us?

Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?
 It is God that justifieth, who is he that condemneth?
 It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again,
 who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us.

* 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 #315

IN THE MIDST OF NEW DIMENSIONS

"NEW DIMENSIONS"

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* SUNG BENEDICTION #306

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS
(Please join hands as we sing together.)

DENNIS

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

FUGUE IN C
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

G. F. HANDEL

* 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.....David Stickler
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir
Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Kathy Dowell and John Mullan

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

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: There are flower openings for 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.

BARRELVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year: All are invited to join them for worship on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 9:30am. Rev. Kelly will participate in the service.

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. Following the requiem, join us for a community conversation about the role local faith-based organizations play in addressing the opioid epidemic, and how their organizations are working to help make the community safer for all. The event includes a range of resource tables for support services related to behavioral health.

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	\$ 156,507.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 151,606.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 4,901.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

September 24, 2017
79

September 23, 2018
75

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.

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 theologians of the 20th century. **Christianity 101 will begin on Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:15PM in Rev. Kelly's office. It is not too late to sign up if you are interested. Please contact Caroline if you would like to participate.**

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 be contributing to the **The Peace & Global Witness Offering** which supports the holistic and wide-ranging witness of the whole church.

This witness means supporting those working to heal the divisions in violent contexts like South Sudan. It means bringing leaders together who have made a profound witness for peace around the world and deploying them to congregations like ours. It means creating materials that equip congregations to deal with important issues—from disagreements between members of session to bullying at schools to gun violence in our communities.

WORSHIP & MUSIC
RULING ELDERS: DAVID STICKLER & CATHY LEVITAS

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY is next **Sunday, 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, OCTOBER (1)

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER (2)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:30 PM MISSION MEETING IN THE PARLOR
7:00 PM BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MEETING IN THE CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER (3)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
11:00 AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE
5:15 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING IN THE PARLOR
6:15 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL
6:15 PM **CHRISTIANITY 101 IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE**
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE LIBRARY
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER (4)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER (5)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER (6)

1:00 PM GIRL RISING MOVIE SHOWING AT THE EMBASSY THEATRE
6:00 PM LEVITAS STEWARDSHIP DINNER
6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER (7)

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 OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: GUEST PREACHER- VEDA JAVAID GILL
12:15 PM MISSION LUNCHEON & PRESENTATION FROM PEB



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.