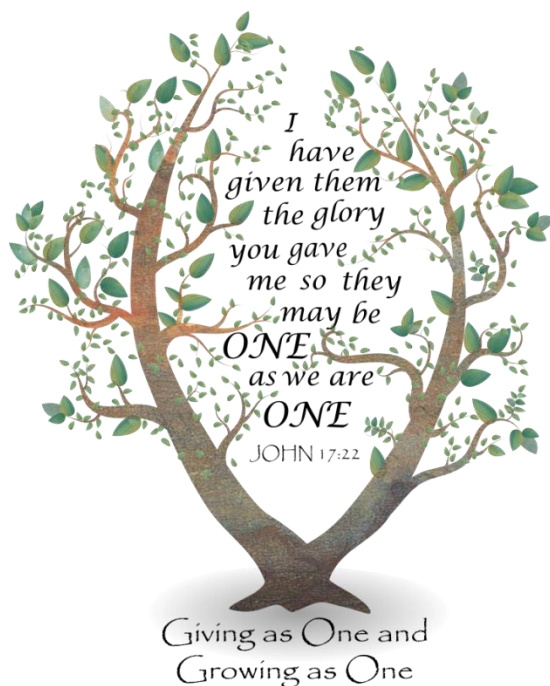


# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 28, 2018

23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*I CALL TO THEE, LORD JESUS CHRIST*  
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

*PRAISE YE THE LORD*  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

PHILLIP M. YOUNG

Praise ye the Lord. Praise him, ye servants of the Lord.  
Ye that stand in the house of our God, praise ye the Lord!

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

God is gathering us from many different places and we are all invited.  
God lifts us up when we stumble and leads us back.  
God cares for us amid our pain and losses.  
Taste and see how good God is.  
Trust in the One who awakens joy in the place of tears.  
We will bless our God in all times and places.  
Let us exalt God's name together!

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

\* HYMN #418

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING

"SOFTLY AND TENDERLY"

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,  
you know us better than we know ourselves.  
You see our need when we are blind to it.  
You have made us to be yours.  
In your compassion,  
forgive us for our lack of faith  
and the harm we do to others and to your earth.  
Forgive us for turning away from your will,  
for ignoring the cries of our neighbors,  
for failing to listen to what is most nourishing even for ourselves.  
Let our faults fall from your eyes as you open ours.  
Hear this and answer,  
in Jesus' holy name ...

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

### KYRIE ELEISON #576

LORD, HAVE MERCY

“SINGAPURA”

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 #585

GLORY TO GOD

“MACHU-PICHU”

*(We will sing in a call and response pattern following the lead of the cantor)*

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory in the highest!  
To God be glory forever! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!  
  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!  
To God be glory forever! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!  
  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!  
To God be glory forever! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, 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

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 34:1-8

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 480

The ritual of **confession and assurance** is not a time of judgment; it is a time of grace. It is not a time to fear God; it is a time to experience God's unending love through Jesus. It is a time to take a load off our shoulders so that we might more freely live.

Before attempting to listen for the Word of God, we pray for the assistance of the Holy Spirit to open our ears to hear and our hearts to receive what God is saying to us through Scripture and interpretation.

ANTHEM

OPEN OUR EYES  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

WILL C. MACFARLANE

Open our eyes, O loving and compassionate Jesus,  
that we may behold thee, walking beside us in our sorrow.

Thou hast made death glorious and triumphant;  
for through its portals we enter into the presence of the living God.

Open our eyes, O loving and compassionate Jesus,  
that we may see to follow thee, Jesus our savior and redeemer. Amen.

GOSPEL READING

MARK 10:46-52

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 44

SERMON

REV. ANN V. ATKINS

RESPONDING TO AND SEALING THE WORD

\* HYMN #452

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART

“OPEN THE EYES”

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.

GIVING AS ONE AND GROWING AS ONE: MINISTRY OF MISSION

GARY HENDRICKSON

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

FANFARE & MEDITATION FROM SUITE FOR HANDBELLS  
THE JOYBELLS

MICHAEL HELMAN

\* AT THE PRESENTATION #587

ALLELUIA

“CELTIC ALLELUIA”

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Hear our prayer for all who may be helped by what we give. We offer more than money; we offer ourselves. May the sympathy and comfort we share with people in need serve to draw them closer to you. Keep us strong, that this church may give radiant witness to truth, constructive opposition to evil, and merciful redemption. 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.

# BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN #649

AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND

"AMAZING GRACE"

\* 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

AMAZING GRACE  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

ARR. DIANE BISH

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\* 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  
Director of the JoyBells.....Julie Courtney  
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir and The JoyBells  
Sound Technician .....Joe Aurigemma  
Ushers.....Bob and Sharon Kazary

Today we welcome back the Reverend Ann V. Atkins as our guest preacher. Ann is retired from the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, where she served for over 25 years. She is married to Rev. Hal Atkins, who also served in the B-W Conference. They have one son, Daniel, who is currently living with them in their retirement/downsizing home on Sperry Terrace in Cumberland. Pastors Hal & Ann continue to be blessed by serving as the pastors for the Allegany HS Football team (Hal) and the Fort Hill Football team (Ann). They both have a desire to serve God in the different places of ministry here in Cumberland and the surrounding areas, seeking to bring God's love, hope and grace to those in need.

## 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](http://www.fpc-cumberland.org) and [www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland](https://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](http://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 her parents, Margaret and Gilbert Bailey, and in honor of their children and grandchildren, by Carolyn and Tom Mathews. **There are flower openings for December 9 and 16! 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.**

**DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK:** Just a reminder that next Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> marks the end of Daylight Savings Time. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour!

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & GARY HENDRICKSON

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of October 21, 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	\$ 180,077.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 167,564.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 12,513.00

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

October 22, 2017

64

October 21, 2018

58

## MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PHIL MILLS & PAM JAN

**MISSION OUTREACH DINNER:** The monthly outreach dinner that we help with will be held **today** at **St. John's Lutheran Church on Arch Street**. Dinner will be served from 4:00-5:30PM. If anyone can volunteer to serve dinner and/or help clean tables, please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE:** Hurricane Michael struck the Florida panhandle with devastating winds and storm surge, causing loss of life. The storm then cut a path across the southeast, moving through the same areas impacted by Hurricane Florence just a few weeks ago. You can help the PDA bring hope and healing to those affected by praying, taking action and offering financial support. For those wishing to offer financial support, please place PDA Hurricane Michael in the memo section of your check.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: DAVID STICKLER & CATHY LEVITAS

**WE WILL CELEBRATE ALL SAINTS' DAY** next Sunday, **November 4**. During the communion liturgy, we will pause to read the Necrology, the list of those among our membership who have died since All Saints' Day 2017. You will also be invited to lift up the names of others among us, friends and family, who have died in the past year, and to light candles in their memory.

**BRYAN LOHR ORGAN RECITAL:** Bryan Lohr will present an organ recital on the church's Moller pipe organ on next Sunday, **November 4 at 3:00PM**. The recital is free and open to all. Invite friends and family! The program will feature a set of variations by the Dutch Baroque composer Jan Pieterzoon Sweelinck, a Prelude and Fugue of J. S. Bach, and music of 20th century American composer Calvin Hampton.

**JOIN US FOR AN INTERFAITH SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING** on **Sunday, November 18, 2017 at 6:00PM**. The service will be hosted by Christ Lutheran Church (1222 Vocke Rd, Cumberland, MD 21502).

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

### MONDAY, OCTOBER (29)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER (30)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER (31)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

11:00 AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

6:15 PM CHRISTIANITY 101 STUDY IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

6:15 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL

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

7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER (1)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER (2)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER (3)

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

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (4)

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

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

9:45 AM PERSONALIZED BIBLE STORIES (ADULTS)  
11:00AM SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION  
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY  
12:00 PM FIRST SUNDAY FOOD & FELLOWSHIP  
12:15 PM STAMPED FROM THE BEGINNING BOOK STUDY IN THE CHAPEL