

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NOVEMBER 18, 2018

26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

To Everything  
there is a Season,  
and a time  
to every Purpose  
under Heaven.  
Ecclesiastes 3:1

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

APPALACHIAN MEDITATION  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

DONALD LEE MOORE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

THANKS WE GIVE  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

DALE WOOD

*Lord of mankind, thanks for creation; Lord of nations, thanks for our freedom;  
Lord of harvest, thanks for celebration. Thanks!*

The fields are full of food, the hills are full of drink, the rocks are full of gold,  
the floors are full of crumbs, the cups are full of wine, the stores are full of fruits,  
the barns are full of grain, the stoves are full of pies:  
Thanks we give for all these things!

The stalls are full of cows, the hills are full of trees, the seas are full of fish,  
the air is full of birds, the earth is full of life, the skies are full of stars,  
the hands are full of toys, the mouths are full of food.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

I say to the Lord, "I have no good apart from you."

**The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup.**

I bless the Lord who gives me counsel

**And I keep the Lord before me so that I shall not be moved.**

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, for you show me the path of life.

**In your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures evermore.**

**The introit** is a setting of a Thanksgiving poem by Lutheran pastor, poet, and playwright, Herbert Brokering (1926-2009).

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that we have been less than what you call us and intend us to be. When times are good, we take credit for our success. But when times are not so good, we are quick to look for others upon whom we can lay the blame. And when times are truly bad, we sometimes even wonder if you have abandoned us. Forgive us for failing to acknowledge your presence and love in every time of our lives. Bring us to a new appreciation of the working of your Spirit in our lives and fill us with your joy and grace in every time and season, through Jesus Christ our Lord...

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

KYRIE ELEISON #579

LORD, HAVE MERCY

“KYRIE ELEISON (ORTHODOX)”

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\* RESPONSE #591

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!

“HALLE, HALLE”

Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

\* 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

I THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 193

ANTHEM

THERE IS A TIME  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

CRAIG COURTNEY

There is a time, there is a season for every purpose under heaven:  
A time to be born, a time to die, a time to plant, a time to reap,  
a time to kill, a time to heal, a time to destroy, a time to build.  
There is a time, there is a time.

A time to weep, a time to laugh, a time to mourn, a time to dance, to scatter stones, to gather stones, a time to embrace, and to refrain, a time to search, a time to lose, a time to hold, a time to release.

There is a time, there is a time.

A time for silence, a time to speak, a time to love, a time to hate, a time for war, a time for peace.

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.

There is a time, there is a time.

SECOND READING

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-13

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 581

SERMON

"BETWEEN THE TIMES"

REV. WALT PETERS

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* HYMN #687

OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

"ST. ANNE"

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

FUGUE, OR VOLUNTARY  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

WILLIAM SELBY

\* AT THE PRESENTATION #652

A GRATEFUL HEART

"ROCKINGHAM"

A grateful heart is what I bring, a song of praise, my offering.  
Among the saints I lift my voice: in you, O God, I will rejoice.

\* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\* HYMN #643

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

"NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT"

\* 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

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD FROM CANTATA 79  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH

\* 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**.

The flexibly titled offertory was written by William Selby (1738-1798), a musical pioneer in colonial Boston. He served as organist at King's Chapel, playing the first pipe organ to be heard in America and during the lean years of the revolution, he ran a grocery store.

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.

## 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 memory of her mother, Phyllis "Perk" Smith, by Nancy Hodges. **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.**

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & GARY HENDRICKSON

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of November 11, 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	\$ 192,997.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 175,543.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 179,533.00

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

November 12, 2017

73

November 11, 2018

62

**PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2019** are available in the pews and extras can be found in the back of the sanctuary. Although they were consecrated during worship last week, you can make or update your pledge at any time. Envelopes are provided and you can place your pledge in the offering plate, or in the church office. If you need a pledge card mailed to you, please call Brittany Jackson at 301-777-3700.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH**

**RULING ELDERS: LAURA FISCUS & JOSH GILHART**

**INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT EVENT & HANGING OF THE GREENS:** The Faith Formation and Congregational Care and Outreach Committees invite you to our fourth annual Advent Event and Hanging of the Greens. Join us after worship on **Sunday, December 9**, for an intergenerational gathering designed to prepare us for the birth of Christ. During lunch we will have conversation about our memories and favorite parts of the Christmas season. We will then choose an activity to help celebrate the season with others.

**JOIN US FOR A PAINT PARTY:** The Congregational Care and Outreach Committee invites you to join us for a Paint Party Event on **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00PM in the Fellowship Hall**. The cost for the event will be \$20.00 per person to be given at the event. We will have coffee, tea, and some light refreshments. Feel free to bring your favorite snack to share. RSVP and payment required by Friday, December 7. Please contact Brittany Jackson at 301-777-3700 for more information.

**THE HIGHLANDERS GROUP** will meet for lunch at Bob Evan's Restaurant in LaVale **tomorrow, October 19th, at noon**. Highlanders is a fellowship group for senior adults. If you have any questions or if you need a ride, please contact Betty Richtmeyer.

## **MISSION**

**RULING ELDERS: PHIL MILLS & PAM JAN**

**MISSION OUTREACH DINNER:** The monthly outreach dinner that we help with will be held on **Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at St. John's Lutheran Church on Arch Street**. This will be the outreach dinners Thanksgiving meal. Dinner will be served from 4:00-5:30PM. If anyone can volunteer to serve dinner, help clean tables, and/or provide pumpkin pies, please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

**FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY CRAM PACKS:** Our congregation will participate in the Cram pack outreach program again this year. The program is designed to help the college students at Frostburg State University get through their exam week with some encouragement. We need your help collecting items to fill the packs and preparing the packs on **Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> during the Advent Event**. You can bring any of the following donations in: a bag of nuts, pretzels, fruit, snacks, cookies, brownies, pencils, and energy bars. Please place all donations in the boxes by the parlor.

**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. Also, PDA is working with Santa Barbara Presbytery, Sacramento Presbytery and the Presbytery of the Pacific to respond to the recent wildfires in California. You can help the PDA bring hope and healing to those affected by praying, taking action and by offering financial support. For those wishing to offer financial support, please place PDA Hurricane Michael or PDA California fires in the memo section of your check.

## **WORSHIP & MUSIC**

**RULING ELDERS: DAVID STICKLER & CATHY LEVITAS**

**JOIN US FOR AN INTERFAITH SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING THIS EVENING AT 6:00PM.** The service will be led by members of the Cumberland Area Interfaith Ministerial Association and hosted by Christ Lutheran Church (1222 Vocke Rd, Cumberland, MD 21502).

## Christmas Poinsettias 2018

WE ONLY HAVE A SHORT TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS THIS YEAR. If you wish to dedicate a Christmas poinsettia, please complete the tear-off sheet below and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office **by Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**.

Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary for the 7:45PM Christmas Eve service. If you would like to take your poinsettia home, please do so after the service. If you do not wish to keep your poinsettia, please indicate below. Additional donations may also be made toward the Christmas flowers.

Please print names exactly as you wish them to appear in the bulletin and attach a check for \$6.00 for each poinsettia, marked "CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA". **Poinsettias are only available in red this year.**

Number of poinsettias: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$6.00 each

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my poinsettia:

Additional Contribution for Christmas flowers: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ I wish to donate my poinsettia:

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To the Glory of God in **Memory** or **Honor** (Please circle one) of:

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your order no later than December 9<sup>th</sup>.

## Christmas Music Offering 2018

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL GIFT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To the Glory of God in **Memory** or **Honor** of: (Please circle one)

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If you wish to dedicate Christmas Music in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete the tear-off sheet and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office.

Please print all the names exactly as you would like them to appear in the bulletin and attach a check designated "Christmas Music 2018" in the memo line. Proceeds from the Christmas Music Offering will be used to help defray the costs of seasonal guest musicians. **Please submit offering and dedication no later than Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER (19)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
1:30 PM RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL  
6:30 PM CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER (20)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER (21)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
11:00 AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PASTOR'S OFFICE  
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER (22)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER (23)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER (24)

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

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (25)

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 FOR THE LORD'S DAY: REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY  
4:00 PM MISSION OUTREACH DINNER

**\*\* Please Note that the Church Office will be closed Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.**