



*He Qi*

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

THANKS BE TO THEE O LORD  
NANCY HODGES, ORGAN

HANDEL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

God established the world from of old.  
**God's reign shall never end.**  
God delivered us in freedom and truth.  
**God's love is everlasting.**  
Sisters and brothers, praise the Lord!  
**The Lord's name be praised!**

\* HYMN #2

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

"ITALIAN HYMN"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God,  
how often we trust in the promises of earthly rulers  
instead of the power of your love;  
help us to turn our hearts toward you.  
Restore us in your love, and set us free  
to forgive as we have been forgiven,  
by the grace and mercy of Christ...

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

**Reign of Christ/Christ the King Sunday** ends our marking of the Christian Year and moves us to the threshold of Advent, the season that anticipates the celebration of Christ's birth and the hope for his coming again at the end of time.

KYRIE ELEISON #579

LORD, HAVE MERCY (V.1)

“KYRIE ELEISON (ORTHODOX)”

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

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

DANIEL 7:9-10, 13-14

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 780

#### ANTHEM

SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE

JULIE COURTNEY, SOPRANO AND BETTY RICHTMEYER, ALTO

*(Please see hymn#645 for text.)*

“MIT FREUDEN ZART”

#### GOSPEL READING

JOHN 18:33-38

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 106

#### SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* HYMN #266

JOY TO THE WORLD

“RICHMOND”

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We declare that Jesus is Lord.

His resurrection is a decisive victory  
over the powers that deform and destroy human life.

His lordship is hidden.

The world appears to be dominated by people and systems  
that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real.

It demands our loyalty and sets us free  
from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.

We maintain that ultimate sovereignty  
now belongs to Jesus Christ

in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord.

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

#### FAREWELL BLESSING FOR MELISSA COURTNEY

During the **Time for Young Disciples**, our youngest ones are invited to come forward for a brief conversation with the pastor or a member of the congregation.

Our **Affirmation of Faith** comes from **A Declaration of Faith**, adopted by the PC (U.S.A.) in 1985 “as a contemporary statement of faith, a reliable aid for Christian study, liturgy, and inspiration.”

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

THE GLORIOUS KINGDOM
NANCY HODGES, ORGAN

ROGER C. WILSON

\* 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 #268

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

“DIADEMATA”

\* 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

POSTLUDE IN C
NANCY HODGES, ORGAN

J. CHRISTIAN HEINRICH RINCK

\* 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
Guest Organist.....Nancy Hodges
Musicians.....Julie Courtney and Betty Richtmeyer, Vocalists
Sound Technician .....Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Carolyn Mathews and Charlene Lelinski

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION of First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland, Maryland is called by the Session for Sunday, December 2, 2018 immediately after worship for the purpose of acting on Caroline's request that the Presbytery of Baltimore dissolve her pastoral relationship with First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland effective January 6, 2019.

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 their parents, Carl and Edna Belt and William and Doris Adkisson, and in honor of their children, Eleanor and Dave Madden and Meredith and Jeremy Irons, and their grandchildren, Quinn and Griffith Madden and Bryson and Brennan Irons, by Carl and Jane Belt. **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 18, 2018
Total 2018 Pledges Promised	\$222,725.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 11,275.00
2018 Pledge Balance Promised	\$211,450.00
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 187,002.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 175,543.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 11,458.00

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

November 19, 2017  
73

November 18, 2018  
57

**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 a few weeks ago, 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 on Sunday, **December 16th from 1:00 – 4:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Lita Havens, a local artist, will lead us through the process of two art projects, a small watercolor and a larger acrylic painting. This event is \$20, which covers all supplies. 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, to Brittany Jackson in the church office. If you have any questions, please email Laura Fiscus at [lfiscusallegany@gmail.com](mailto:lfiscusallegany@gmail.com).

## MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PHIL MILLS & PAM JAN

**MISSION OUTREACH DINNER:** The monthly outreach dinner that we help with will be held on **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, 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.

**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING:** On **Sunday, December 23**, our congregation will be donating to the **Christmas Joy Offering**. Here is some information about how our gifts to this offering were used in 2017:

### GIFTS AT WORK: SUPPORTING OUR PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE LEADERS

\$1 million of gifts from 2017 are being used to provide critical financial support and grants for current and retired Presbyterian church workers in their times of need.

### OUR GIFTS AT WORK: PREPARING THE WAY FOR FUTURE LEADERS

\$1 million of gifts from 2017 are being used to provide education and leadership development skills at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

WORSHIP & MUSIC  
RULING ELDERS: DAVID STICKLER & CATHY LEVITAS

**CRÈCHES NEEDED:** On Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> we will be decorating our sanctuary for the Christmas season. This year, we'd like to display crèches in the church windows. If you have a nativity scene that you would be willing to lend out for a few weeks, please bring it to the sanctuary on December 9<sup>th</sup>. You can also drop off your crèche before the 9<sup>th</sup>. Please put it in a bag (with your name on the bag) and leave with Brittany. All loaned crèches can be picked up in early January.

*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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 (26)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
6:00 PM CHORAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING IN THE PARLOR  
6:30 PM CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER (27)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER (28)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
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, NOVEMBER (29)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
6:00 PM CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER (30)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER (1)

6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM  
7:30 PM CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER (2)

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: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
12:00 PM CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
12:15 PM FIRST SUNDAY SNACKS AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE LIBRARY  
12:15 PM STAMPED FROM THE BEGINNING BOOK STUDY IN THE CHAPEL  
3:00 PM CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT

## 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