

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JANUARY 27, 2019

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

TRIO ON 'LIEBSTER JESU'
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH
BWV 754

The opening voluntary is a setting of a popular German hymn tune which will be sung this morning as **Blessed Jesus, At Your Word**, following the sermon. Bach arranged the tune numerous times, but this miscellaneous setting, arranged as a trio, is rarely heard.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

INTROIT

JESUS, COME! FOR WE INVITE YOU
ADAM POMEROY, TENOR

HAROLD FRIEDEL

Jesus, come, for we invite you, guest and master, friend and Lord.
Now, as once at Cana's wedding, speak and let us hear your word:
Lead us through our need or doubting; hope be born and joy restored.

Jesus, come in new creation, heaven brought near in power divine.
Give your unexpected glory, changing water into wine.
Rouse the faith of your disciples. Come, our first and greatest Sign!

Jesus, come, surprise our dullness, make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine, all the best you have to give.
Let us find your hidden treasures, taste your love, believe, and live!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Your love, O Lord, extends to the heavens; your faithfulness to the clouds
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgements are like the depths of the sea.
How precious is your steadfast love, O God,
for all people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.
O continue your steadfast love to those who know you.
And your salvation to the upright in heart.

* HYMN #679

LET THE WHOLE CREATION CRY

“SALZBURG”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, in faithfulness you have given yourself to us even though we habitually give little in return. We have tried to live by our own designs rather than seek your purposes. When we find ourselves mired in our own mistakes we often assume that you do not care. When we suffer loss we are prone to blame you instead of seeking the comfort that you alone can give. We live fragmented lives, ignoring the integrity and wholeness that comes from you. Forgive us, O God. Help us to face our need and accept your guidance and hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

KYRIE ELEISON #576

LORD, HAVE MERCY

“SINGAPURA”

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE #582

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

“GLORY TO GOD”

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen
World without end, without end. Amen
World without end, without end. Amen
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. 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

Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers and trains our hearts, hands, and tongues in the ways of peace. It is not an interruption of the service for social conversation but an integral part of the service where we greet one another as reconciled people.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 62:1-5

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 651

ANTHEM

COME, JOIN IN CANA'S FEAST
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

DAVID ASHLEY WHITE

Come, join in the feast!
Come, join in Cana's feast where Christ is honored guest.
He welcomes all who come to taste the wine his hands have blessed.
The old wine now is gone from jars that stand apart.
No longer can it satisfy the yearning, thirsting heart.

But Christ, the Word made flesh, bids water turn to wine.
He fills our empty cups again with grace and truth divine.
Come, friends and share the feast; here drink the wine supplied
by him who is both guest and host; for us, the crucified.

For now he lives and reigns through all eternity
with Father, Spirit, three in one, the glorious Trinity. Amen.

SECOND READING

JOHN 2:1-11

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 87

SERMON

REV. WALT PETERS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #395

BLESSES JESUS, AT YOUR WORD

"LIEBSTER JESU"

INSTALLATION OF ELDER ANN KELLERMEYER (CLASS OF 2020)

A LITANY OF GIFTS

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served

God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together, we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.

STATEMENT ON THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

1. Do we, the members of the church, accept Ann Kellermeyer as a ruling elder, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?
(We do)
2. Do we agree to pray for her, to encourage her, to respect her decisions, and to follow as she guides us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church? (We do)

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

CHARGE

WELCOME

Ordination is a one-time act by which the church sets apart leaders to serve in particular offices: deacon, elder or minister of word and sacrament. **Installation** occurs every time an ordained officer is elected by the congregation to a particular term of service.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING 'T WAS IN THE MOON OF WINTERTIME ARR. MARTHA LYNN THOMPSON
THE JOYBELLS

* AT THE PRESENTATION PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW "OLD HUNDRETH"
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #339 WE ALL ARE ONE IN MISSION "ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN"

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION
(All members are encouraged to stay; visitors are welcome.)

* 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.

* 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

- Supply/Guest Preacher.....Walt Peters
Liturgist.....Charlene Lelinski
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
The JoyBells Director.....Julie Courtney
Musicians..... The Sanctuary Choir, The JoyBells and Adam Pomeroy, Tenor
Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Paul and Barb Aber

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION of First Presbyterian church of Cumberland, Maryland is called by the Session for today.

The purposes of the meeting are:

- To hear the Annual Report of the Session
To elect an Auditor to the Auditing Committee
To elect a new class of Ruling Elders
To elect a 2019 Congregational Nominating Committee
To receive the 2019 Budget
To elect Officers of the Corporation
To conduct any other business properly coming before the Congregation-Corporation

-By Order of the Session

The offertory is based on a Canadian carol, originally written in the Huron language and translated by a missionary. The tune is of French origin.

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: 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.

THE LEARNING TREE IS IN NEED OF A VHS PLAYER! Please contact Nadene Stroup if you have or know of where she can get a VHS player for the school.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & GARY HENDRICKSON

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of January 6, 2019
Total 2019 Pledges Promised	\$217,442.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 8,592.00
<u>2018 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$205,850.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 10,083.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 8,032.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 2,050.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

January 14, 2018

60

January 13, 2019

37(Snow)

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2019 are now available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you do not see a box with your name on it, please contact the church office.

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDER: JOE WEAVER

SO, WHAT'S NEXT? As we bid farewell to our pastor, Caroline Kelly, we gave thanks and began to turn thoughts to the future of our congregation.

Change is not easy and often produces feelings of concerns and worries. There are many unanswered questions. It is times of change like this that we seek answers and settings where we can turn to our faith, talk with one another, and realize the importance of our faith family.

This time of transition provides an opportunity for us, as a faith family, to gather in prayer and conversation. **Please join us on February 3 after worship for an important milestone moment here at First Presbyterian, one of transition.**

We will have ham and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert. **Return this form or let Brittany know before Thursday, Jan. 31.**

How many people? _____

Bringing? _____

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Corley or Ann Kellermeyer.

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, help clean tables, and/or provide cupcakes, please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: DAVID STICKLER & CATHY LEVITAS

COMMUNION SERVER TRAINING: There will be a brief training session on Sunday, February 3 for communion servers who are past or present ordained elders. Please meet in the sanctuary immediately following the 11 AM service. Contact Cathy Levitas or David Stickler for more information or if you have questions.

AN ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE REQUEST: The Worship and Music Committee is seeking input from the congregation about whether or not to hold an Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 PM on February 6th. If you would like to express an opinion about holding the service, please call either Brittany at 301-777-3700 or contact David Stickler.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, JANUARY (28)
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, JANUARY (29)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:30 PM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS WORK NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY (30)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
10:30 AM STAFF MEETING IN THE PARLOR
6:15 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL IN THE LIBRARY
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL IN THE CHOIR ROOM

THURSDAY, JANUARY (31)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY (1)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY (2)

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY (3)

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)
9:45 AM PERSONALIZED BIBLE STORIES (ADULTS)
11:00AM SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION
12:15 PM WHAT'S NEXT? CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING
12:15 PM COMMUNION TRAINING

JANUARY 27, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY



taking
faith
home

Jesus comes to set us free.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 4:14-21	Jesus returns to Nazareth
Monday	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Ezra reads God's law to the people
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	One body, many parts
Wednesday	Isaiah 61:1-7	The good news of deliverance
Thursday	Romans 12:1-8	Christ brings new life
Friday	John 8:31-36	The truth will set you free
Saturday	Psalms 19	God's glory in creation and the law
Sunday	Luke 4:21-30	The prophet Jesus is rejected

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." **Luke 4:18-19 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus Christ, for the good news announced to us, the freedom given to us, and for sight that enlightens us, we give you thanks. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord Jesus, we thank you for this food. May this meal fill our bodies and your word fill our souls. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord sustain you when you are weary, free you when you are burdened, and bless you with grace and favor. (Luke 4:18-19)

JANUARY 27, 2019
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Soli Deo Gloria



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CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- When you are free to choose, what is one of your favorite things you like to do?
- When have you been set free from a burden?
- The prophet Isaiah and Jesus announce God's power of freeing people's lives from things like poverty, imprisonment, and physical illness. What would you like to be set free from by the power of God?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 4:14-21.

The text Jesus chooses from Isaiah sets the stage for what Jesus has come to do: set people free. The root word for freedom used here is also the word for forgiveness. At the heart of all human burdens and limitations is the pain of regret. People regret what they have done, and they regret the things they have failed to do. At the end of our day and the end of our days, it is good to be set free from both and to rest in the care and embrace of the God who sets us free from our past to enjoy an eternal future. To be set free is to be freed to love others and to love ourselves. This is the wisdom of faith celebrated by the psalmist. Such divine teachings (law), precepts, and ordinances are more desirable "than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb" (Psalm 19:10). This is a picture of joy for which Jesus has now set us free. What images can you think of that show joy? How would you describe the joy of being set free by Jesus?

Pray: The Lord's Prayer.

SERVICE

In 1 Corinthians 12:21-22, Paul says, "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect." In our society, we tend to respect the honored and belittle others. Paul says that as the body of Christ, we are to care for one another. In what ways can you show care and compassion to those who suffer?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The closing prayer in Psalm 19 is often used at the beginning of sermons, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer" (v. 14). This week, pray this verse as part of a morning prayer ritual as a way to honor the day and see your actions and thoughts as a form of praise to God.



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