

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION  
FEBRUARY 3, 2019 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

“I HAVE A DREAM...”  
- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

MY LORD! WHAT A MORNING  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

ARR. EMMA LOU DIEMER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

GOODNESS IS STRONGER THAN EVIL  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

JOHN BELL

Goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hate.  
Light is stronger than darkness, life is stronger than death.  
Victory is ours, victory is ours through God who loves us!

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship God,  
Who creates us and loves us;  
Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;  
Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;  
Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,  
To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;  
Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,  
and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.  
We gather to worship God. To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

The opening voluntary is based on an African American spiritual that reflects Jesus' sayings about the end times, as recorded in the Gospels of Matthew and Mark.

The text of the introit was written by Bishop Desmond Tutu, arising out of the years of apartheid in South Africa.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You are a God of grace and good gifts.  
 Forgive us when we do not recognize your grace:  
 when we do not hear your Spirit calling and challenging us.  
 Forgive us when we do not live as people of grace:  
 when we are quick to judgment and slow to compassion.  
 Forgive us when we do not believe the depth of your grace:  
 when we doubt whether we are good enough to be loved.  
 Forgive us, God of Grace.  
 Wash us in your mercy and move us to new life.

*(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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

AMOS 5:18-24

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 805

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.

ANTHEM

LORD, MAKE US INSTRUMENTS OF YOUR PEACE

DAVID LANTZ III

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where hatred grows, let us sow love.  
Where doubt prevails, let us show faith, the holy faith from our God above.

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace, messengers, Lord, in thought and deed.*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there's despair, let us bring hope.  
Help us console all those in need. When we are wronged, please help us forgive.

Almighty Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where darkness lives, let us shine.  
Where sadness dwells, let us bring joy, joy of everlasting life.

SECOND READING

GALATIANS 3: 23-28

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 178

CONGREGATIONAL SONG HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS

LED BY OTTO ROSS, GUITAR

He's got the whole world in his hands  
He's got the whole wide world in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands

He's got the little bitty baby in his hands  
He's got the little bitty baby in his hands  
He's got the little bitty baby in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands

He's got the whole world in his hands...

He's got you and me brother in his hands  
He's got you and me sister in his hands  
He's got everybody here in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands

He's got the whole world in his hands...

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD IN STORY

KATIE ROSS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\* HYMN #754

HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER

"BARONITA"

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

GIVE ME JESUS

ARR. MOSES HOGAN

ADAM POMEROY, TENOR

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

*Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.*

*You may have all this world, but give me Jesus.*

Dark midnight was my cry...

Oh, when I comes to die...

The scripture readings today are among those quoted by Dr. Martin Luther King in his "I Have A Dream" speech.

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.

\* **AT THE PRESENTATION**     *PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW*

"OLD HUNDREDTH"

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**

## SEALING THE WORD: HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy, holy, holy Lord ~  
we praise you for your love: bringing order out of chaos,  
breathing life into dust, leading captives to freedom,  
calling wandering children home, giving bread to the hungry,  
giving drink to the thirsty, raising the dead to life.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Thank you Lord ~  
we thank you for Jesus: Word made flesh,  
light of the world, living water, shepherd and gate,  
way and truth, bread of heaven, cup of salvation, resurrection and life.

Take this bread and cup, O God ~  
a feast of grace; take our hearts and lives- an offering of praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Spirit, come ~  
come and live in us: in this bread, in this cup  
in your people, one in body, one in blood,  
one in Christ, one in ministry,  
in this place, in every place. Amen.

The word  
**"thanksgiving,"**  
in its Greek-  
derived form,  
"Eucharist," is the  
most widely used  
description for  
the Sacrament of  
the Meal. Other  
ways are "Lord's  
Supper," which  
emphasizes the  
sense of  
fellowship we  
enjoy as we  
gather, or "Holy  
Communion,"  
which  
emphasizes our  
intimate spiritual  
relationship with  
Christ.



## 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:** 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 27, 2019
Total 2019 Pledges Promised	\$217,442.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 8,592.00
2018 Pledge Balance Promised	\$205,850.00
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 13,346.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 16,065.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (2,719.00)

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

January 28, 2018

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January 27, 2019

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**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 today after worship for an important milestone moment here at First Presbyterian, one of transition.**

## MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PHIL MILLS & PAM JAN

**MISSION OUTREACH DINNER ADDRESS UPDATE:** The monthly outreach dinner will be held on **Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** at **Christ United Methodist Church, 336 Race 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 **today after worship** 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 March 6<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to express an opinion about holding the service, please call either Brittany at 301-777-3700 or David Stickler at 304-738-4898.

**INTERIM SEARCH COMMITTEE FORMED:** An Interim Search Committee has recently been formed and approved by session. Members of the committee are Jeff Getty, Deb Hendrickson, Cathy Levitas, and David Stickler. This group has already begun meeting and will be working with Reverend Matthew Glasgow who is the liaison from the Committee on Ministry. We will keep the congregation posted as our work progresses. Please keep us in your prayers.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY (4)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
1:30 PM AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY (5)

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

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY (6)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
5:15 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC COMMITTEE MEETING IN THE PARLOR  
6:15 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL IN THE LIBRARY  
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY (7)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY (8)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY (9)

9:00 AM PEO MEETING IN THE PARLOR  
6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY (10)

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



**Donate your gently worn,  
used and new shoes  
to Learning Tree  
Nursery School**

**Now-March 31st**

Help us raise funds for our school by donating your shoes! The shoes will go to support and develop micro-enterprises in developing countries.

Drop your donations in the bin found in the hallway.

Don't forget to ask your family, neighbors and co-workers to donate, also! We get paid by weight!