

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
FEBRUARY 17, 2019 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

ANDANTE RELIGIOSO  
BRENDA LUGER, FLUTE

THÉODORE DUBOIS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

PSALM 86  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

CARL J. NYGARD, JR.

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I pray. Hear my voice when I cry from the lowly place.  
In your mercy, Lord, let me stay. Hear my voice, O Lord, when I pray.

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I cry. Hear my words when I call from the lowly place.  
I will pray, O Lord, lest I die. Hear my voice, O Lord, when I cry.

From the grave's descent you have taken me, when the men of the world have forsaken me.  
In my day of need and my time of grief, hear the prayer for my body and soul's relief.

In the morning, Lord, I will sing with a song that will rise from the holy place,  
and my praises, Lord, it will bring. In the morning, Lord, I will sing. Alleluia. Amen.

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

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

In you we place all our trust.

Those who hope in you will not be put to shame

For good and upright is the Lord.

Therefore, show us your ways and teach us your paths.

Guide us in your truths and instruct us, for you are our God and our savior.

\* HYMN #619

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE GOD OF HEAVEN

"LAUDA ANIMA"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We acknowledge, O God, our continuing failures as your people. We claim to be faithful to your way, but our deeds do not match our words. We offer generic slogans about inclusiveness but personally reject those who are not like us. We consider ourselves to be good and moral people but we find it advantageous to ignore injustice, poverty, and hunger. Forgive us, we pray, for we proclaim a gospel we do not always live out. Turn us around and help us to translate our beliefs and our words into the actions that will truly reflect our connection to 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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Call to Worship reminds us that worship begins with God, who takes the initiative in calling us together. We respond by praising God.

## FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 17:5-10

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 676

## ANTHEM

LEAD ME, LORD

JOHN D. BECKER, ARR. MARK HAYES

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR AND BRENDA LUGER, FLUTE

Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord, for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled and the meek shall come to rule the world.

*Lead me, Lord, lead me Lord, by the light of truth to seek and to find the narrow way.  
Be my way, be my truth, be my life, dear Lord, and lead me, Lord, today.*

Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God.  
Blessed are they whose hunger only holiness can fill, for I say they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are they who through their lifetimes sow the seeds of peace. All will call them children of the Lord. Blessed are you, though persecuted in your holy life, for in heaven, great is your reward.

## SECOND READING

LUKE 6:17-26

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 60

## SERMON

REV. WALT PETERS

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \* HYMN #751

FROM THE NETS OF OUR LABOR

"HAMILTON"

## 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

JOYFUL RHYTHM  
THE JOYBELLS

KEVIN MCCHESENEY

### \* 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

**The second reading** shares some similarities with the opening verses of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5. This, however, is the Sermon on the Plain - Luke's take on some of same teachings found in the Sermon on the Mount - and you will probably notice the differences as well as the similarities.

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 #172

BLEST ARE THEY

"BLEST ARE THEY"

\* 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

TOCCATA FROM 12 PIECES FOR ORGAN

THÉODORE DUBOIS

BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

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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**.

Drawn from Scripture, the **Charge** gives marching orders for the people of God. It exhorts us to do certain things, with the attendant promise of God's support as we undertake to do them. A word of **Blessing** or **Benediction** always accompanies it.

## This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev. Walt Peters  
Liturgist.....David Stickler  
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr  
Director of The JoyBells.....Julie Courtney  
Musicians.....The Sanctuary, The JoyBells and Brenda Luger, Flute  
Sound Technician .....Joe Aurigemma  
Ushers.....Buck and Jane Belt

## THE SESSION

**Class of 2019:** Shirley Giarritta, Gary Hendrickson, Phil Mills, and David Stickler

**Class of 2020:** Jeff Getty, Pam Jan, Ann Kellermeyer, Cathy Levitas, and Joe Weaver

**Class of 2021:** Laura Fiscus, Josh Gilhart, Aaron Hendrickson, and Agnes Yount

Clerk of Session.....Jeff Getty

Moderator.....Walt Peters

## 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 Benjamin Berry, by his family and in loving memory of her parents, Ruth and William Ludman, by Dorothy Malcom and family. The flowers in front of the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in honor and celebration of their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Saturday, February 16, by Rex and Sandra Burton. **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 February 10, 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	\$ 24,086.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 24,098.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (12.00)

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

February 11, 2018

71

February 10, 2019

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## MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PHIL MILLS & PAM JAN

**MISSION OUTREACH DINNER ADDRESS UPDATE:** The monthly outreach dinner that we help with 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. Helpers please arrive at 3:30PM. If anyone can volunteer to serve dinner, help clean tables, and or provide brownies; please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: DAVID STICKLER & CATHY LEVITAS

**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.

**SPREAD THE WORD:** If you have any information for the weekly bulletin or that you'd like us to highlight on Sunday mornings, please send it to church administrator, Brittany Jackson, by Wednesday of each week. Liturgists can then include this in their Sunday morning announcements.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY (18)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
1:30 PM AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY (19)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY (20)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
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, FEBRUARY (21)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
7:00 PM SESSION MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY (22)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY (23)

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

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY (24)

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  
4:00 PM MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (330 RACE ST.)



**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!

FEBRUARY 17, 2019  
SIXTH SUNDAY  
AFTER EPIPHANY

# taking+ faith home

*To be blessed is to have joy and contentment.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 6:17-26	Sermon on the plain
Monday	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Trust in the Lord
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	The resurrection of the dead
Wednesday	Acts 13:26-34	Bring the good news
Thursday	Deuteronomy 28:1-14	Blessings for obedience
Friday	Matthew 5:1-11	The Sermon on the Mount
Saturday	Psalms 1	Blessed are the faithful
Sunday	Luke 6:27-38	Love for enemies

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is in the LORD.

Jeremiah 17:7 (NRSV)

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Merciful God, bless your people like a tree planted by water that bears fruit, even during dry seasons. Amen. (Psalms 1:3; Jeremiah 17:8)

**Mealtime Prayer:**

As we eat this meal, may your word feed the soul and give joy and contentment to the heart. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May God bless you with contentment, with joy, and with laughter through Christ Jesus our Lord. (Luke 6:20-22)

FEBRUARY 17, 2019  
HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*Blessed Are They*

# taking+ faith home

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Tell or think about a time you felt very fortunate, very happy.
- Talk or think about a time you felt as though things were going badly for you.
- In the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:17-26), Jesus describes those who are experiencing difficulties as people who are blessed. How can this be?

## DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 6:17-26.

We can hear ourselves and others describe our lives as blessed when something good happens to us. However, Jesus reverses this thinking in what is called the Sermon on the Plain. The poor, the hungry, those weeping, those hated because of the Son of Man will, in the future, receive riches, food, laughter, and joy. So confident is Jesus of this future that he calls them blessed now. The reverse is true for those who receive fortunes now. They are called cursed. Jesus presents a view of life with very different standards and rewards than most people value today. Psalm 1 and Jeremiah 17 do so as well. To trust the wisdom, the teachings of God, gives the blessed life, not human powers filled with devousness (Jeremiah 17:9). Jesus, the psalmist, and Jeremiah honor a life that trusts God's word above all things. This gives a life more to be treasured than what one sees and experiences now. This is faith that blesses us with joy and contentment. Recall difficult times you have had or are now experiencing. Hear and believe Jesus' words read in this passage from Luke 6 that you, as a follower of Jesus, are blessed, no matter your circumstances.

Pray: The Lord's Prayer.

## SERVICE

In Luke 6, Jesus lifts up the poor, the hungry, and the grieving for a reason. These are the ones for whom the Bible shows God's preferential care. Be on the lookout for how you can show God's care for the poor, the hungry, and the grieving this week—and always. What can you do this week to care for those in need?

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Blessing others is an ancient tradition, a way to speak of God's love and care for others. It often comes with a physical gesture. It is the act of a faith community that communicates God's word of peace and joy. That community can be a parent with a child or a pastor with a congregation. This week offer a blessing to another person, perhaps to a family member when they leave the house or go to bed, or to a friend when you depart from each other's company. When you do so, make the sign of the cross on that person's forehead as a reminder of God's baptismal promise.



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