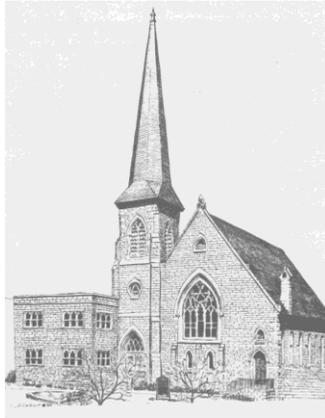


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JUNE 30, 2019

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

PARTITA ON 'O GOD, THOU FAITHFUL GOD'
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

* HYMN #331

GOD OF THE AGES, WHOSE ALMIGHTY HAND

"NATIONAL HYMN"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace,
help us to admit our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

* RESPONSE #555

O LAMB OF GOD

"LAND OF REST"

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PSALM 125:1-2

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures:

Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

As mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the Lord surrounds his people,
from this time on and forevermore.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God. 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.)

SHARING TIME WITH CHILDREN

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

I PETER 2:10-12

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 219

ANTHEM

GOD IS OUR SHELTER AND STRENGTH

RICHARD BRUXVOORT COLLIGAN

ERIC RINGLER, SOLOIST

Though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea. We will not fear.
Though the nations stumble and the governments decree. We will not fear.

God is our shelter and strength, God is our hope in any trouble.

God is our shelter and strength, God is our help in any trial.

Now be still and trust and know that God is making peace. We will not fear.
God destroys the weapons and will make the wars to cease. We will not fear.

There's a river flowing through the mighty heart of God. We will not fear.
Holy One is with us, yes, the Holy One is here. We will not fear.

SERMON

WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN BRING TO A JULY 4TH CELEBRATION?

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

CALVIN HAMPTON

* SONG OF PRAISE & PRESENTATION # 609 PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

"LASST UNS ERFREUEN"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

* HYMN #338

O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES

“MATERNA”

* BENEDICTION

* SUNG RESPONSE #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

STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

PHILIP SOUSA

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, if you are able, please stand.
Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

This Morning’s Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev. Dr. James R.M. Young
 Liturgist.....Josh Gilhart
 Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
 Musicians.....Eric Ringler, Vocalist
 Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
 Ushers.....Charlene Lelinski and JoAnn Brotemarkle

MUSIC NOTES

Bach’s *Partita on ‘O God, Thou Faithful God’* is a set of variations on a well-known hymn tune of Bach’s day. Written early in Bach’s career, the variations unfold in the style of Baroque dances, and make splendid use of the varied tonal resources of the pipe organ, as well as the technical abilities of the organist.

The offertory is a gentle setting of *America The Beautiful*, arranged in 1980 by Calvin Hampton, a native of Kittening, PA, who had an active career in New York City as an organist and composer.

Today’s closing voluntary is dedicated to the **memory of Betty June Wymer**, who passed away earlier this week. Betty June was a faithful viewer of our live worship broadcasts for many years from her home in Wheeling, WV.

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 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: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in appreciation of the blessing of her grandson, James Burkett, on his second birthday, by Linda Mellon. **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.**

NEW E-GIVING OPTIONS NOW AVAILABLE: You now have the option to give via the church website by clicking the Give Now button, from your Realm account or by text message. You can set up one time payments or reoccurring payments as well. Please contact the church office if you have any questions or if you need any assistance.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of June 23, 2019
Total 2019 Pledges Promised	\$217,442.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 8,592.00
<u>2019 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$205,850.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 101,705.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 100,408.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 1,296.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

June 24, 2018
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June 23, 2019
58

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: LAURA FISCUS & JOSH GILHART

MEDITATION GROUP AT FPC: In response to the interest indicated on the Wellness Assessment earlier this year, Cheri Duncan will be leading a guided meditation group. The group will meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. If you're interested in participating in this group and would like further information, please contact to Laura Fiscus, Josh Gilhart, or Cheri Duncan to discuss the group.

JOIN US FOR MOVE NIGHT! The Congregational Care and Outreach Committee invite you to attend Movie Night **this evening!** We will be showing “An Interview with God” beginning at **5:30 PM in the Heritage Room.** Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOE WEAVER & ANN KELLERMEYER

GATHERING AROUND THE TABLE LADIES LUNCH will be held on Tuesdays, July 9 and August 13 from 11:30 AM -1:00 PM. Our gatherings will be in a relaxed format where everyone considers a Bible verse, listens to a short devotion/discussion on the theme and then takes turn answering four questions while we enjoy a simple meal. The Bible verse, theme and questions come from IfGathering.com under the If Table section. We currently meet at the home of Julie Courtney, 209 Fayette Street. Contact Julie Courtney with any questions and to RSVP.

If Tuesdays don't work and you would like to attend, let Julie know if a Thursday evening or Saturday brunch would be preferred. There's room at the table!

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PAM JAN & AARON HENDRICKSON

ALL HANDS ON DECK FOR SUMMER LUNCHBOX 2019: Calling all sandwich makers and lunch packers....We will again be making and delivering lunches for eight Fridays this summer ~ **beginning Friday, June 21 and running through Friday, August 9.** Please plan to join us in the Fellowship from 9:30 AM - noon for any or all Friday mornings this summer. We welcome all helpers. Please sign up on the sheets in the side hallway at church or call Cathy Levitas for more information.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: DAVID STICKLER & CATHY LEVITAS

COMMUNION INFORMATION: Did you know that ordained elders aren't the only folks who can serve communion. According to the new Directory for Worship, “Ordinarily ruling elders, deacons, and ministers of the Word and Sacrament serve the bread and cup; the session may authorize other church members to do so.” (W-3.0414 Communion). Even if you've never been an elder, you can still be a communion server, and we can provide the training. Consider saying yes to this opportunity if someone from the Worship and Music Committee calls you to ask.

NEW FORMAT FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS: In the interest of personal privacy, the way that Joys and Concerns are expressed during worship services will change. Members and guests will now have the opportunity to write personal prayers on colored cards available in the pews, and indicate if the prayer is confidential. Ushers will collect prayer cards separately during the offering and present them to the pastor. After reviewing the cards, the pastor will incorporate individual prayers, where appropriate, with other pastoral prayers. In this way, we will continue to hold each other up in prayer, while being sensitive to privacy issues.

JUNE 30, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



taking
faith
home

Christ has set us free.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 9:51-62	The cost of following Jesus
Monday	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21	Elijah meets God at Horeb
Tuesday	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Fruit of the Spirit
Wednesday	Leviticus 19:1-18	Living a holy life
Thursday	Matthew 5:43-48	Love for enemies
Friday	2 Timothy 1:3-7	Thanksgiving and encouragement
Saturday	Psalms 16	Suffering and praise
Sunday	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Jesus sends out the seventy

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of love and freedom, set us free today to love others with the love that comes from you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for the fruit from the earth that fills us with good things and for the fruit of the Spirit that we may love others. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God who sets you free fill you with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:1, 22-23)

JUNE 30, 2019
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Make Me a Captive, Lord



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faith
home

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

- What is something you would like to be freed from doing?
- What is something you would like to be freed to do?
- How does freedom in Christ differ from simply being freed to do whatever you want?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Galatians 5:1, 13-25.

The central point of Galatians is, “For freedom Christ has set us free” (v. 5:1a). It is complemented by the remainder of the verse, “Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (v. 5:1b). Christians are to live free, but it is not any kind of freedom; it is one that does not succumb to the imprisonment of sin, a life of self-centeredness. Paradoxically, Paul writes about Christian freedom, “through love become slaves to one another” (v. 13b). Luther famously wrote a similar statement about Christian freedom, “A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all.” Christians are totally free to submit to others for the sake of love, the love of all neighbors, including one’s enemies. Paul wants us to focus on the life of the Spirit. Such a life snuffs out the “flesh,” the life opposed to the Spirit. Verse 16 can be translated, “Live by the Spirit. I say, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.” That is, be set free by the Spirit and you will not lead a life controlled by sin (vv. 19-21). How does the fruit of the Spirit free your life?

Pray: Loving God, thank you for the fruit of the Spirit that frees us from self-centeredness and unites us to the love of others, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

What makes someone an enemy? Who do you consider an enemy? Jesus commands us to love our enemies (Matthew 5:44a). We are to love others as God loves us. Compassion and forgiveness toward our enemies is not easy but can be beneficial for them and ourselves. It is a Christian conviction to reach out and show God’s love through prayer and good deeds to those who are not our friends. Pray this week for understanding and reconciliation with those who you consider to be your enemies.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

As part of your home devotions this week, draw four or five different types of fruit on a piece of paper and cut them out. How is each fruit the same or different from the others? Galatians 5:22-23 lists the fruit of the Spirit as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. How is each aspect of the fruit of the Spirit the same or different from another? Choose four or five of these aspects of the fruit of the Spirit and write them down on your fruit cutouts. How will you use the fruit of the Spirit in your relationships this week?



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