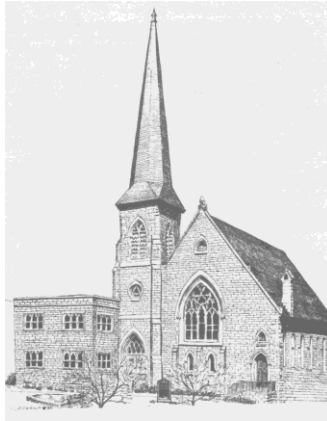


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 28, 2019

10:00 AM

### PRELUDE

*O LOVE HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD, HOW HIGH*  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

ARR. DAVID N. JOHNSON

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
**Worship the Lord with gladness.**  
**Come into God's presence with singing!**

PSALM 118:24, 100:1-2

### \* HYMN #32

*I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD*

"ELLACOMBE"

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,  
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love.  
We have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord...

*(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

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures:  
 "If the Lord had not been my help, my soul would soon have lived in the land of silence.  
 When I thought, "My foot is slipping," your steadfast love, O Lord, held me up."  
**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.)*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS

PSALM 85

*(See the back of the bulletin for the responsive reading.)*

ANTHEM

ADAM POMEROY, SOLOIST

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 13:11-12

PEW BIBLE, NT, p. 164

SERMON

THE RISE OF DAVID  
 VIII. ARE YOU A CHILD OR AN ADULT?  
 I SAMUEL 25

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

ADAM POMEROY, SOLOIST

\* 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 #829

MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

"OLIVET"

\* 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.

\* 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.....Cathy Levitas  
 Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr  
 Musician.....Adam Pomeroy, Soloist  
 Sound Technician .....Joe Aurigemma  
 Ushers.....Barbara and Paul Aber

### 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

*PSALM 85 RESPONSIVE READING*

Lord, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you pardoned all their sin.**

You withdrew all your wrath;  
you turned from your hot anger.

**Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
and put away your indignation towards us.**

Will you be angry with us forever?

Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

**Will you not revive us again,  
so that your people may rejoice in you?**

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation.

**Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.**

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
so that his glory may dwell in our land.

**Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

**The Lord will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.**

**Righteousness will go before him,  
and will make a path for his steps.**

## 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.

**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 July 21, 2019
Total 2019 Pledges Promised	\$217,442.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 8,592.00
2019 Pledge Balance Promised	\$205,850.00
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 117,175.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 116,474.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 700.00

### SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

July 22, 2018  
78

July 21, 2019  
49

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: LAURA FISCUS & JOSH GILHART

**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you have prayer requests that you would like to add to First Presbyterian Church's prayer chain, please contact the church office at 301-777-3700.

**MEDITATION GROUP:** Meditation is a practice in which the technique of mindfulness is used to train attention and awareness to achieve a mentally clear and emotionally calm and stable state. Each evening, experience one of a spectrum of meditations consistent with our Christian tradition; then, relax to a guided meditation that includes nature sounds, progressive muscle relaxation and a wellness journey. We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 5:00 p.m. in either the Parlor or the Heritage Room. Come and encounter God anew! For more information, contact Cheri, Josh or Laura.

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| 08.12 | Silence/Floating                   | 08.26 | Body Sensations/Healing           |
| 09.09 | Thought Control/Obstacles          | 09.23 | Breathing/Anxiety                 |
| 10.14 | Labyrinth @ Allegany College       | 10.28 | Body Prayer/Procrastination       |
| 11.11 | The Empty Chair/Inner Peace        | 11.15 | Ignatian Contemplation/Positivity |
| 12.09 | Symbolic Fantasy/Spiritual Journey |       |                                   |

**MIND/BODY SKILLS:** Please join Pam Jan and Laura Fiscus for an 8-week course in Mind/Body Skills September 3<sup>rd</sup> through October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We'll meet in the chapel each Tuesday afternoon or evening (depending on the group's preference). Learn how to manage stress and improve overall wellness with evidence-based techniques.

## FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOE WEAVER & ANN KELLERMAYER

**GATHERING AROUND THE TABLE LADIES LUNCH** will be held on Tuesdays, 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 at 301-707-2037 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 on Fridays this summer **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 at [301-707-7386](tel:301-707-7386) for more information.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

### MONDAY, JULY (29)

9:00 AM FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NAILS GROUP  
CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### TUESDAY, JULY (30)

9:00 AM FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NAILS GROUP  
CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### WEDNESDAY, JULY (31)

9:00 AM FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NAILS GROUP  
CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

### THURSDAY, AUGUST (1)

9:00 AM FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NAILS GROUP  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE  
CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### FRIDAY, AUGUST (2)

9:00 AM FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NAILS GROUP  
CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
9:30 AM SUMMER LUNCHBOX PROGRAM

### SATURDAY, AUGUST (3)

6:00 PM FRENCHTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NAILS GROUP DEPARTS  
N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

### SUNDAY, AUGUST (4)

10:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 28, 2019  
SEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



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faith  
home

*Jesus teaches his followers to pray.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

Sunday	Luke 11:1-13	Jesus teaches about prayer
Monday	Genesis 18:20-32	Abraham haggles with God
Tuesday	Colossians 2:6-19	Fullness of life in Christ
Wednesday	Exodus 32:7-14	Moses appeals to God
Thursday	James 5:13-20	The prayer of faith
Friday	Matthew 6:5-15	Jesus on prayer
Saturday	Psalms 138	Praise and thanksgiving
Sunday	Luke 12:13-21	Parable of the rich fool

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

He [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." Luke 11:1 (NRSV)

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Loving God, you who welcome our prayers, praise, questions, and our fears and frustrations, help us to come to you with confidence, hope, and love. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear God, you who hunger for our attention, thank you for giving us each day our daily bread. Amen. (Luke 11:3)

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the God who cares for you with the love of a parent, feed you, forgive you, and preserve you now and always.



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JULY 28, 2019  
HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*



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

- When do you pray? What do you pray for?
- How has praying made a difference in your life?
- A life of prayer is not easy. What does it take to make prayer part of our daily lives?

**DEVOTIONS**

Read: Luke 11:1-13.

Jesus teaches his followers to pray by giving a model prayer, a parable about perseverance, and simple words of wisdom on pursuing what we want with vigor. The gift we most want is a relationship to God, what is granted to us through the gift of the Holy Spirit (v. 13). Seen this way, prayer does not disappoint. We are given an intimate relationship of a parent caring for a child seen in verses 11-13 and introduced by the first word of Jesus' model prayer: "Father." We are to ask for the essentials of life: food, forgiveness, and preservation. Jesus' teaching on prayer is not lengthy. It focuses on the essentials of life grounded in the confidence of an intimate relationship with God. Now, just as Jesus is portrayed praying throughout the Gospel of Luke (3:21; 5:16; 6:12; 9:18; 9:28; 10: 21-22; 11:1; 22:41-44; and 23:46), it is time for us to do as Jesus did: pray. Look these verses up and highlight them in your Bible.

*Pray:* Our Father, by your holy name give us the faith to trust in you and to seek everything in life that is part of your kingdom of grace, mercy, and peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

**SERVICE**



James 5:13-20 is about the prayer of faith. This scripture reading provides an example of how we are to pray for others, for those who are suffering, those who are sick, and those who need forgiveness. Is there someone you know who is in need of a prayer of praise or one for healing? Find time to be with them and pray with them.

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**



Jesus taught the disciples how to pray. He taught them the Lord's Prayer. Nearly 2,000 years later, this same Lord's Prayer is a prayer said in both our congregations and in our homes. Who taught you to pray the Lord's Prayer? Pray the Lord's Prayer in your home and think of hand signs or use sign language for key words as you pray. Using hand signs when you pray embeds the prayer in your heart and mind. Who would benefit learning this prayer from you?



In addition to Taking Faith Home, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)