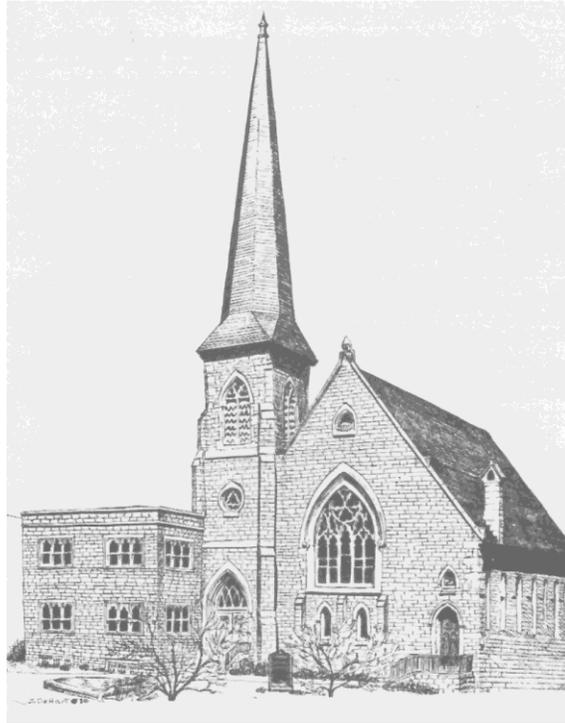


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY AUGUST 25, 2019 10:00 AM

PRELUDE

HUMORESQUE
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

PIETRO YON

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

It is in this place of holiness that we can come with our fears,
our doubts, all the questions of our hearts.

**We come to this place, to hear the words of peace,
of hope, of joy God speaks to us.**

It is in this place of discovery
that we can come searching.

**We come to this place, to find
the One who has been looking for us.**

It is in this place of openness
that we can come knocking.

**We come to this place, to be embraced
by the One whose heart is never locked.**

* HYMN #31

LET US WITH A GLADSOME MIND

"MONKLAND"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We do not find it easy to speak of how we do not live as your people, but you invite us to share our weaknesses and failures with you, Inviting God. Tempted to think your salvation is for a select few, we put up barriers for others. Clinging to all you give to us, we are reluctant to share with those in need. Surrounded by evil and violence, we find it easier to close ranks with those just like us, rather than seeking peace and reconciliation for our world.

Forgive us, Salvation's God. Open our eyes to our sisters and brothers all around us. Open our ears to the word of hope you speak to us. Open our spirits to the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who flings wide the open doors of your kingdom, that all might find life with you...

(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

Here is the good news, my friends: Christ came searching for us, calling us by name, leading us into God's kingdom.
In Christ, we become new people: broken, we are made whole; lost, we are found;
forsaken, we are restored to new life. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please greet one another with signs of peace.)

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

LUKE 11:1-13

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 67

ANTHEM

FOR THOSE TEARS I DIED

MARSHA AND RUSS STEVENS

CAROLYN MATHEWS, SOLOIST

You said you'd come and share all my sorrows,
You said you'd be there for all my tomorrows;
I came so close to sending you away,
But just like you promised, you came here to stay;
I just had to pray.

*And Jesus said: "Come to the water, stand by my side;
I know you are thirsty, you won't be denied;
I felt every tear drop, when in darkness you cried,
And I strove to remind you, it's for those tears I died."*

Your goodness so great, I can't understand it,
And dear Lord, I know now that all this was planned.
I know you're here now and always will be;
Your love loosened my chains, and in you I'm free;
But Jesus why me?

Jesus I give you, my heart and my soul;
I know now without God, I'll never be whole.
Savior, you opened all the right doors,
And I thank you and praise you from earth's humble shores;
Take me I'm yours!

SERMON

REV. REBECCA VARDIMAN

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

JOY IS LIKE THE RAIN

MIRIAM THERESE WINTER

CAROLYN MATHEWS, SOLOIST

I saw raindrops on the window,

Joy is like the rain.

Laughter runs across my pain,

Slips away and comes again,

Joy is like the rain.

I saw clouds upon a mountain,

Joy is like a cloud.

Sometimes silver, sometimes gray,

Always sun not far away.

Joy is like a cloud.

I saw Christ in wind and thunder,

Joy is tried by storm.

Christ asleep within my boat,

Whipped by winds, yet still afloat,

Joy is tried by storm.

I saw raindrops on the river,

Joy is like the rain.

Bit by bit the river grows,

Till all at once it overflows.

Joy is like the rain.

* 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 who art heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* HYMN #722

LORD, SPEAK TO ME THAT I MAY SPEAK

“CONONBURY

* 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

PRAISE THE LORD!

SIGFRID KARG-ELERT

BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

* 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

Guest Preacher.....Rev. Rebecca Vardiman
Liturgist.....Katie Ross
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musician.....Carolyn Mathews, Soloist
Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
Ushers..... Bill, Ann and Samuel Kellermeyer

FALL CHURCH KICKOFF For ALL Ages



BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

Sunday, September 8th

Rocky Gap State Park: Lakeview Pavilion

Worship at 11:00AM with Picnic to follow at Noon

Bounce house, games, and live music!

Baked and fried chicken and drinks will be provided.

**Bring blankets and chairs
and a salad, side dish, or dessert to share.**

Name of Individual/Family: _____

Number Attending: _____

Phone/E-mail: _____

I/We will bring: _____ Circle one - Salad - Side Dish - Dessert

I/We request transportation from church: _____

Please detach and return in the offering plate or call the church office at 301-777-3700 by **September 1st.**

* In the event of inclement weather, we will hold worship in the fellowship hall.

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 memory of George Williams by his family, Kay, Sarah, Barbara and Jim. **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 August 18, 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	\$ 129,712.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 132,539.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (2,827.00)

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

August 19, 2018

67

August 18, 2019

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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 2nd and 4th 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.

08.26 Body Sensations/Healing

09.09 Thought Control/Obstacles

10.14 Labyrinth @ Allegany College

11.11 The Empty Chair/Inner Peace

12.09 Symbolic Fantasy/Spiritual Journey

09.23 Breathing/Anxiety

10.28 Body Prayer/Procrastination

11.15 Ignatian Contemplation/Positivity

MIND/BODY SKILLS: Please join Pam Jan and Laura Fiscus for an 8-week course in Mind/Body Skills September 3rd through October 22nd. 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.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PAM JAN & AARON HENDRICKSON

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: The monthly outreach dinner will be held **today, August 25th** 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, or provide cupcakes, please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

UNION RESCUE MISSION ANNUAL DINNER: The Union Rescue Mission has invited us to attend their Night of Promise annual dinner where donors are given the opportunity to hear personal testimonies of those served and helped at the Mission, meet the staff and directors of the URM, and have an opportunity to sew back into the ministry via a silent auction as well as other donation opportunities. The dinner will take place on **Friday, October 4, 2019** at the **Allegany Fairgrounds Multi-Purpose Building**. The auction and appetizers will begin at **5:30PM**, followed by a buffet dinner and program. First Presbyterian Church will be among the organizations that will be recognized for our donations provided throughout the year. We would like to get eight people to attend the event and purchase a table at \$250.00. The cost per person to attend the dinner would be \$31.25. Please contact Aaron Hendrickson or Pam Jan, if you would like to attend this dinner.

2019 SUMMER LUNCHBOX WRAPS UP: Thank you, thank you, thank you to the many church members, friends, and community volunteers who helped with the 2019 Summer Lunchbox local mission project which wrapped up on Friday, August 9th. Over the course of eight Fridays this summer we were able to provide 5,610 lunches to hungry and food insecure children in Cumberland. This was our 13th year of involvement in the SLB. Year after year our children need us, and year after year we continue to answer the call to help feed our youngest and most vulnerable neighbors. It truly takes a village, and we are blessed to be part of one that serves the Lord with gladness and many willing hands!

Your Summer Lunchbox Committee - Laura Fiscus, Deb and Gary Henderickson, Pam Jan, Cathy Levitas, and Nadene Stroup

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, AUGUST (26)

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
LEARNING TREE CLEAN UP DAYS

TUESDAY, AUGUST (27)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
LEARNING TREE CLEAN UP DAYS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST (28)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
LEARNING TREE CONFERENCES
6:30 PM LEARNING TREE MEET THE TEACHERS
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

THURSDAY, AUGUST (29)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
LEARNING TREE CONFERENCES

FRIDAY, AUGUST (30)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, AUGUST (31)

SIGHT & SOUND TRIP

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER (1)

10:00AM SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

AUGUST 25, 2019
ELEVENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Honor God by taking delight in the Sabbath.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 13:10-17	Jesus heals on the Sabbath
Monday	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Delight in the Sabbath
Tuesday	Hebrews 12:18-29	A kingdom that can't be shaken
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 5:12-15	Remember you were slaves
Thursday	Acts 20:7-12	Breaking bread on Sunday
Friday	Exodus 20:8-11	Remember the Sabbath day
Saturday	Psalms 103:1-8	Praise for God's benefits
Sunday	Luke 14:1, 7-14	Humility and hospitality

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, for pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord. **Isaiah 58:13-14a (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
God of the Sabbath, give us delight in your presence and heal us of all that separates us from you and from one another. For Christ's sake, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
Lord God, who gives us daily bread, our thanks to you we raise. Be present at our table here and fill our hearts with praise. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:
May the Lord forgive you all your sins and heal you of all your ills. (Psalm 103:3)

AUGUST 25, 2019

HYMN OF THE WEEK

O Day of Rest and Gladness

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- How do you spend the day when you take a day of rest (Sabbath)?
- How does what you do in life honor God and honor your neighbor?
- Why is it hard to focus on God and neighbor instead of pursuing our own interests?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Isaiah 58:9b-14.

At the heart of this text is honoring God by taking delight in the Sabbath. The word *sabbath* in Hebrew simply means "to stop." To stop, to rest from work is a way to honor God and your neighbor. The Sabbath protects community as it protects the vulnerable, including children, slaves, and animals. In Luke 13, Jesus understands the Sabbath as protecting the needs of a woman so she may stand upright in her community. When we refrain from "getting ahead" seven days a week, we can care for the hungry, the afflicted, and won't need to speak evil of one another (vv. 9b-10). Then, the people of God will "get ahead" and have real needs satisfied, real bodies strengthened, and real thirst quenched (v. 11). In other words, by giving honor to God and justice to others, we will truly make progress in life by restoring relationships, not bank accounts or egos. At the end of your days, will you regret not working more? How is the Sabbath a delight for you?

Pray: Dear Lord, it is not easy to stop to honor you and care for others. Give me delight in your presence that I may honor the Sabbath as I desire to honor you. For the sake of Jesus, the Lord of the Sabbath, amen.

SERVICE

The Lord is abounding in steadfast love (Psalm 103:8b). This Psalm is one that gives praise for all God has done for us. God forgives, heals, rescues, and redeems us. Is there someone you know who needs to hear about God's redeeming love? What can you do for them or say to them to show God's love?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Sabbath is a time of rest. A time when you take a break and do not work. Make time each day this week to "take delight in the Lord" by observing a five-minute mini-sabbath. Set all electronic devices to the side, turn off the TV, and sit down in a comfortable position. Take a few deep breaths, close your eyes, and rest. After your mini-sabbath, thank God for this rest that gives health to your body, mind, and soul.

