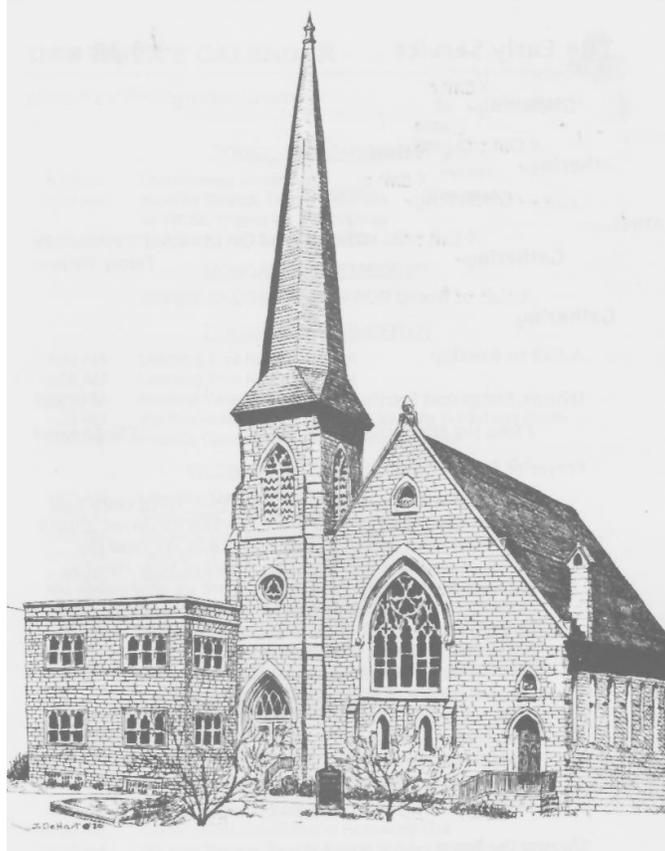


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

*A FESTIVE TRUMPET TUNE*  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

GILBERT M. MARTIN

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

What shall we return to the Lord  
for all the good things God has done for us?  
**We will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

PSALM 116:12, 13

\* HYMN #12

*IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE*

"ST. DENIO"

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess  
our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.  
You alone know how often we have sinned  
in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.  
Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.  
Forgive our sins,  
and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior...

*(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

1 PETER 1:3

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures:  
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth  
into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

*(Please greet one another with signs of peace.)*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

PSALM 81

RESPONSIVE READING

Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.  
**Raise a song, sound the tambourine, the sweet lyre with the harp.**  
Blow the trumpet at the new moon, at the full moon, on our festal day.  
**For it is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.**  
He made it a decree in Joseph, when he went out over the land of Egypt. I hear a voice I had not known:  
**“I relieved your shoulder of the burden; your hands were freed from the basket.**  
In distress you called, and I rescued you; I answered you in the secret place of thunder;  
I tested you at the waters of Meribah.  
**Hear, O my people, while I admonish you; O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**  
There shall be no strange god among you; you shall not bow down to a foreign god.  
**I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.**  
**Open your mouth wide and I will fill it.**  
“But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me.  
**So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.**  
O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!  
**Then I would quickly subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their foes.**  
Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, and their doom would last forever.  
**I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.”**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

LUKE 14:1, 7-14

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 72

SERMON

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FOLLOW JESUS?

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

ADAGIO E DOLCE FROM TRIO SONATA NO. 3  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH

\* 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!

COMMUNION HYMN #503

LORD, WE HAVE COME AT YOUR OWN INVITATION

“O QUANTA QUALIA”

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND  
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.

WE COME TO THE TABLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal and gracious One, though we live in a world of need,  
**here we have tasted your goodness and hungered for a world more just.**

Though afflicted by brokenness and division,  
**here we have heard your call to be people of healing community.**

Though daily we touch our limits,  
**here we have received the fullness of your grace.**

Send us forth, O God,  
**in faith, in hope, and in love. Amen.**

\* HYMN #417

LORD JESUS, THINK ON ME

“SOUTHWELL”

\* 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

PRELUDE, FUGUE, AND CHACONNE  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

DIETRICH BUXTEHUD

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\* 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.....Sharon Kazary  
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr  
Sound Technician .....Joe Aurigemma  
Ushers..... David Stickler and Burt Heister

### Music Notes

This morning's prelude is a joyful organ voluntary by Gilbert M. Martin (b. 1941,) a prolific composer of organ and choral music who lives in Dayton, Ohio. Upon publication in 1969, **A Festive Trumpet Tune** met with such commercial success that Martin arranged the piece as a choral anthem, retitled "A Festive Psalm."

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750) composed six Trio Sonatas (so named for their 3-voice texture) for organ as teaching pieces for his son Wilhelm Friedmann Bach. The **Adagio e Dolce** (*slow and sweet*) is the middle movement of the third sonata and is among the most tender and elegant of all Bach's music.

Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707) was a Danish organist and court composer in the city of Lübeck. So great was Buxtehude's renown, that a twenty year old J. S. Bach hitchhiked nearly 200 miles to hear Buxtehude play. For this trip Bach was given a month-long sabbatical from his church in Arnstadt, but ended up staying in Lübeck from more than four months, much to his employer's chagrin. In the bright key of C major, **Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne** is Buxtehude's best-known organ work, with an improvisatory flair to each of the three distinct sections.

# FALL CHURCH KICKOFF For ALL Ages

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**

**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Rocky Gap State Park: Lakeview Pavilion**  
**Worship at 11:00AM with Picnic to follow at Noon**

**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.**



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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 **today**.

\* 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](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 memory of Eugene D. Munro and Bernice L. Munro, by their family. **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.**

**WORLD ARTISTS EXPERIENCES (WAE)** will host the 40-member Megaron Chamber Choir from Slovenia on **Thursday, September 26 at 7:00 PM at St. Patrick Catholic Church.** We are in need of **hosts** to house two, three, or four singers overnight on September 26th. It would involve providing a bed, breakfast, a packed lunch (opt.), and transportation to Roses parking lot the next morning, Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. To volunteer or for more info, please contact Linda Smith.

FPC will host the group for an early supper at 3:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall, catered by Sharon Dicken. If you can help set tables, serve, or clean up, please contact Rolfe Singerman or Linda Smith.

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of August 25, 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	\$ 130,779.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 136,555.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (5,776.00)

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

## RULING ELDERS: LAURA FISCUS & JOSH GILHART

**MEDITATION GROUP:** As the fall presents a hectic schedule, we are taking a break from our group meetings. We look forward to reconvening after Epiphany. In this time, may we all in our daily lives recall the presence of God, be conscious that the air we breathe is sacred, & practice relaxation for total body health & rejuvenation.

**MIND/BODY SKILLS:** Please join Pam Jan and Laura Fiscus for an 8-week course in Mind/Body Skills. It will be held from **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 using evidence-based techniques.

## FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOE WEAVER ANN KELLERMEYER

**MISSION MILESTONE:** Join us today, after worship, as we celebrate another Mission Trip Milestone. We will have lunch and join in caring conversation with each other as we celebrate our next Mission Trip. Our mission trip participants will receive their mission trip journals at this time.

All mission trip travelers are asked to be at the worship service along with their family, friends and mission trip prayer and action partners.

This trip is not just an experience for the participants, but for the whole congregation. Together, we will send them off with prayer, thanksgiving and hope for a meaningful trip for them and for those they encounter along the way. Please plan to attend.

## MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PAM JAN & AARON HENDRICKSON

**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 **Allegheny Fairgrounds Multi-Purpose Building**. The auction and appetizers will begin at **5:30 PM**, followed by a buffet dinner and program. First Presbyterian Church will be among the organizations that will be recognized for 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.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER (2)**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER (3)**

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
9:00 AM **LEARNING TREE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**  
6:30 PM MISSION MEETING IN THE PARLOR  
7:00 PM BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING IN THE CHAPEL

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER (4)**

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

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER (5)**

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER (6)**

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER (7)**

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

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER (8)**

11:00AM FALL KICK-OFF AT ROCKY GAP STATE PARK

**REMINDER: OUR FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> with our Fall Kick-off at Rocky Gap State Park. Worship begins at 11:00 AM during the fall months.**

**UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS**

**You are invited to attend the following congregational events as we begin our transition process.**

*(Please see the enclosed insert for a full suggested timeline)*

**A Time of Historical Remembrances: Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> following worship in the Fellowship Hall**

This two-hour congregational event focuses on what has occurred in the life of First Presbyterian Church over the years and decades. More than simply listing such things, participants share memories and what these say about our life together as a church and what's important to us. These are key elements to keep in mind as we move through our transition time.

**A Time of Appreciative Inquiry: Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> following worship in the Fellowship Hall**

This two-hour event provides an opportunity for us to share with one another what we like and really appreciate about First Presbyterian Church. Participants will 'interview' one another asking a series of questions such as 'what attracted you to our church', 'what are the particular characteristics of our congregation that are most valuable' and 'when we are at our best, how do we express God's love to others?' The responses will help everyone to perceive First Presbyterian's greatest strengths and what we want to build on as we move through this transition time.

**First Presbyterian Church**

## **Cumberland, Maryland** **Suggested Transitional Time Line**

September 22	A time of Historical Remembrance (after worship)
September 19	Formation by Session of an Ad-Hoc team to review “New Beginnings” and to work through current needs and hopes
September 29	A time of Appreciative Inquiry (after worship)
October - December	Ad-Hoc team meets and does its work
January	Ad-Hoc team makes its report to Session and then to the congregation  Interim Pastor informs the Committee on Ministry of Baltimore Presbytery that the church is ready to form a Pastor Nominating Committee, and thus requests, on behalf of the Session, for permission to do so.
February	After COM grants permission, the congregation meets to form the PNC.
February/March -	The elected PNC begins its work
April	If elected in mid to late February, there’s a good probability that the initial phase of the PNC’s work, the completion of the Church Information Form, (i.e. the ‘paper-work’) can be completed by mid-April, that is, shortly before or after Easter (April 12).
May	The PNC receives its first set of pastor resumes, the Pastor Information Form, from CLC, Church Leaders in Connection, a part of the Office of the General Assembly. The PNC also will begin to receive ‘self-referred’ forms sent by pastors. The PNC works through all of these, ranking candidates, and eventually narrows the candidate list to three or four or five, and then sets up interviews with these final candidates, eventually recommending one to the congregation.

The all-pervading question addressed to the PNC: when will it be recommending the final candidate to the congregation? This is answered only in God’s good time. . . . the current Interim pastor can only suggest a possibility: based on his experience and observation of other congregations that have worked through this process, and based on his (admittedly limited) experience with this particular congregation, he does not believe it will take a long time to complete the CIF, and therefore this PNC will likely move with dispatch and care through the candidates. Unless something happens to delay this process, his informed opinion is that it is likely that the PNC will be able to recommend a new pastor by August or September. It may very well be sooner. And, of course, it may be later.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019  
TWELFTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

# taking+ faith home

*Jesus reverses social standards.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 14:1, 7-14	Humility and hospitality
Monday	Proverbs 25:6-7	Wise sayings of Solomon
Tuesday	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Service that pleases God
Wednesday	James 2:1-13	Show mercy
Thursday	Exodus 2:16-25	Moses flees to Midian
Friday	Luke 1:46-55	Mary's song
Saturday	Psalms 112	Blessings of the righteous
Sunday	Luke 14:25-33	The cost of being a disciple

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Luke 14:13-14 (NRSV)

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

**A Prayer for the Week:**

God of undeserved kindness, help us to rejoice in a humble life and not to seek the praise of others, through Christ who humbled himself to give glory and honor to you. Amen.

**Meatime Prayer:**

Dear God, you who fill our open mouths with good things, give us hearts to receive this gift of food with thanksgiving. Amen. (Psalm 81:10)

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the God who lifts up the lowly fill your life with grace and mercy.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2019  
HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*We Are Called*

# taking+ faith home

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- What does it mean to you to be treated fairly?
- What are some expected social standards of behavior you don't like?
- In Luke 14 Jesus was willing to challenge social standards of behavior. Why do you think he did that?

## DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 14:1, 7-14.

Jesus uses current social norms to make a point on how to "be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you" (v. 10b). Place yourself in a humble location in the seating chart and then be invited to a higher place. Why? Because "all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted" (v. 11). But then Jesus makes a direct assault on the social standards of his day. In a world where people "know their place" and "stick with their own kind," Jesus says that those who can afford a banquet are not to invite people who can do the same for them, but they are to "invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind" (v. 13). The standard of the kingdom of God praises kindness that will not be repaid. It is reminiscent of Mary's song that comes at the beginning of the Gospel of Luke: "He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty" (Luke 1:52-53). How are the words of Jesus and his mother good news for you and for others?

**Pray:** Merciful God, give us faith to trust that our worth is found in your care and honor of us and not the rewards given by earthly powers, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SERVICE

In Hebrews 13:1-8, we are given some practical advice on showing hospitality to strangers.

Hospitality is being kind and welcoming especially guests into our homes, even when we do not know them. Think of someone in your congregation or at work or school you do not know very well. Invite them to your home for a meal and get to know them through caring conversations in a relaxed setting where it is not the food and way you dress that matters as much as the genuine welcome.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Jesus uses a parable about a wedding to show how God's protocol for good manners is a different way to look at the world. At God's table everyone is welcome. Gather five paper plates. Write a word to describe four people who you see but do not know on the different plates. Write your name on the extra plate. Place the plates at seats around a table. Take turns sitting in each place and think about how you could make each guest feel welcome at God's table.



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