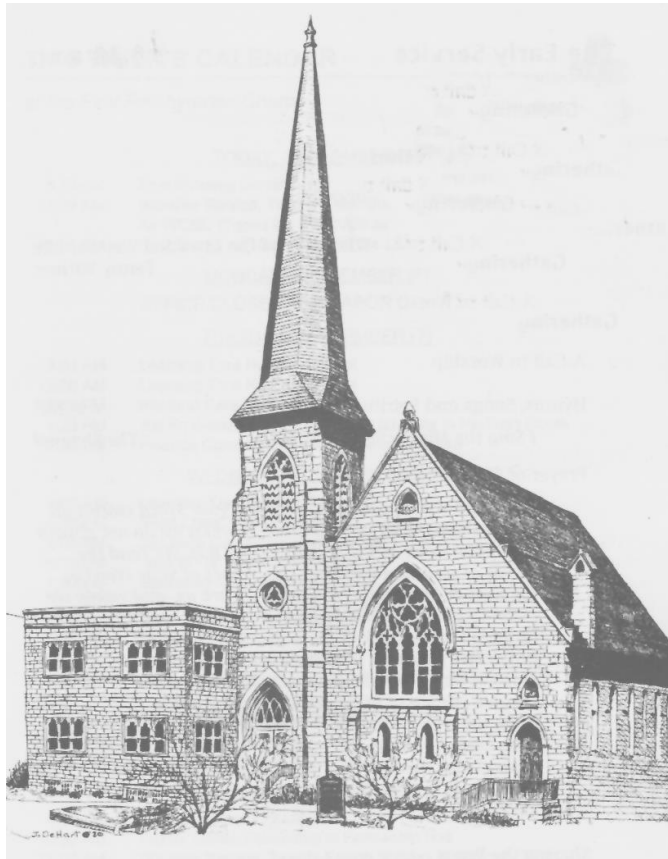


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

ALLEGRETTO FORM SONATA NO. 4  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 100:1, 2, 5

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness.  
Come into God's presence with singing!  
**For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting;  
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

\* HYMN #15

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING  
(Verses 1, 2, 3 and 6.)

"LASST UNS ERFREUEN"

\* 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 14

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 468

ANTHEM

A PSALM OF PRAISE

GEORGE GAGLIARDI

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Praise ye the Lord, praise him, O all of ye servants.  
Praise ye the Lord, sing of his wonderful works.  
For his name shall be blessed from this day and evermore.

Praise him, O all of ye people, for there is none equal in mercy and grace.  
And his name shall be blessed from this day and evermore.

From day's beginning, even till ending, long may his name be praised.  
For he is Lord and ruleth each nation; now let your voices be raised.

Praise him! Praise ye the Lord, sing of his wonderful work.  
For his name shall be blessed from this day and evermore.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MARK 1:1-14

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 32

SERMON

WHAT THE GOSPEL OF MARK SAYS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST  
I. THE BEGINNING

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

MOMENT FOR MISSION: SOUTH DAKOTA LEARNING CAMP REFLECTIONS

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

GRACIOUS TEMPEST  
LED BY BEAU HARTMAN  
Your love towers over me,  
Gracious tempest in the sea;  
Surround me like a storm.

BEN TAN, MARTY SAMPSON, AND MATT CROCKER

Let your tide of mercy rain,  
Let it flood my heart again;  
Surround me like an ocean.

Your love is crashing over me;  
It's surging like a raging sea.  
Immerse me in the wonder of your love,  
A downpour of unending grace,  
Consuming all my reckless ways;  
My sins submerged,  
Your love has saved my soul.  
Your love is like a storm.

\* 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 #688

SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART

“MORECAMBE

CALLED MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION

*(All members are encouraged to stay; visitors are welcome.)*

\* BENEDICTION

\* SUNG RESPONSE #306

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS  
*(Please join hands as we sing together.)*

“DENNIS”

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

ALLEGRO CON BRIO FROM SONATA NO. 4  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

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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.....Reagan Marrale  
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr  
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir  
Sound Technician .....Joe Aurigemma  
Ushers..... John Mullan and Evan Swanger

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION of First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland, Maryland is called by the Session for **today immediately after worship**. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to elect Bob Courtney to fill an unexpired term of Agnes Yount in the Session Class of 2020.

### 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.

### 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 memory of their parents, William and Bertha Workman and Ernest and Sylvia Jarrell, by Bill and Amy Workman. **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 301-395-8165.

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 September 1, 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	\$ 136,969.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 140,572.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (3,602.00)

**STEWARDSHIP LUNCHEON HOST NEEDED:** The Stewardship Committee is seeking volunteers to host the Stewardship Luncheon for this year on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. The luncheons will take place after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Host would be responsible for providing the main course of the meal and members of the congregation will be signing up to provide side dishes and desserts. Please contact Kathy Getty or Brittany Jackson in the Church Office, if you are interested in being a host for one of the luncheons.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: LAURA FISCUS & JOSH GILHART

**THE HIGHLANDERS GROUP** will meet for lunch at Patricks Restaurant **tomorrow, September 16<sup>th</sup> at noon**. Highlanders is a fellowship group for senior adults. If you have any questions or if you need a ride, please contact Betty Richtmeyer.

**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

ELDERS: JOE WEAVER & ANN KELLERMEYER

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANT NEEDED:** You are invited to answer our commitment to baptism of children in our congregation by volunteering to serve for one Sunday this year as an assistant to our youngest learners Sunday School class. Please contact Julie Courtney or sign up on the white board, if you are interested in serving as a Sunday School Assistant.

## 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 **Allegany 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.

**MISSION OUTREACH DINNER:** The monthly outreach dinner will be held **Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Christ United Methodist Church, 336 Race Street**. Dinner will be served from 4:00-5:30PM. If anyone can volunteer to serve dinner or help clean tables, please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER (16)

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

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER (17)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
5:00 PM MIND & BODY SKILLS IN THE CHAPEL

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER (18)

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

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER (19)

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

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER (20)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER (21)

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

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER (22)

11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
12:00 PM A TIME OF HISTORICAL REMEMBRANCE  
4:00 PM MISSION OUTREACH DINNER

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019  
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

taking  
faith  
home

*God pursues the lost.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 15:1-10	The lost sheep and the lost coin
Monday	Exodus 32:7-14	Moses pleads for the people
Tuesday	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Gratitude for mercy
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 7:7-11	A chosen people
Thursday	Acts 26:12-18	Paul's conversion
Friday	Ezekiel 36:22-32	Renewal of Israel
Saturday	Psalms 51:1-10	A prayer for forgiveness
Sunday	Luke 16:1-13	Parable of the shrewd manager

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'"  
Luke 15:6 (NRSV)

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God, you who pursue the lost with love and mercy, give us the joy of being found and redeemed through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear Lord God, fill our hungry hearts with joy for your mercy and steadfast love as you fill our bodies with this food. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord create in you a clean heart and put a new and right spirit within you. (Psalm 51:10)



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SEPTEMBER 15, 2019  
HYMN OF THE WEEK  
*Awesome God*

taking  
faith  
home

### CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Talk or think about a time you or someone you know has been lost.
- Tell or think about a time you lost something and then found it.
- In Luke 15, the Pharisees and the scribes cannot express joy that Jesus has found the lost, the "sinners and tax collectors." Why do you think this is?

### DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 15:1-10.

Sinners and tax collectors show interest in Jesus. They want to listen to him. Jesus, by welcoming them and eating with them shows acceptance of them. In the words of 1 Timothy, "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1:15). This baffles the religious leaders, the Pharisees and scribes. Jesus points out that what it should bring is joy. He says, "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (v. 10). God pursues us like a shepherd seeking a lost sheep or a poor widow seeking a lost coin. We are the lost sinners who have been found by God's pursuit. Instead of being disappointed by God's extravagant love, instead of being baffled by the lost being found, let us give thanks to God for the power and desire of God to save sinners and the joy that comes with being found by God's love and mercy. Does it bring you joy to know you are the lost who has been found, the sinner who has been saved? Explain.

**Pray:** Merciful God, help us to recall our great need and your great love that reaches out to us again and again, through Christ our Lord, amen.

### SERVICE

Jesus gives us strength to do our work and serve him. Paul writes, "he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service" (1 Timothy 1:12b). Paul's life was changed because of God's grace. In what ways do we respond to God's saving grace through service and acts of kindness towards others? How do these acts of kindness change us? How do they change others?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Psalm 51:10 the image of a clean heart is used to ask for God's forgiveness. Sin and doing wrong can hurt others. We are all guilty of sin. Read Psalm 51:1-10 and circle all the words that have to do with cleaning: cleanse, clean, wash, etc. and write the word "confession" in the margins. Take a bar of soap and use a pencil or knife (a plastic knife will work) to trace a heart on the bar of soap. Carve out the shape of the heart. When you use the heart to wash your hands, say: Create in me a clean heart, O God (Psalm 51:10a), as a daily reminder of confession in your home.