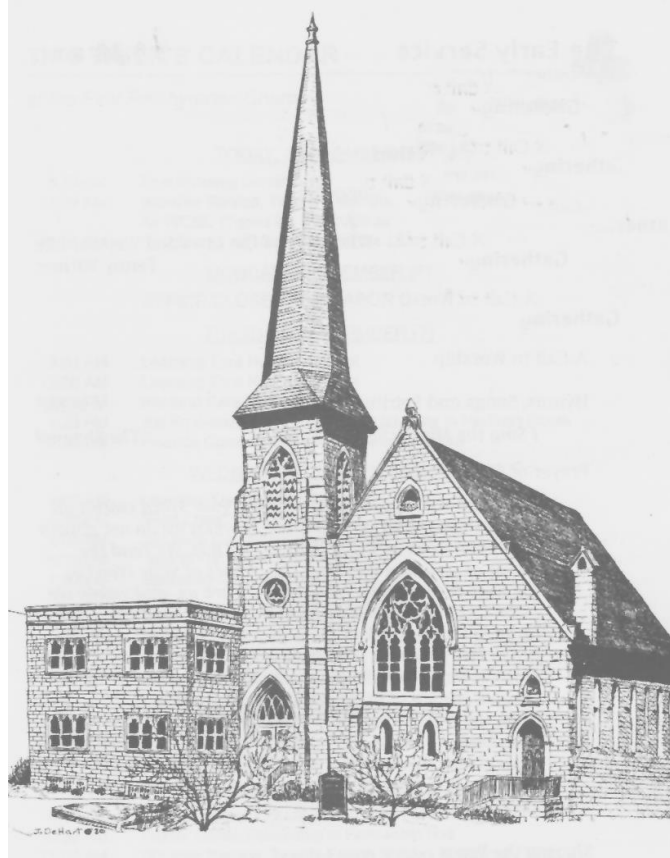


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

APPALACHIAN MEDITATION  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

DONALD LEE MOORE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

WORSHIP HIM  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR  
Worship him, Christ our Savior!  
Lift up his name, sing of his mercy.  
We come to give him praise, O bless his holy name forever and forever.  
He reigneth evermore. Amen

JIM TAYLOR

\* 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 #12

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

"ST. DENIO"

\* 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

II CORINTHIANS 5:21

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures:  
For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,  
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.  
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.)*

ANTHEM

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

AMY MARCY CHENEY BEACH

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

All hail the power of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.  
Crown him, ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call;  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, the heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call;  
The Lord incarnate, man divine, and crown him Lord of all.  
Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall:  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe, before him prostrate fall!  
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.  
And crown him Lord of all. And crown him Lord of all.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MARK 1:21-28

PEW BIBLE, NT, p. 33

SERMON

WHAT THE GOSPEL OF MARK SAYS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST  
II. HEALINGS & EXORCISMS: THE START

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

REVERENCE  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

ROBERT J. HUGHES

\* 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 #815

GIVE TO THE WINDS THY FEARS

"FESTAL SONG"

\* 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

ALLEGRO MAESTOSO FROM SONATA NO. 4

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

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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.....Hans Killius  
 Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr  
 Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir  
 Sound Technician .....Joe Aurigemma  
 Ushers..... Charlene Lelinski and JoAnn Brotemarkle

## MUSIC NOTES

In the plaintive key of e minor, the prelude *Appalachian Meditation* was written in 1975 by Donald Lee Moore (1910-2000.) Moore, a North Carolina native, was the owner and operator of a funeral home near Asheville, and a lifelong organist and choir director.

The anthem *All Hail The Power of Jesus Name* was published in 1915 by the prolific American composer Amy Marcy Cheney Beach (1867-1944.) Beach was the first female composer to achieve widespread commercial success in America, and the first American composer to rise to prominence without being educated in Europe.

## 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. We currently have flower opening for September 29th, October 6th, 13th and 20th.

**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 27th. 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 15, 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	\$ 140,599.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 148,604.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (8,005.00)

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: LAURA FISCUS & JOSH GILHART

**MIND/BODY SKILLS:** Please join Pam Jan and Laura Fiscus for an 8-week course in Mind/Body Skills. Sessions will be held every Tuesday through October 22<sup>nd</sup> in the chapel. Learn how to manage stress and improve overall wellness using evidence-based techniques.

## FAITH FORMATION

ELDERS: JOE WEAVER & ANN KELLERMEYER

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANCE 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 **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.

**MISSION OUTREACH DINNER:** The monthly outreach dinner will be held **Sunday, September 22nd** 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, and/or provide brownies; please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

**PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING:** Quick facts about the Peace and Global Witness Offering to be collected on World Communion Sunday, October 6, 2019.

- Since 1940, World Communion Sunday is an ecumenical celebration of our oneness in the Spirit and the gospel of Jesus Christ, bringing churches together in Christian unity.
- The Peace & Global Witness Offering builds on the Presbyterian Commitment to Peacemaking established in 1980.
- 25% of the Offering Stays with our local congregation (**Family Crisis Resource Center**) and 25% with **mid councils** to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions.
- 50% of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.



## 2020 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

**“FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS  
THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.”**

### FALL FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEONS

Dear Friends:

This year's Stewardship luncheons are taking shape as we plan for the opportunity to break bread with other members, learn more about our Church's financial health and the role your giving will play in constructing the 2020 budget. The host will provide the main course, and you are asked to bring side dishes, bread, beverages or desserts.

Those who have agreed to host dinners and their dinner dates are as follows:

**Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>:** Jane Belt and Sandra Burton after worship in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>:** Cindy Corley and Kathy Getty after worship in the Fellowship Hall

Please complete your luncheon reservation below and include it in the offering plate or give it to Brittany Jackson in the church office. The Stewardship Committee and church office are coordinating the luncheons with guests and hosts.

### First Presbyterian Church Fall Fellowship Luncheons

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would like to attend the luncheon on:

**Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>:** \_\_\_\_\_

I will bring: \_\_\_\_\_

SEPTEMBER 22, 2019  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

taking<sup>+</sup>  
faith  
home

*Serve God with justice for the poor.*

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 16:1-13	Parable of the shrewd manager
Monday	Amos 8:4-7	Judgment on Israel
Tuesday	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Instructions concerning prayer
Wednesday	Deuteronomy 15:7-11	How to treat the poor
Thursday	James 2:14-17	Faith without works is dead
Friday	1 John 3:16-24	Love each other
Saturday	Psalms 113	The Lord helps people in need
Sunday	Luke 16:19-31	Poor Lazarus and the rich man

## SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. **Luke 16:13 (NRSV)**

## PRAYERS AND BLESSING

**A Prayer for the Week:**

God of justice for the needy, help us to gladly submit to your reign and your demand for care that raises the poor from the dust. Amen. (Psalm 113:7)

**Mealtime Prayer:**

For this food and all that you give us, blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore. Amen. (Psalm 113:2)

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the compassion and justice of God bless you and send you out with peace, love, and mercy.



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SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

HYMN OF THE WEEK

*All Who Love and Serve  
Your City*

taking<sup>+</sup>  
faith  
home

## CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- What is something you have received that you did not earn? Explain.
- How do you feel when someone receives something you do not think they deserve?
- The Bible speaks about justice for the "widow and the orphan," those without social support in biblical times. Who in our society receives little social support today?

## DEVOTIONS

*Read: Luke 16:1-13.*

In the Bible God requires a justice that shows partiality for the poor, the powerless, the disenfranchised. This understanding of justice is part of the character of God (Isaiah 30:18). As Amos 8 points out, people cheat and "trample on the needy" (v. 4). Such an injustice goes against God and God's will. It not only hurts individuals, but it hurts the larger society because an unfair economic and social system keeps more people from thriving. The whole of society then suffers. Jesus uses the characteristics of the unjust standards of his day. It would have been assumed that the rich man in the parable charged high interest rates to his customers that the unjust steward simply reduced or erased. Jesus' point is to commit to divine standards. Be a slave to—submit to—God's law, God's ways, God's justice that will not cave in or back down. It's not easy and we often fail at it, but with it comes true wisdom—shrewdness, in the language of the parable—and true justice, the kind that God expects, not to earn our salvation, but for the needs of our neighbors.

*Pray:* Dear God, in the midst of the world's standards that pursue self-interest, give me faith to trust you and care for others with your compassion and justice, through Christ our Lord, amen.

## SERVICE

In Biblical times, widows had very little social support. In modern times, there are more social support networks, but becoming a widow or widower can nonetheless be stressful and lead to loneliness. Do you know of someone who has lost a spouse? Invite that person to your home for a meal or take them out. Take time to listen and give the opportunity to share memories of their loved one. After your time together, keep this person in your prayers.

## RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Paul writes that we should pray for everyone: "I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone" (1 Timothy 2:1). Prayer is a faith practice we can do daily. Decorate a small box with stickers, drawings, or with paint/markers. Use index cards or sticky notes to write a prayer each day for someone you either know or have heard or read about. Place the prayers in the box. Take time to review the prayers you have written over time and think about ways the prayers may have been answered.



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)

**Examining the New Testament:  
Where Did It Come From and What's In It?**

Instructor: Rev. Dr. James Young

1. Introducing the manuscripts of the New Testament (9/26)
2. How the gospels came to be (10/3)
3. Examining some non-canonical infancy gospels (10/10)
4. Examining some non-canonical gospels (10/17)
5. The Canon takes shape: why some books were included and some not (10/24)
6. Catching up with what's happening in the neighborhood 95-330 AD (10/31)
7. The Council of Nicea and the establishment of orthodox Christianity: (11/7) What happened and why.
8. The Gospel of Matthew: what's in it and why is it placed first? (11/14)
9. The Gospel of Mark: the first written gospel (11/21)
10. The Gospel of Luke: a special gift from God (12/5)
11. The Gospel of John: the resurrected Jesus speaks (12/12)

The class meets on Thursdays from 5:30 – 6:20 pm in the Fellowship Hall. No need to sign up, just show up! No specific text or booklet is required. Please come and bring friends!