

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



MATTHEW 6:21

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 13, 2019

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

THANKS BE TO THEE, O LORD
NANCY HODGES, ORGAN

G.F. HANDEL
ARR. RICK PARKS

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.
O praise the Lord with me,
let us exalt God's name together.

PSALM 118:24 & 34:3

* HYMN #267

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING
LED BY THE JOYBELLS

"MADRID"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you.
We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy.
We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God.

Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness.
In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.
Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us.
Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit...
(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

PSALM 117

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures:
Praise the Lord, all you nations! Extol him, all you peoples!
For great is his steadfast love towards us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!
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.)

"FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO."
GATHERING PLACE

BOB COURTNEY

OLD TESTAMENT

PSALM 66 (Responsive Reading)

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 499

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;
sing the glory of his name; give him glorious praise.
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.
All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praise to your name."
Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.
He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him.
who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations- let the rebellious not exalt themselves.
Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard,
who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.
For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.
You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs;
you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.
Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.
I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue.
If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.
But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.
Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

ANTHEM

LORD, I STRETCH MY HANDS TO YOU

JAY ALTHOUSE

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

*Lord, I stretch my hands to you; no other help I know.
If you should leave me all alone, where then shall I go, oh, Lord?*

Lord, I give my soul to you. I seek your care and love.
No other blessings do I need but those from you above.

Lord, I ask you: Give me faith, and help me understand.
And Lord, when I this life shall leave, just hold me in your hand.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MARK 1:40-45

PEW BIBLE, NT, p. 33

SERMON

WHAT THE GOSPEL OF MARK SAYS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST
IV. HEALINGS & EXORCISMS: WHY SINGLE OUT A LEPER?

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

* HYMN #792

THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD

"BALM IN GILEAD"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLE CREED

PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL PG. 35

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

A JOYFUL RING
THE JOYBELLS

BARBARA B. KINYON

* 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 #738

O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE

"MARYTON"

* 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

LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL
NANCY HODGES, ORGAN

ROBERT W. THYGERSON

* 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
Guest Organist.....Nancy Hodges
Director of the Joybells.....Julie Courtney
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir and The Joybells
Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Rick and Robin Bissell

THE SESSION

Class of 2020: Jeff Getty, Pam Jan, Ann Kellermeyer, Cathy Levitas, and Joe Weaver

Class of 2021: Laura Fiscus, Josh Gilhart, Aaron Hendrickson, and Bob Courtney

Class of 2022: Cindy Corley, Shirley Giarritta, Gary Hendrickson, and David Stickler

Clerk of Session.....Jeff Getty
Moderator.....Rev. Dr. James R.M. Young

OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor..... Rev. Dr. James R.M. Young
Director of Music MinistriesBryan Lohr
Executive Administrative Assistant.....Brittany Jackson
Sound Tech/Security.....Joe Aurigemma
Sexton.....Zach Dodge

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 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: 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 a flower openin for October 20th.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of October 6, 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	\$ 152,667.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 160,653.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (7,986.00)

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

October 7, 2018
60

October 6, 2019
63

BUILDING & GROUNDS

ELDERS: SHIRLEY GIARRITTA & BOB COURTNEY

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY: On **Saturday, October 26th**, the Building & Grounds Committee invites you to come out and help clean up the church from **9:00AM-12:00PM**. The tasks to be performed are removing the AC units, cleaning and organizing the kitchen, repainting the handicapped bench (in the parking lot), and outside work on the front of the church, the rear bank, and the rear wall. We need and greatly appreciate your help!

FAITH FORMATION

ELDERS: JOE WEAVER & ANN KELLERMEYER

MILESTONE MISSION FOLLOW-UP: Join us **today after worship** for an ice cream social to hear from our South Dakota Learning Camp participants as well as our New Bern Mission Trip participants about their experiences in Marty, South Dakota and New Bern, North Carolina.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSISTANTS NEEDED: You are invited to support our commitment to 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. You do not need to do any lesson planning, just assist the Sunday School teacher.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: DAVID STICKLER & CATHY LEVITAS

COMMUNION TRAINING for in-church and home communion servers will be held after the service on November 3rd. Cathy Levitas and David Stickler will lead in the in-church communion instruction, and Carolyn Matthews will lead the home communion instruction. All members of the church are invited to participate in this training, so please attend the training after the service and participate in the serving of communion.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PAM JAN & AARON HENDRICKSON

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: The monthly outreach dinner will be held **Sunday, October 27th** 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 cupcakes; please let Judy Stern (814-977-8880), Phil Mills, or Linda Smith (301-395-8165) know.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, OCTOBER (14)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:45 PM ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING IN THE PARLOR

TUESDAY, OCTOBER (15)

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER (16)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:15 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER (17)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:30 PM NEW TESTAMENT STUDY WITH REV. YOUNG
7:00 PM SESSION MEETING IN THE GATHERING PLACE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER (18)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER (19)

11:00 AM IRENE KUYKENDALL MEMORIAL SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY
6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER (20)

11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
12:15 PM STEWARDSHIP LUNCHEON IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

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 20th: Jane Belt and Sandra Burton after worship in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 27th: 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.

First Presbyterian Church Fall Fellowship Luncheons

Name: _____

I/We would like to attend the luncheon on:

Sunday, October 20th: _____

Sunday, October 27th: _____

I will bring: _____

*Online Giving training will offered at both of the Stewardship Luncheons.

OCTOBER 13, 2019
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking+ faith home

Jesus shows mercy on a foreigner.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 17:11-19	One leper gives thanks to God
Monday	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c	Elisha heals Naaman
Tuesday	2 Timothy 2:8-15	A good soldier of Christ Jesus
Wednesday	Leviticus 14:33-57	Purification of lepers
Thursday	2 Timothy 1:13-18	Encouragement to be faithful
Friday	Luke 4:23-30	God cares for foreigners
Saturday	Psalms 111	Praise God for wonderful works
Sunday	Luke 18:1-8	Parable of the persistent widow

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Luke 17:18 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Gracious God, you who care for the unacceptable, thank you for caring for me, through Christ our Lord, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God of grace, for food make us thankful, for family and friends make us joyful, and for our salvation, make us grateful. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord be gracious and merciful and give you a thankful heart. (Psalm 111:1, 4)

OCTOBER 13, 2019
HYMN OF THE WEEK
*Have You Thanked
the Lord?*

taking+ faith home

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Tell or think about a time you were left out of a group. What was it like?
- Are you comfortable or afraid when you meet someone who is different than you are?
Why?
- How does God's mercy give you courage to care for those who are different from you?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 17:11-19.

Paul Tillich, a famous theologian once pointed out that faith is accepting that the unacceptable has been accepted. According to the law of Israel, a leper was unclean and needed to be kept away from the community. Lepers were unacceptable—or at least those who are to be avoided. A Samaritan was despised by first century Jews. Not only does Jesus accept and heal the Samaritan leper—along with nine other lepers—but this leper is the one who responds with a thankful heart at the feet of Jesus. Just like Naaman, the enemy general from Aram (Syria), those who seem far from God's presence and God's people are included in God's work of mercy and salvation. As Jesus says to the Samaritan leper, “your faith has made you well” (v. 19). God's work of salvation often comes as a work of great surprise to us. How does God's mercy give you courage to trust that God cares for you?

Pray: Merciful Savior, thank you for reaching out to those who seem far from you; thank you for reaching out to me. Amen.

SERVICE

This week's scripture readings tell of healings. Improved public health care is needed in many parts of the world. Some of it is provided by missionaries who show God's love by giving much needed food, clean water, mosquito nets, medical treatment, and other care around the world. How can you contribute to or support these faithful missionaries?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

God is holy and awesome. (Psalm 111:9) Take a walk around your neighborhood and make a list of things you see that are awesome. Trees, buildings, the sky, and clouds are a few of the things you might see. Then sit down in your home and look at the list. God is bigger and greater than anything we see. Take time to say a prayer of praise to God and be thankful for “his wonderful deeds”, “the power of his works”, and “the work of his hands” (Psalm 111:4, 6, 7).



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