

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY OCTOBER 27, 2019 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

LARGO
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

G. F. HANDEL

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME , ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

CHORAL INTROIT

A JOYOUS PSALM
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

EUGENE BUTLER

I give thee thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart,
O God, I sing thy praise and give thanks unto your name,
for thy love, for thy steadfast love and faithfulness.

Alleluia!

All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord.
They have heard the words, the words of thy mouth
and shall sing of the ways, they shall sing of the ways of the Lord.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 96:1-2

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing, and give praise to God's name;
tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgement.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

(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

ROMANS 3:23-24

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures:
Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;
they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

* RESPONSE #582

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

"GLORY TO GOD"

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please greet one another with signs of peace.)

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

AARON HENDRICKSON

A MOMENT WITH BEAUREGARD

OLD TESTAMENT

PSALM 65

PEW BIBLE, OT, p. 499

PSALTER

PSALM 65

THE PSALTER FOR CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

(To be sung to the tune of Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, Hymn #12.)

The praises of Zion, O God, are your due;
Your mercies are countless, our merits are few;
The weight of transgressions your grace will remove,
And give life we cherish, redeemed by your love.

Your strength has established the sea and the plain;
Each day all creation your praise sings again;
The God of salvation, our hope for always,
A shelter in darkness, the light of our days.

The earth's endless bounty, Lord, let us preserve;
Its richness and splendor we less than deserve;
The cycle of seasons gives sense to the year,
An autumn for harvest, a springtime of cheer!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MARK 2:18-3:6

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 34

SERMON

WHAT THE GOSPEL OF MARK SAYS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST
VI. NEW RELIGIOUS BEHAVIOR

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

* HYMN #175

SEEK YE FIRST
(Please remain seated.)

"LAFFERTY"

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

A SABBATH MELODY
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

CARL F. MUELLER

* 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 #693

THOUGH I MAY SPEAK

"GIFT OF LOVE"

* 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

TOCCATA AND FUGUE IN D MINOR
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH

* 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 Squires
Director of Music Ministries..... Bryan Lohr
Musicians..... The Sanctuary Choir
Sound Technician Joe Aurigemma
Ushers..... Joe Weaver and Kristina Hall

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

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: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in memory of her parents, Margaret and Gilbert Bailey, and in honor of their children and grandchildren, by Carolyn and Tom Mathews. **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.**

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of October 20, 2019
Total 2019 Pledges Promised	\$217,442.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 8,592.00
2019 Pledge Balance Promised	\$205,850.00
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 173,488.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 168,686.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 4,801.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

October 21, 2018
58

October 20, 2019
50

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: DAVID STICKLER & CATHY LEVITAS

COMMUNION TRAINING for in-church and home communion servers will be held **after the service next Sunday, 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 **today** 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 (28)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, OCTOBER (29)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER (30)

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 (31)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER (1)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER (2)

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (3)

11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

12:00 PM FIRST SUNDAY FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOE WEAVER & ANN KELLERMEYER

THE NEW TESTAMENT STUDY will NOT meet this week on Thursday, October 31st. We will continue the study on Thursday, November 7th.

FAITH FORMATION SURVEY: The Faith Formation Team is asking for your input as we consider offering additional adult classes / courses throughout the year. Please complete the survey and put in the offering plate or email /return to the church office. Thank you so much. Joe Weaver, Ann Kellermeyer, Julie Courtney

Attendance (choose as many as would work for you):

_____ I would attend a Sunday morning adult class from 9:45 – 10:45 AM.

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_____ I would attend an adult class immediately after worship

_____ I would attend an adult class during 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

_____ I would attend an adult class during a weekday evening

Content (number 1- 6 in order of your preference (#1 is your preferred choice))

_____ I would attend a class taught by Jim Young continuing the history/origin of the gospels

_____ I would attend the Covenant II class (second in a 3-part series) Leader: Hans Killius

_____ I would attend a class taught by Jim Young on the history/origin of the Pauline letters

_____ I would attend a class on the history of religion in the USA

_____ I would attend a 3-4 week Lenten study focused on spirituals

_____ I would be interested in the following topic _____

Other suggestions for content, times and teachers will be appreciated:

OCTOBER 27, 2019

TWENTIETH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

taking[†]
faith
home

Keep the faith.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 8:9-14	A Pharisee and tax collector pray
Monday	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22	Jeremiah prays to the Lord
Tuesday	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Personal instructions
Wednesday	1 Samuel 12:1-25	Samuel's farewell address
Thursday	James 1:2-8	Faith and wisdom
Friday	Luke 10:17-20	The return of the seventy
Saturday	Psalms 84:1-7	The joy of worship
Sunday	Luke 19:1-10	Jesus visits Zacchaeus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, give us faith that endures the difficult moments and remains confident in your gracious work of salvation. In Christ we pray, amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord, we are thankful for this food as we say this grace. Please help us keep the faith and finish the race. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you long for God; may you sing for joy to the living God. (Psalm 84:2)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

My Faith Looks

Up to Thee

taking[†]
faith
home

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Have you or someone you know ever run in a race?
- How do you keep or cling to your faith when times are tough?
- Who has been a faith role model in your life? In what ways?

DEVOTIONS

Read: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18.

Second Timothy is the last testimony of Paul to Timothy, of an elder mentor to an emerging leader in the church. Paul is aware his death is soon approaching. If life is compared to a demanding struggle or competition, he has made it to the end, done so well, and kept the faith. He has not given up; he and all those who long to see the face of God will receive their heavenly reward. In Luke 18:9-14 we see the need for confession and for mercy. But here, is a note of victory, of triumph. Yes, it is God's victory shown in Jesus Christ, and it is ours to celebrate. One of the great gifts of the elders of the faith is to be able to look back and say to younger believers, "It was all worth it. Yes, there were struggles, but that is over now for me. It is worth it for you, too, my children. Keep the faith." Leaving a legacy of faith, of courage, good hope, and confidence remains a valued blessing for the body of Christ. What legacy do you want to leave for those who come after you? How does the Christian faith triumph over the struggles you have experienced?

Pray: God of all our days, in the midst of difficult moments, help us to know that in the end, faith brings a joy and confidence like no other, through Christ our Lord, amen.

SERVICE

Hospitality is a Christian response to God's love. Welcoming someone into your congregation can be much appreciated by someone who is looking for a place to worship. All are welcome in God's house. Psalm 84:3 gives an example of hospitality, "Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself." Do you know a friend or neighbor who might be looking for a place to worship and a faith community where they are embraced and can find spiritual rest? Invite them to a worship service.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Luke 18:9-14, Jesus tells the story of a Pharisee who was proud and a tax collector who was humble. The tax collector asked God to have mercy on him. The Pharisee asked God for nothing. Take a paper plate and divide it into 6 pie-shaped pieces. Cut them out. Write one letter of the word HUMBLE on each piece. Mix the pieces of this "humble" pie and then place them back together in the correct order. Think of a word for each letter that describes humble. Place the pie in a visible place in your home this week as a reminder of God's mercy.



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org