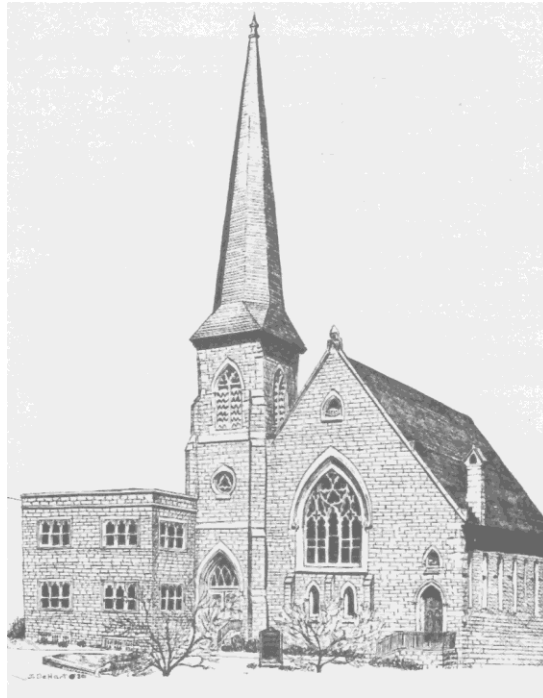


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NOVEMBER 17, 2019

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

ANDANTE
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. W. GRITTON

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME , ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

CHORAL INTROIT

MY FAITH, IT IS AN OAKEN STAFF
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

ARR. HANS VIGELAND

My faith, it is an oaken staff, the traveler's well-loved aid.
My faith, it is a weapon stout, the soldier's trusty blade.
I'll travel on, and still be stirred by silent thought or social word;
But all my perils undeterred, a solider-pilgrim staid.

I have a guide, and in his steps when travelers have trod,
whether beneath was flinty rock, or yielding, grassy sod,
they cared not, but with force unspent, unmoved by pain, they onward went,
unstayed by pleasures, still they bent their zealous course to God.

My faith, it is an oaken staff: O let me on it lean!
My faith, it is a trusty sword, may falsehood find it keen!
Thy spirit, Lord, to me impart; O make me what thou ever art;
Of patient and courageous heart, as all true saints have been.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

MICAH 6:6,8

With what shall we come before the Holy One,
and bow ourselves before God on high?
God has shown us what is good.
What does the Holy One require of us,
but to do justice,
and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God?

* HYMN #620

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

“LAUDA ANIMA”

* 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.)

KYRIE ELEISON

KYRIE

“NEW WORLD”

Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.
Christe, Christe eleison. Christe, Christe eleison.
Kyrie, Kyrie eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie eleison, eleison.

* WORDS OF ASSURANCE

I 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 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.

* 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.)

A MOMENT WITH BEAUREGARD

OLD TESTAMENT

ISAIAH 6:8-13

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 598

NEW TESTAMENT READING (A)

MARK 4:1-20

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 35

ANTHEM

HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW
THE JOYBELLS

ARR. BILL INGRAM

NEW TESTAMENT READING (B)

MARK 4:20-34

PEW BIBLE, NT, p. 36

SERMON

WHAT THE GOSPEL OF MARK SAYS ABOUT JESUS CHRIST
VIII. THE CORE TEACHING OF JESUS

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL PG. 35

* HYMN #170

YOU WALK ALONG OUR SHORELINE

"WIE LIEBLICH DER MAIEN"

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

WE PLOW THE FIELDS AND SCATTER
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

JOHN DIXON

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand:
He send the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.*

He only is the maker of all things near and far.
He paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread.

We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good;
The seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer for all thy love imparts,
and what thou most desirest: Our humble, thankful hearts.

* 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 #837

WHAT A FELLOWSHIP, WHAT A JOY DIVINE

"SHOWALTER"

* BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

HARVEST THANKSGIVING MARCH
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. BAPTISTE CALKIN

* 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.....Charlene Lelinski
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Director of the JoyBells.....Julie Courtney
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir and The JoyBells
Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Aaron Hendrickson and John Mullan

JOIN US FOR AN INTERFAITH SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING on **Sunday, November 24, 2019 at 6:00 PM.** The service will be led by members of the Cumberland Area Interfaith Ministerial Association and hosted by Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (211 South Lee Street, Cumberland, MD 21502). An offering will be collected for the Interfaith Food Pantry.

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER (18)
9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
1:30 PM AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER (19)
9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER (20)
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, NOVEMBER (21)
9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:30 PM NEW TESTAMENT STUDY IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
7:00 PM SESSION MEETING IN THE GATHERING PLACE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER (22)
9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER (23)
6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (24)
11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
4:00 PM INTERFAITH SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
AT UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

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 loving memory of her mother, Phyllis "Perk" Smith, by Nancy Hodges. **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.**

JOIN US FOR A CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR A WINTER'S EVE: Please join violinist Wesley Mason and Director of Music Ministries Bryan Lohr in a special seasonal concert on **Sunday, December 8th at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary.** The program will be filled with the magic of winter: blistering winds, dancing snowflakes, crackling fires, and warm hearts. From the wild winds in Vivaldi's "L'Inverno" to the rejoicing spirit in Bloch's "Baal Shem", this concert is sure to light a candle of hope and put a song in your heart this holiday season. The program will last about one hour, followed by a light holiday reception in the Gathering Place. All are welcome!

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of November 10, 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	\$ 185,107.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 180,735.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 4,371.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

November 11, 2018

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November 11, 2019

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PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2020 are available in the pews and extras can be found in the back of the sanctuary. Although they were consecrated during worship last week, you can make or update your pledge at any time. Envelopes are provided and you can place your pledge in the offering plate, or in the church office. If you need a pledge card mailed to you, please call Brittany Jackson at 301-777-3700.

CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: LAURA FISCUS & JOSH GILHART

ORNAMENT MAKING WITH THE BOB & SHARON KAZARY: Join us on **today worship** in the Fellowship Hall as we welcome the Christmas season. We will be making Christmas ornaments with Bob and Sharon Kazary. Each person can make a small Christmas tree or a tiny bird house to take home. This is an activity for adults and school age children. The Congregational Care Committee will be providing a light lunch.

THE HIGHLANDERS GROUP will meet for lunch at Patricks Restaurant in Cumberland, MD **tomorrow, November 18th at noon**. Highlanders is a fellowship group for senior adults. If you have any questions or if you need a ride, please contact Mary Gallion.

BABY SHOWER FOR ZACK, MIKAYLA AND ARIA DODGE: The sanctuary choir will be hosting a baby shower for Mikayla and Zach Dodge on **Sunday, December 1st** immediately following the worship service. All members of the congregation are invited. Since this will fall on First Sunday Food & Fellowship, the Congregational Care & Outreach Committee will be helping us serve lunch. Members may bring gifts or cards if they desire. Items that are needed and would be appreciated are blankets, wipes, disposable diapers (0-3 month size) and age appropriate toys. Aria will be right around four months old on December 1st. If you have any questions, please call Nancy Hodges.

INTERGENERATIONAL ADVENT EVENT & HANGING OF THE GREENS: Join us on **Thursday, December 5th at 5:30 PM** in Fellowship Hall for evening of food and Christmas cheer at an intergenerational gathering designed to prepare us for the birth of Christ. During dinner we will have conversations about our Christmas memories and favorite parts of the Christmas season. We will then choose an activity to help celebrate the season with others; either “hang the greens,” decorate cookies or prepare FSU cram packs. Afterwards, if you’d like, we will go caroling to the Kensington and beyond.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PAM JAN & AARON HENDRICKSON

FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY CRAM PACKS: Our congregation will participate in the Cram pack outreach program again this year. The program is designed to help the college students at Frostburg State University get through their exam week with some encouragement. We need your help collecting items to fill the packs and preparing the packs on **Thursday, December 5th during the Intergenerational Advent & Hanging of the Greens Event**. You can bring any of the following donations in: a bag of nuts, pretzels, fruit, snacks, cookies, brownies, pencils, and energy bars. Please place all donations in the boxes by the parlor.

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: The monthly outreach dinner will be held **today at Christ United Methodist Church, 336 Race Street**. This will be the outreach dinners Thanksgiving meal. Dinner will be served from 4:00-5:30PM. If anyone can volunteer to serve dinner, help clean tables, and/or provide pumpkin pies; please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

Christmas Poinsettias 2019

If you wish to dedicate a Christmas poinsettia, please complete the tear-off sheet below and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office **by Sunday, December 15th**.

Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary for the 7:45PM Christmas Eve service. If you would like to take your poinsettia home, please do so after the service. If you do not wish to keep your poinsettia, please indicate below. Additional donations may also be made toward the Christmas flowers.

Please print names exactly as you wish them to appear in the bulletin and attach a check for \$6.00 for each poinsettia, marked "CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA".

Number of poinsettias: _____ at \$6.00 each **Total** \$ _____

I will pick up my poinsettia: ☐

I wish to donate my poinsettia: ☐

Additional Contribution for Christmas flowers: \$ _____ **Total** \$ _____

To the Glory of God in **Memory** or **Honor** (Please circle one) of: _____

By: _____

Please return your order no later than December 15th.

Christmas Music Offering 2019

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

TOTAL GIFT: \$ _____

To the Glory of God in **Memory** or **Honor** of: (Please circle one) _____

If you wish to dedicate Christmas Music in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete the tear-off sheet and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office.

Please print all the names exactly as you would like them to appear in the bulletin and attach a check designated "Christmas Music 2019" in the memo line. Proceeds from the Christmas Music Offering will be used to help defray the costs of seasonal guest musicians. **Please submit offering and dedication no later than Sunday, December 15th**.

NOVEMBER 17, 2019 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST taking faith home

The judgment of God brings joy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 21:5-9	Suffering for Jesus' sake
Monday	Malachi 4:1-2a	The day of judgment
Tuesday	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Warning against idleness
Wednesday	Isaiah 26:7-15	The Lord can be trusted
Thursday	Romans 5:1-11	Christ died for the ungodly
Friday	Hosea 2:10-16	God courts Israel in the desert
Saturday	Psalms 98	Make a joyful noise
Sunday	Luke 23:33-43	Christ the crucified king

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Psalms 98:8-9 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord God of justice and mercy, free us from fear that we may speak of you with joy and gladness. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Thank you, Lord for the food that we eat. Help us to serve others with our hands and our feet. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God give you faith in Christ to make a joyful noise to the Lord that you may break forth into joyous song and sing praises. (Psalm 98:4)



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NOVEMBER 17, 2019 HYMN OF THE WEEK Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory taking faith home

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Tell or think about a time when someone was judged unfairly. What happened?
- Has anyone ever judged you or misunderstood something you did? How did that make you feel?
- God's judgment leads to grace and mercy. How does that change our understanding of God as judge?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Psalm 98.

Psalm 98 is a psalm of praise, praising God for "coming to judge the earth" (v. 9). God's judgment is an act of vindication, of forgiveness that puts an end to blame (v. 2). It represents an act of "steadfast love and faithfulness" (v. 3). We often fear the idea of God as judge, but without divine judgment, evil knows no end. God's judgment puts limits on evil and destruction. Our lives are cleansed and so is the earth itself as it responds with joy. The psalmist sings, "Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth" (vv. 7-9a). When Jesus tells his followers to be a witness to the faith when they are persecuted (Luke 21:13), shouts of joy and "singing to the LORD a new song" (Psalm 98:1) would be surprising—yet fitting—ways to testify to the goodness and steadfast love of God. In difficult times, have you been able to sing praises for God's goodness? Why or why not?

Pray: Righteous God, through Christ you judge all things that you may have mercy on all that you have created. For your justice and mercy, we sing your praises. Amen.

SERVICE

In Luke 21:5-6, Jesus and the disciples were in a beautiful temple. He told them that one day the temple would be destroyed as an analogy of what would happen in their own lives. It was a fearful time for the disciples, but Jesus told them that he would be with them always. Do you know someone who is going through a scary or fearful time? Think of something you can do to reflect the love of Jesus in your actions or words and reassure this person.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises" (Psalm 98:4). Use an instrument you play or make an instrument using basic supplies you have around the house. For instance, fold a paper plate in half, fill it with rice or dried beans and tape it shut. Or take a small, empty box and cut a round hole in the top. Wrap rubber bands around the box and over the hole to make a guitar. Think about God's creation, family, and friends and list what "marvelous things God has done" (v. 1) for you. After reading each item on the list, make a joyful noise with your instrument.



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