

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

NOVEMBER 3, 2019

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

ELEGY
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

GEORGE THALBEN-BALL

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME , ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 96:1-2

After this I looked,
and there was a great multitude that no one could count,
from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,
standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.
They cried out in a loud voice saying:

Salvation belongs to our God
who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!

* HYMN #1

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

"NICAEA"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,
in every age you have raised up men and women
to live and die in faith.
We confess that we are indifferent to your will.
You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.
You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.
You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us.
Give us courage to follow in your way,
so that joined with those from ages past,
who have served you with faith, hope, and love,
we too may inherit the kingdom your promised in Jesus Christ.

(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 1:3-4

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,
and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.
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."
JOURNEY TO FINDING A NEW PASTOR

JEFF GETTY

FIRST NEW TESTAMENT

REVELATION 7

PEW BIBLE, NT, p. 234

ANTHEM

HARK, I HEAR THE HARPS ETERNAL

ARR. ALICE PARKER

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR; ERIC RINGLER AND GAIL PLITNIK, SOLOISTS

Hark! I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
as I near those swollen waters, with their deep and solemn roar.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lamb!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.

And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away.

Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.

MEDITATION

“WITH THE SAINTS IN GLORY”

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE NICENE CREED

PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL PG. 34

* HYMN OF PREPARATION #227

JESUS, REMEMBER ME
(Sung three times.)

“REMEMBER ME”

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

CLOUDS OF WITNESSES SURROUND US
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

ROBERT W. HOBBY

Clouds of witnesses surround us, saints whose heritage we claim.
Christ's own love has bought and bound us one with all who bear his name.
Here, within this congregation, trusting your strong word alone,
help us build on this foundation: Christ, the living cornerstone.

Holy Spirit's fire falling where your faithful people pray:
Fall on us, expectant, calling, gathered in your name today.
Come, through word of mystic power, come, through water, bread, and wine.
Gifts of grace upon us shower; Christ's pure light, upon us shine.

Send us where your people languish, lost in depths of sin, despair.
Send us where they line in anguish, wounded, wasted, bowed with care.
Lord, your gospel's word of freedom let our lives, our lips reveal
til the long awaited kingdom comes this broken world to heal.

Help us, as the saints before us, bear with faithfulness your name,
til we join the mighty chorus singing hymns of glad acclaim:
Praise the Lamb, once slain, victorious over death forever more,
Father, Spirit, ever glorious, Triune God whom we adore.

* 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!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

NECROLOGY

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Pastors continues the prayer.)

...and with all the faithful of every time and place,
 who forever sing to the glory of your name:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, **Hymn #552**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

(Pastors continues the prayer.)

... Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. **Hymn #553**

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION	SING ALLELUIA	LINDA STASSEN
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN #326	FOR ALL THE SAINTS	"SINE NOMINE"
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* BENEDICTION

* SUNG RESPONSE #306	BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS	"DENNIS"
	<i>(Please join hands as we sing together.)</i>	

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY	SINE NOMINE	JOHN WEAVER
	BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN	

* 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 Kazary
Director of Music Ministries.....	Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....	The Sanctuary Choir
Sound Technician	Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....	Burt Heister and David Stickler

Next Sunday, November 10th, we will consecrate our financial pledges for 2020 and give thanks for all that God makes possible through the ministry of this congregation. We hope you will join us for this special service.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NECROLOGY: Today during the communion liturgy, we will pause to read the Necrology, the list of those among our membership who have died since All Saints' Day 2018:

Ted Fulton
Irene Kuykendall
Robert Salathe

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.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of October 27, 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	\$ 173,488.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 172,702.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 785.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

October 28, 2018
66

October 27, 2019
43

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOE WEAVER & ANN KELLERMEYER

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:

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. Any questions please call Nancy Hodges.(301-268-6903)

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: DAVID STICKLER & CATHY LEVITAS

COMMUNION TRAINING for in-church and home communion servers will be held **after the service today**. 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER (4)

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER (5)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:30 PM MISSION MEETING
7:00 PM BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER (6)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:15 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING
6:15 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER (7)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:30 PM NEW TESTAMENT STUDY IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER (8)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER (9)

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (10)

11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
CONSECRATION SUNDAY

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

NOVEMBER 3, 2019
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

taking⁺ faith home

Give thanks for the saints.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 6:20-31	Blessed are you who weep
Monday	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Daniel's visions
Tuesday	Ephesians 1:11-23	Paul's prayer
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Greetings to the saints at Corinth
Thursday	Romans 16:1-16	Personal greetings for the saints
Friday	2 Corinthians 8:1-7	Encouragement to be generous
Saturday	Psalms 149	A new song of praise
Sunday	Luke 20:27-38	Jesus speaks of the resurrection

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. **Ephesians 1:15-16 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God of our Lord Jesus Christ, give us wisdom to come to know you and a thankful heart for all the saints. Amen. (Ephesians 1:17-18)

Mealtime Prayer:

As we receive this food today, we seek your blessing for those who are hungry now that they may be filled. Amen. (Luke 6:21)

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord bless you, fill you with good things and give you joy. (Luke 6:20-21)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

For All the Saints

taking⁺ faith home

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- Who is someone you look up to? Why?
- Think of someone you think is a "saint." How would you describe what makes them a "saint?"
- Name a person you admire for their faith in Christ. In what ways have they influenced you?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Ephesians 1:11-23.

We can easily think of saints as those who live (or lived) super-Christian lives, people who are heroes of the faith, especially from the past. However, saints are simply those people who have "obtained an inheritance . . . according to the purpose of him [Christ]" (v. 11). In 1 Corinthians 1:2, Paul considered the believers at Corinth "saints," although there were all kinds of conduct that Paul strongly opposed in the church there. We are made saints by the counsel and will of Christ. Ephesians 1:15 commends the church at Ephesus for their faith and love for "all the saints." And this is why Paul gives thanks for this community of believers. It is easy to judge and condemn those around us, but to give thanks for and to bless (Luke 6:20-22) the saints, the church, which is Christ's body, is what we do. The more we—for the sake of Christ—give thanks for our fellow saints, past and present, the more we can move ahead to bless the world with the power of the risen Christ. Who are some of the saints—past and present—who have blessed you and who you want to give thanks for today?

Pray: Holy God, as people who are called "saints," give us the faith to offer thanks for those around us called by the will of Christ to live for the praise of your glory. Amen.

SERVICE

In 2 Corinthians 8:1-7 Paul is speaking about the church in Macedonia. They were going through hard times and not wealthy, but their giving was driven by joy and their praise of Christ's love for them. They were filled with God's grace and gave generously. A Christian response to God's gift of grace is giving. In what ways do you embrace this gift through giving of your time, talents, and treasures?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

All Saints Sunday is a time when we remember those who have gone before us as well as those Christians who surround us in our daily life of faith. It is a day to think about the family of God and our own families who are part of that same faith family. Find a family picture album and tell stories as you look at family and friends. How did they inspire you? What role did they have in your faith journey?