

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 5, 2020

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

CHORAL PRELUDE ON *'THE OLD YEAR NOW HATH PASSED AWAY'*
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME , ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Nations shall come to your light
and rulers to the brightness of your rising.

* HYMN #686

GOD OF OUR LIFE

"SANDON"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory,
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride
hide the brightness of your light.
We turn away from the poor;
we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.

In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,
so that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory
shinning in the face of 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

PSALM 94:14-15

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures:
For the Lord will not forsake his people; he will not abandon his heritage;
for justice will return to the righteous, and all the upright in heart will follow it.
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.)

* 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

PSALM 147:12-20

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 550

ANTHEM

STAR OF THE EAST

SOUTHERN HARMONY, 1854

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Hail the blest morn, see the Great Mediator, down from the region of glory descend!
Shepherds, go worship the babe in the manger, lo, for his guard the bright angels attend.

*Brightest and best of the sons of the morning! Dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
Star in the east, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant redeemer was laid.*

Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining; low lies his bed, with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore him, in slumbers reclining, wise men and shepherds before him do fall.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion, odours of Eden, and offerings divine,
gems from the mountain, and pearls from the ocean, myrrh from the forrest and gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly, with gold we his favour secure.
Richer by far is the heart's adoration: Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MATTHEW 2:1-12

PEW BIBLE, NT, p. 55

SERMON

THE WISEMAN

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

* HYMN #151

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

"KINGS OF ORIENT"

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

CAROL OF THE DRUM
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

KATHERINE K. DAVIS

Come, they told me *pa-rum pum pum pum*
Our newborn king to see, *pa-rum pum pum pum*
Our finest gifts we bring *pa-rum pum pum pum*
To lay before the king *pa-rum pum pum pum*
So to honor him *pa-rum pum pum pum*
When we come.

Baby Jesus *pa-rum pum pum pum*
I'm a poor boy too, *pa-rum pum pum pum*
I have no gift to bring *pa-rum pum pum pum*
That's fit to give a king *pa-rum pum pum pum*
Shall I play for you, *pa-rum pum pum pum*
on my drum?

Mary nodded *pa-rum pum pum pum*
Ox and ass kept time *pa-rum pum pum pum*
I played my drum for him *pa-rum pum pum pum*
I played my best for him *pa-rum pum pum pum*
Then he smiled at me *pa-rum pum pum pum*
Me and my drum.

* 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

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND
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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN #144

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

“CRANHAM”

* 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

FANFARE
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

JACQUES LEMMENS

* 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

Guest Preacher..... Rev. Dr. James R.M. Young
Liturgist.....Hans Killius
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir
Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
Ushers.....David Stickler and Burt Heister

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: DAVID STICKLER & CATHY LEVITAS

FPC SNOW POLICY: Sunday School – The Pastor and the Co-chairs of the Faith Formation and Buildings & Grounds committees will consult by phone and make a decision by 8:00 a.m. If Sunday School is canceled, announcements will be made on radio stations including WCBC 1270 AM (and on their website Snow Watch list) and by e-mail to church members, Facebook, and the church website.

Worship – Worship will be canceled only in the most extreme weather conditions. If indicated, the Pastor and the Co-chairs of the Worship & Music and Buildings & Grounds committees will consult and make a decision. If worship is canceled, announcements will be made on radio stations including WCBC 1270 AM (and on their website Snow Watch list) and by e-mail to church members Facebook, and the church website.

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. 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 parents, Ruth and William Ludman, by Dorothy Malcolm and family and in loving memory of Fran and Bill Tubbs, by Eva Wilson and Bill and Gail Tubbs. **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 December 29, 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	\$ 205,895.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 208,850.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (2,954.00)

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

December 30, 2018

December 29, 2019

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PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2020 are available in the back of the sanctuary. Although they were consecrated during worship a few weeks ago, 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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2020 are now available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you do not see a box with your name on it, please contact the church office.

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOE WEAVER & ANN KELLERMEYER

REV. YOUNG'S NEW TESTAMENT STUDY will resume this Thursday, January 9th at 5:30 PM.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, JANUARY (6)

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY (7)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:00 PM BUILDING & GROUNDS SPAGHETTI DINNER AT SHIRLEY GIARRITTA'S HOME
6:30 PM MISSION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY (8)

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY (9)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, JANUARY (10)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, JANUARY (11)

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY (12)

11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PAM JAN & AARON HENDRICKSON

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: The monthly outreach dinner will be held on **Sunday, January 26, 2020** 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.

Your Answer to.... “What’s For Dinner?”

First Presbyterian Church is selling homemade soups and rolls to help fund the 11th Annual Mission Trip to South Dakota.
Will you please consider buying some?



Name: _____

Phone: _____

	# of Quarts	X \$9	# of Pints	X \$5	Cap Rolls	x \$1 for 2	Total \$ Owed
White Chicken Chili							
Traditional Red Chili							
Hungarian Mushroom Soup							
Vegetarian Vegetable Soup							
Tortilla Soup							
Caporales Rolls 2 for \$1							
TOTAL							

Please pay for and pick up your soups and chili
on Sunday, January 26th after worship from 12:00-1:00 PM.

Please place your order by Monday, January 20, 2019.

Make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church and write “Dakota” on the memo line.

JANUARY 5, 2020
SECOND SUNDAY
OF CHRISTMAS



The Christmas message is full of grace and truth.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 1:1-18	The Word became flesh
Monday	Jeremiah 31:7-14	The joyful return of the exiles
Tuesday	Ephesians 1:3-14	Spiritual blessings in Christ
Wednesday	1 Peter 5:1-11	Tending the flock of God
Thursday	Genesis 50:14-21	Joseph's promise to his brothers
Friday	2 Corinthians 12:1-10	Visions from the Lord
Saturday	Psalms 147:12-20	Sing and praise the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 3:13-17	The baptism of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of grace and truth, give us faith to believe and to live with joy, for you have entered our world and our lives as the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, just as you give us our daily bread, give us the joy of knowing the Bread of Life who brings light to all people. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you with grace and joy.



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JANUARY 5, 2020
HYMN OF THE WEEK
*Hark the Herald
Angels Sing*



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

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

- The twelve days of Christmas have not ended. Why do you think some people take their decorations down early?
- What is so amazing about the Christmas story?
- Why is the message of Christmas so important to hear again and again?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 1:1-18.

After the celebrations, it is hard to remember that we are still in the season of Christmas, a time to focus on the power, meaning, and joy of Christ's birth. This is when "the Word became flesh and lived among us" (v. 14). It is good to know that we are children of God. Ephesians lifts this up by noting that we are adopted. The Greek text makes it clear that we are adopted like a son. At that time, it was the son who inherited all that the father had. We, as those adopted by God, are heirs to all that God has (Ephesians 1:14). What an amazing message, filled with "grace and truth." John uses the word grace (undeserved kindness) four times in this text, but never again. The rest of the Gospel gives us examples of this grace through light, bread, wine, vines, water, and more. The Christmas message is worthy of an entire season to envision and digest again and again. God comes in human form to touch us with "grace upon grace" (v. 16) that we may know that we are children and heirs of all that God can give us. How can you continue to celebrate and live the message of Christmas in daily life?
Pray: O God of Christmas joy, remind us of your grace and truth that makes us heirs of eternal gladness through the Word that became flesh and now still lives among us. Amen.

SERVICE

The twelve days of Christmas begin on December 25th and end on January 5th, the day before Epiphany. We often increase giving and donations to support those in need the weeks before Christmas but seldom the days after. Sing or listen to *The Twelve Days of Christmas* song. It is about giving. For each verse of the song the giving increases. In what ways can you increase your giving of time, talents, and treasures this coming year?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5). Jesus is the light that shines in the darkness. Take time this week to think about what this means. Sit in a room after dark and turn the lights out. How does it feel to be in the dark? Then light a candle and think about the difference between light and darkness. What does the light provide that darkness does not? Say a prayer of thanks to Jesus for being the light that darkness cannot overcome.



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