

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 12, 2020

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

CHORALE PRELUDE ON 'CHRIST OUR LORD, TO JORDAN CAME'
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH
BWV 684

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME , ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

CHORAL INTROIT

MY GOD, MY LIFE, MY LOVE
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR
My God, my life, my love, to thee, to thee I call;
I cannot live if thou remove, for thou art all in all,
for thou art all in all.

WILLIAM BILLINGS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing, and bless God's name;
tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.
Proclaim God's glory to the nations,
God's marvelous deeds to all people.

PSALM 96:2-3

* HYMN #292

ALL BEAUTIFUL THE MARCH OF DAYS



1. All beau - ti - ful the march of days, As sea - sons come and go;
2. O'er white ex - pans - es spar - kling pure The ra - diant morn - ings un - fold;
3. O Thou from whose un - fath - omed law The year in beau - ty flows,



The hand that shaped the rose hath wrought The crys - tal of the snow;
The sol - emn splen - dors of the night Burn bright - er through the cold;
Thy - self the vi - sion pass - ing by In crys - tal and in rose,



Hath sent the hoar - y frost of heaven, The flow - ing wa - ters sealed,
Life mounts in ev - ery throbb - ing vein, Love deep - ens round the hearth,
Day un - to day doth ut - ter speech, And night to night pro - claim,



And laid a si - lent love - li - ness On hill and wood and field.
And clear - er sounds the an - gel hymn, "Good will to all on earth."
In ev - er - chang - ing words of light, The won - der of Thy name.



* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.
We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another;
we allow the past to hold us hostage.

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us,
and free us from sin.
Remind us of the promises you make in baptism
so that we may rise to new life,
and live together in grace.

(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

II CORINTHIANS 5:21

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures:
For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
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.

A MOMENT WITH BEAUREGARD

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

ISAIAH 42:1-9

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 630

ANTHEM

COME, BE BAPTIZED
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

G. ALAN SMITH
ARR. JACK SCHRADER

Come as a child, come to the waters; to the family of God, come, sons and daughters.
Come to the river, the Lord, the life-giver; wash in the love that is sent from above.

*Come, be baptized in the name of the Father; Come, be baptized in the name of the Son;
Come, be baptized in the name of the Spirit; Come, be baptized in Love.*

Come as a child, come sons and daughters; draw from the well life-giving waters.
Drink of the river, the Lord, the life-giver; feel how it pours out the life that is yours.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MATTHEW 3:13-17

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 3

SERMON

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

* HYMN #164

DOWN GALILEE'S SLOW ROADWAYS

"WEST MAIN"

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

DEEP RIVER
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

ARR. GERALD NEAR

* 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**

O Christ,
by your epiphany your light shines upon us,
giving us the fullness of salvation.
Help us show your light to all we meet today.
Lord, hear our prayer.

O Christ of glory,
you humbled yourself to be baptized, showing us the way of humility.
Strengthen us to serve you in humility all the days of our life.
Lord, hear our prayer.

O Christ,
by your baptism you cleaned us from sin, making us children of your Father.
Give the grace of being a child of God to all who seek you.
Lord, hear our prayer.

O Christ,
by your baptism you sanctified creation
and opened the door of repentance to all who are baptized.
Make us servants of your gospel in the world.
Lord, hear our prayer.

O Christ,
by your baptism you revealed to us the glorious Trinity
when the voice from heaven proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son,"
and the Holy Spirit descended upon you like a dove.
Renew a heart of worship within all the baptized.
Lord, hear our prayer.

(Minister continues 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 #482 *BAPTIZED IN WATER* "BUNESSAN"

* 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 *A TRIPTYCH OF FUGUES* GERALD NEAR
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN III. BROADLY

* 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.....	Robin Bissell
Director of Music Ministries.....	Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....	The Sanctuary Choir
Sound Technician	Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....	Bob and Sharon Kazary

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 Art and Jean Ennis, Al and Anna May Kazary, and Lee Ennis Rosenblath, by Bob and Sharon Kazary. **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 January 5, 2020
Total 2019 Pledges Promised	\$206,064.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 17,368.00
<u>2019 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$188,696.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 4,997.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 3,628.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 1,368.00

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.

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.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, JANUARY (13)

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY (14)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:00 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY (15)

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, JANUARY (16)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
7:00 PM SESSION MEETING IN THE GATHERING PLACE

FRIDAY, JANUARY (17)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, JANUARY (18)

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY (19)

11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JANUARY 12, 2020
BAPTISM OF
OUR LORD



God announces who Jesus is.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 3:13-17	The baptism of Jesus
Monday	Isaiah 42:1-9	The Lord's servant
Tuesday	Acts 10:34-43	Gentiles hear the good news
Wednesday	Matthew 1:1-17	Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah
Thursday	Matthew 2:19-23	Holy family's return from Egypt
Friday	Acts 10:44-48	Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit
Saturday	Psalms 29	Voice of God in a storm
Sunday	John 1:29-42	Jesus, the Lamb of God

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, we thank you for your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who comes to fulfill your promise of life and salvation for all. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

God bless this food. God bless this day. God keep us safe in every way. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord give you strength and bless you with peace. (Psalm 29:11)



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JANUARY 12, 2020
HYMN OF THE WEEK
*Christ, When for Us
You Were Baptized*



WEEKLY MILESTONES
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:

- How do you describe yourself to others? How do others describe you?
- What does it mean to be "well pleased" with someone?
- What does it mean to you that God calls Jesus "My Son, the Beloved"?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Matthew 3:13-17.

We can quickly move from Jesus' baptism to wonder about our own. What can be missed is a focus on the importance of Jesus' baptism as a statement of who Jesus is. We are not the savior of the world, Jesus is (Matthew 1:21-23). Jesus fulfills the righteous intent of God announced by the law and the prophets (Matthew 3:15-17), not us. Jesus' presence announces God's ruling activity among Israel and the nations (1:1-17; 2:1-12). Jesus' life fulfills the word of the prophets (2:23). All of that leads to Jesus' baptism and the divine voice from heaven that points to Jesus as the anointed one (Christ). Yes, it is good to reflect on our baptism and do so in a way that finds comfort and meaning in the identity of who Jesus is, whose own baptism stands alone to announce that God's will is fulfilled in this one and this one alone. Think about Jesus' baptism and what it means for you and others.

Pray: Almighty and living God, we give thanks for Jesus' baptism that announces that he is the one who comes as your Son and enters the world as our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

In Isaiah 42 we read about a servant described as being humble in service to God. A servant can be described as one who performs duties or works for others. As Christians, our call is to serve God. What does it mean to you to be called a servant of God? In what ways do you feel you can answer this call?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

When we describe someone as beloved, it means we love that person dearly. God named Jesus as beloved at his baptism. When we are baptized, we too, become a beloved member of God's family. Take time to remember your baptism. Revisit pictures or think of the memories you have of your baptism or that of another. Fill a small bowl with water and after revisiting memories, dip your fingers in the water and as you mark the sign of the cross on your forehead or that of another say, "You are a beloved child of God marked with the cross of Christ forever."



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