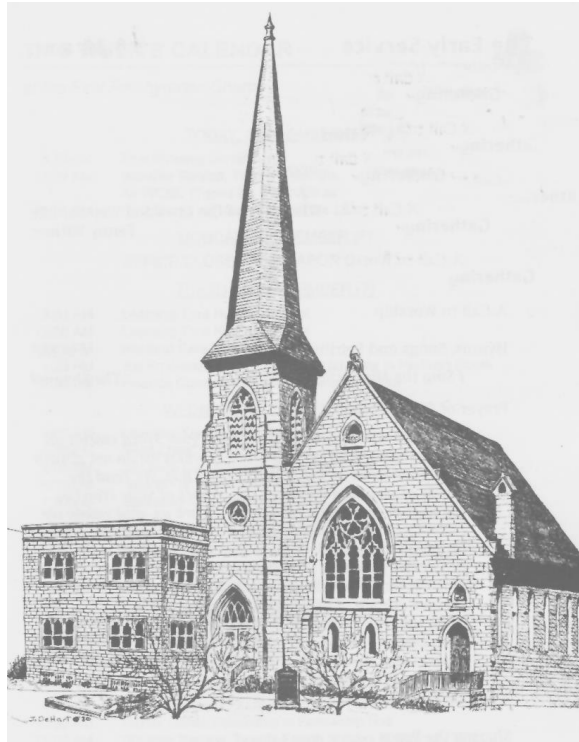


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY JANUARY 26, 2020 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

PARTITA ON 'JESUS I SHALL NEVER FORSAKE'  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. GOTTFRIED WALTHER

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME , ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

CHORAL INTROIT

LORD OF LIFE  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

JANE MARSHALL

Lord of life, your word illumines even the darkness.  
You set before us blessing or curse, life or death,  
wilderness or waterside.

As you raised Christ from the grave,  
lift us up to fruitfulness and happiness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

JOHN 1:14,12

O come, let us sing to the Lord  
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!  
Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,  
singing joyful songs of praise.

Let us pray..

God of light and truth,  
you are beyond our grasp or conceiving.  
Before the brightness of your presence  
the angels veil their faces.  
With lowly reverence and adoring love  
we acclaim your glory and sing your praise,  
for you have shown us your truth and love  
in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

\* **HYMN #610**

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

“AZMON”

\* **CALL TO CONFESSION**

\* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess  
our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offense against you.  
You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways,  
in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.  
Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light,  
and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

*(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**

ISAIAH 41:10

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures:  
“Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God;  
I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.”  
**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**

PSALM 91

PEW BIBLE, OT, p. 518

**ANTHEM**

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

ARR. ALICE PARKER

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."

"The soul that to Jesus has fled for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MATTHEW 4:1-11

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 3

SERMON

JESUS IS TEMPTED II

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL PG. 35

\* HYMN #816

*IF THOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE THEE*

"WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT"

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*ETUDE IN A*  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

DIMITRI KABALEVSKY

\* 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 #436

*GOD OF COMPASSION, IN MERCY BEFRIEND US*

"O QUANTA QUALIA"

\* BENEDICTION

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

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

MARCH ROMAINE  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

CHARLES GOUNOD

\* 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.....Hans Killius  
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr  
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir  
Sound Technician .....Joe Aurigemma  
Ushers.....Paul and Barbara Aber

### 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](http://www.fpc-cumberland.org) and [www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland](https://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](http://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.

**LEARNING TREE STONE SOUP SALE:** Learning Tree is talking about the value of community and the need to help each other through the wonderful story, *Stone Soup*. We will be reading the book and thinking of ways to help others. Part of the lesson is single donations from our families. We will show how each individual act of kindness has a big impact. We will be making the soup together and then, SURPRISE!, you will have the opportunity to buy our creation! We will be making the soup on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. An order form is available outside the office. It is \$10 a quart.

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of January 19, 2020
Total 2020 Pledges Promised	\$206,064.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 17,368.00
<u>2020 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$188,696.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 11,755.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 11,059.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 695.00

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

January 20, 2019

\*No service due to weather

January 19, 2020

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**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 KELLERMAYER

**NEW TESTAMENT STUDY:** Join Rev. Jim Young on **Thursday evenings at 5:30PM** in the Fellowship Hall for a study of the New Testament.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: DAVID STICKLER & CATHY LEVITAS

### FPC Snow Policy

**Sunday School** – The Pastor, the Security Patrol, 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 email to church members, Facebook, and the church website.

**Worship** – Worship will be canceled only in the most extreme weather conditions. If indicated, the Pastor, the Security Patrol, and the Co-Chairs of the Worship & Music and Buildings and 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 Snow Watch list) and by email to church members, Facebook, and the church website.

Church members should not venture out to Sunday School or Worship if they do not feel safe doing so.

## 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, JANUARY (27)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### TUESDAY, JANUARY (28)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY (29)

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 (30)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

5:30 PM NEW TESTAMENT STUDY WITH REV. JIM YOUNG

### FRIDAY, JANUARY (31)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY (1)

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

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY (2)

11:00AM SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

**JANUARY 26, 2020**  
**THIRD SUNDAY**  
**AFTER EPIPHANY**

taking  
faith  
home

*The light of Christ shines on the people.*

### **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 4:12-23</b>	<b>Jesus calls his first disciples</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Isaiah 9:1-4</b>	<b>A new day is coming</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 1:10-18</b>	<b>Divisions in the church</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Isaiah 42:1-9</b>	<b>A light to the nations</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2 Corinthians 4:1-12</b>	<b>Treasure in clay jars</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>John 8:12-20</b>	<b>Jesus is the light of the world</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Psalms 27:1, 4-9</b>	<b>Trust in God</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Matthew 5:1-12</b>	<b>Sermon on the Mount</b>

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined.

Isaiah 9:2 (NRSV)

### **PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Almighty God, you who reject sin and death, bring light and life to your world through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

May this gift of food remind us of your light that shines in the world. We pray for all those in need of food today. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the light of Christ shine on you and be your strength and salvation. (Psalm 27:1)



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**JANUARY 26, 2020**

**HYMN OF THE WEEK**

*Christ, Be Our Light*

taking  
faith  
home

### **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:

- What does the word “hope” mean to you? What gives you hope?
- In the Bible “light” refers to the presence of God bringing life and hope. Where have you seen the light of God in the world?
- Good leaders find hope and direction in difficult situations. How does Jesus lead with hope that gives his followers clear direction?

### **DEVOTIONS**

Read: Matthew 4:12-23.

The Epiphany season continues with a focus on the reign of God fulfilled in Jesus. His reign challenges every power and authority on earth. Jesus begins his public ministry when hearing of the arrest of John the Baptist by the governing powers. He moves from Nazareth to Capernaum which is located in Zebulun and Naphtali, land dominated by foreign powers from the time of the Assyrians down to the Greeks and then the Romans. “[T]he people who sat in darkness have seen a great light” (v. 16). Jesus’ reign brings life, not death, light, not darkness. In Jesus the work and will of God shines brightly. He gathers disciples and leads people into God’s reign of life and hope: “Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people” (v. 23). Where do you experience the light of Christ in your life today?

**Pray:** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

### **SERVICE**

Jesus began his ministry in Galilee. He began calling disciples to help him “proclaim the good news of the kingdom and cure every disease and sickness among the people” (Matthew 4:23b). Jesus still needs help today to do the same. As a follower of Jesus, in what ways do you proclaim the good news to others and help cure diseases and sickness?

### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

Draw a candle to symbolize the light of Christ in the center of a sheet of paper and write “Christ” inside the candle. Write names of people you know who are of other races, backgrounds or cultures around the candle. Read the names. What makes each one different from you? What makes them the same? Read 1 Corinthians 1:10. Paul describes divisions between the people and wants them to be united in the same mind and the same purpose (v.10). What does this mean for Christians today?



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