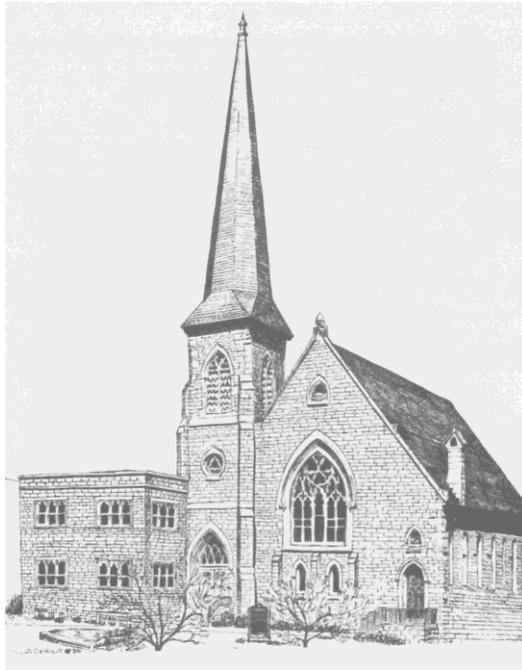


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

INTERMEZZO FROM 'SONATA NO. 2'
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

JOSEPH RHEINBERGER

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME , ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 116:12-13

What shall we return to the Lord
for all the good things God has done for us?

**We will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord.**

Let us pray..

Faithful God,
you have appointed us your witness,
to be light that shines in the world.
Let us not hide the bright hope you have given us,
but tell everyone your love,
revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

* HYMN #31

LET US WITH A GLADSOME MIND

"MONKLAND"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love.
We have not loved our neighbors,
and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(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 18:16-17

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures:
The Lord reached down from on high, he took me;
he drew me out of mighty waters. He delivered me from my strong enemy,
and from those who hated me; for they were too mighty for me.
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 16

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 469

ANTHEM

JESUS TO THE WILDERNESS

BRYAN LOHR

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Jesus to the wilderness by the Spirit driven,
to the tempter's awful pow'r for forty days was given.
Wildest beasts his only friends; angels did attend him;
Worldly cares the Savior weighed, sound with heav'n'ly wisdom.

In a luscious garden green gave Adam to temptation;
In the desert, bronze and bare gave Jesus full oblation.
Fasting, praying, lost and lone, cold, without provision;
flesh and bone's frail faults he knew- sadness and derision.

From that barren land Christ came, to Galilee he trod;
teaching, preaching for to bring unrighteous souls to God.
"Repent ye, the time is here- believe in God's story!"
What wondrous love our God has shown to bring us all to Glory.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MATTHEW 4:1-11

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 3

SERMON

JESUS IS TEMPTED FOR THE THIRD TIME

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL PG. 35

* HYMN #517

HERE, O OUR LORD, WE SEE YOU
(Verses 1, 2 and 3.)

"MORECAMBE"

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN
THE JOYBELLS

ARR. JEFFERY TAYLOR

* 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 who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN #65

GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

"CWM PHONDDA"

* 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

TRUMPET TUNE AND AIR
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

HENRY PURCELL

* 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.....Carl Belt
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Director of The JoyBells.....Julie Courtney
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir and The JoyBells
Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
Ushers.....David Stickler and Burt Heister

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 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: 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 5th and 6th. 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 26, 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	\$ 15,506.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 14,745.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 760.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

January 27, 2019
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January 26, 2020
64

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.

CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: LAURA FISCUS & JOSH GILHART

PAINT PARTY AT MR. TOAD'S POTTERY (Located in LaVale Plaza near Joann Fabrics) on Saturday, February 29th from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. Join us for a fun afternoon of painting pottery. First, choose the item you want to paint. They have mugs, plates, bowls, and many other choices. Prices vary depending on your selection. After a brief lesson on how to paint pottery, select your colors and create your masterpiece! They will add the final glaze and fire it in their kiln. Your pottery will be finished within a week. Hope you can make it! Meet at the pottery studio in LaVale. For more details, contact Laura Fiscus or Josh Gilhart.

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOE WEAVER & ANN KELLERMEYER

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 **February 23rd** 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, FEBRUARY (3)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
1:30 PM AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY (4)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:30 PM MISSION MEETING
7:00 PM BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY (5)

8:30 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, FEBRUARY (6)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:30 PM NEW TESTAMENT STUDY WITH REV. JIM YOUNG

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY (7)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY (8)

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY (9)

11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FEBRUARY 2, 2020
FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

taking+
faith
home

Do justice and love kindness.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 5:1-12	Sermon on the Mount
Monday	Micah 6:1-8	True obedience
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Message of the cross
Wednesday	Proverbs 21:12-16	When justice is done
Thursday	Romans 12:9-21	Marks of a Christian
Friday	Isaiah 1:11-17	Rescue the oppressed
Saturday	Psalms 15	Life of the blameless
Sunday	Matthew 5:13-20	Salt and light

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Merciful God, bless us with contentment that seeks only you and a life lived pursuing justice, kindness, and humility. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

We thank you for the gift of each day and the food that sustains us. Help us to show our thanks with compassion for others. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May you find peace and comfort in God, the source of true wisdom and strength. (1 Corinthians 1:25)



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FEBRUARY 2, 2020
HYMN OF THE WEEK
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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 has someone shown you kindness recently?
- What gets in the way of appreciating what God has done for us?
- What more can you want in life than God's mercy and kindness? Explain.

DEVOTIONS

Read: Micah 6:1-8.

God is pleading a court case against Israel. The people have turned from God, but God wonders how this could be. The guilt of the people is on themselves because God has done marvelous things for the people: brought them out of Egypt and slavery; given them leaders like Moses, Aaron, and Miriam; their enemies were conquered. With their guilt before them, the people wonder what is the appropriate penance: thousands of sacrifices? endless amounts of holy oils: sacrifice one's own child? Nothing will do but "to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God" (v. 8). In the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) Jesus offers a similar path for faithful followers: poverty of spirit, humility, and mercy. The larger Gospel of Matthew cannot be understood without the content of the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount. This is the path for us to be satisfied and blessed. This is the way of purposeful, intentional living as a disciple. What helps you live as a disciple?

Pray: Dear God, give us the simple joy of trust in you by living a life of purpose that seeks justice, kindness, and humility with you and all people, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERVICE

The word *beatitude* comes from a Latin word meaning blessed or happy. During the Sermon on the Mount Jesus says that things will be different in God's kingdom. Even those who mourn, are meek, or are hungry will be blessed. Make a list of people and organizations you know that bless those who mourn, are meek or hungry. In what ways can you help others experience God's kingdom on earth?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Matthew 5:1-12, Jesus tells his followers they are blessed. The words to a popular children's song are "if you are happy and you know it clap your hands." Use the tune to this song but change the words to "if you are blessed and you know it say a prayer." Take time each day to sing this song. Read the blessings from verses 3-10, and pray for those described in the verses.



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