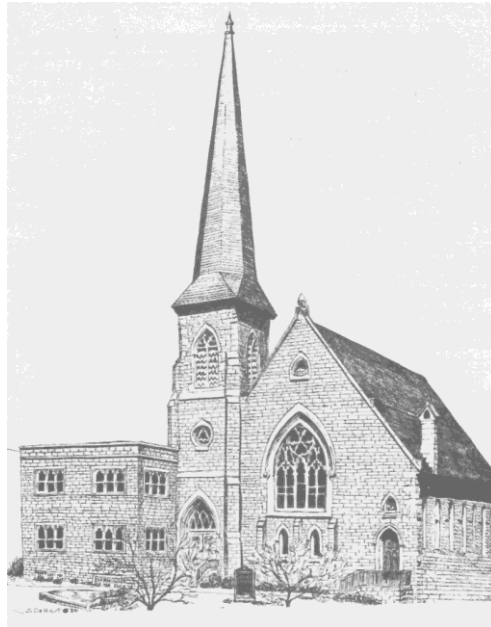


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 9, 2020

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

PARTITA ON 'BLESSED JESUS, AT YOUR WORD'
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

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WELCOME , ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

CHORAL INTROIT

O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

MYRON CASNER

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me, my master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway, if thou wilt be my guide.

O, let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O, speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O, speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory, there shall thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
 This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us pray..

O God,
 you are rich in love for your people.
 Show us the treasure that endures
 and, when we are tempted by greed,
 remind us of your lavish mercy.
 Call us back into your service and
 make us worthy to be entrusted with the wealth that never fails.
 We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*** HYMN #395**

BLESSED JESUS, AT YOUR WORD

“LIEBSTER JESU”

*** CALL TO CONFESSION**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God,
 in your gracious presence
 we confess our sin and the sin of the world.
 Although Christ is among us as our peace,
 we are a people divided against ourselves as we
 cling to the values of a broken world.
 The profit and pleasures we pursue
 lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
 The fears and jealousies that we harbor
 set neighbor against neighbor
 and nation against nation.
 We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
 of intellect and reason,
 and have turned them into bonds of oppression.

Lord, have mercy upon us;
 heal and forgive us.
 Set us free to serve you in the world
 as agents of your reconciling love 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

II CORINTHIANS 1:19

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures:
 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I,
 was not, “Yes and No”; but in him it is always “Yes.”
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

* **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 138* PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 545

ANTHEM *SEND YOUR WORD* THOMAS KEESECKER
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Send your word, O Lord, like the rain, falling down upon the earth.
We seek your endless grace, with souls that hunger and thirst, sorrow and agonize.
We would be lost in the dark without your guiding light.

Send your word, O Lord, like the wind, blowing down upon the earth.
We seek your wondrous power, pureness that rejects all sins, though they persist and cling.
Bring to us complete victory; set us all free indeed.

Send your word, O Lord, like the dew, coming gently to the hills.
We seek your endless love. For life that suffers in strife with adversities and hurts,
oh, send your healing power of love. We long for your new world. Send your word.

NEW TESTAMENT READING *MATTHEW 20:1-16* PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 20

SERMON *THE PARABLE THAT REALLY SHOCKS US* REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *THE APOSTLES' CREED* PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL PG. 35

* **HYMN #435** *THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY* "IN BABILONE"

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *TRIO ON 'BLESSED JESUS, AT YOUR WORD'* J. S. BACH
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN BWV 754

* **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 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.

* **HYMN #724** *O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED* "ANGEL'S STORY"

* **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

TOCCATA FESTIVA
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

FRANKLIN RITTER

* 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.....David Stickler
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir
Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
Ushers.....Cindy Corley and Joe Weaver

Music Notes

The anthem **Send Your Word** was written in 1994 for the Choir of St. Margaret’s Catholic Church in Bel Air, Maryland by music director Thomas Keesecker. The text is a translation of a 1965 Japanese poem by Yasushige Imakoma. Keesecker brilliantly uses the anthem’s accompaniment to musically portray elements of Imakoma’s text.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION of First Presbyterian church of Cumberland, Maryland is called by the Session for **next Sunday, February 16, 2020.**

The purposes of the meeting are:

- To hear the Annual Report of the Session
- To elect Auditors to the Auditing Committee for the Class of 2022 and 2023
- To elect a new class of Ruling Elders
- To elect a 2020 Congregational Nominating Committee
- To receive the 2020 Budget
- To elect Officers of the Corporation
- To conduct any other business properly coming before the Congregation-Corporation

-By Order of the Session

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 Benjamin Berry, by his family. **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 February 2, 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	\$ 24,542.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 18,432.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 6,109.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

February 3, 2019

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February 2, 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.

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 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 **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 (10)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:45 PM ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING IN THE PARLOR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY (11)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:00 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING
6:30 PM BUILDING & GROUNDS WORK NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY (12)

8:30 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, FEBRUARY (13)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:15 PM CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH MEETING
5:30 PM NEW TESTAMENT STUDY WITH REV. JIM YOUNG

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY (14)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY (15)

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY (16)

11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION FOLLOWING WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 9, 2020
FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

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See the world through the cross of Christ.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Matthew 5:13-20	Salt and light
Monday	Isaiah 58:1-12	False and true worship
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	True wisdom of God
Wednesday	Galatians 2:17-21	Everyone is saved by faith
Thursday	1 Peter 2:21-25	Example of Christ's suffering
Friday	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Christ is God's power and wisdom
Saturday	Psalms 112:1-10	Blessings of the righteous
Sunday	Matthew 5:21-37	Teachings of Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:1-2 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Eternal God, help us to see that through the cross of Christ we are made your people and to be the salt of the earth to share your saving work with others. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may the gift of this food remind us of your generosity and your desire for us to provide food for the needy. Amen. (Isaiah 58:7)

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord bless you with a generous heart that trusts in God. (Psalm 112:5-7)



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FEBRUARY 9, 2020
HYMN OF THE WEEK
Let Us Ever
Walk with Jesus

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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:

- When have you helped someone go through a sad time?
- Talk or think about a sad time you have experienced. Who helped you?
- The cross of Christ is about Jesus' suffering and death so that we may know God's eternal love. How does knowing that Christ suffered help you in daily life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16.

Paul contrasts the strength and wisdom of the world with the strength and wisdom of God. What is most important is knowing "Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles" because it is "the power of God and the wisdom of God." The Corinthians are fixated on their spiritual gifts and special wisdom, but that only divides the community. Paul wants to unite the community as the body of Christ in the world. Spiritual gifts are all based on the work of God, not on people's own spiritual powers. Therefore, Christians are not to get caught up on who has the "better" spiritual gifts. What does matter is to know that the uniqueness of the spiritual life is to see everything through the death and resurrection of Christ, which is the true wisdom and strength that gives faith, hope, and love to a world in need. How does seeing the world through the cross of Christ help you as a follower of Jesus? *Pray:* God of wisdom and might, give us faith to see in the cross of Christ your healing and redeeming work in the world. Amen.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Jesus tells his followers "you are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13). Think about what this means for us. In Jesus' day salt was used for many things from preserving and flavoring food to using it as money. Make a bowl of popcorn and set aside a salt shaker. Place several pieces of popcorn on a napkin. For each piece of popcorn, name someone who is in need. Then shake salt on the popcorn and as you taste its saltiness think about how "you are the salt of the earth" and can add flavor and a little something extra to the lives of those who are in need.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Faith is caught more than it is taught. Praying in the faith community is visible as we kneel, fold hands, or bow our heads. The ritual of prayer is important and something that is "caught" through years of worship together. The ritual of daily prayer in our homes is important also. Make a list of the different ways you pray in your home. Practice getting "caught" in the act of prayer by family members or when others visit to establish a tradition in your home that many will learn and look forward to doing with you for generations to come.



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