

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



## SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 1, 2020

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

ARIA IN C MINOR  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

GIOVANNI BATTISTA PERGOLESI

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME , ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

CHORAL INTROIT

*FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHT*  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR AND NANCY HODGES, HANDBELLS  
Forty days and forty nights, you fasted in the wild;  
Forty days and forty nights, you were tempted, and yet undefiled.

CLARK KIMBERLING

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

God sent Christ into the world not to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him.

**God's love endures forever.**

God is our refuge and strength, a present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear**

though the earth should change,

**though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

though the waters roar and foam,

**though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

**God's love endures forever.**

Let us pray..

Almighty God,

you despise nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent.

Create in us new and contrite hearts, so that truly repenting of our sins,

and acknowledging our brokenness, we may obtain from you,

full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

\* HYMN #187

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy,  
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.  
We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.  
We are misled by pride,  
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small.  
We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.  
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.  
Return us to paths of righteousness  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

\* SUNG RESPONSE #166

LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS (V. 1)

“ST. FLAVIAN”

Lord, who throughout these forty days  
for us did fast and pray,  
teach us with you to mourn our sins  
and close by you to stay.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PSALM 121:1-2

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures:  
“I lift my eyes to the hills from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”  
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 #166

LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS (V.4)

“ST. FLAVIAN”

Abide with us, till when this life  
of suffering shall be past,  
an Easter of unending joy  
we may attain at last.

OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

PSALM 51

*(See insert for responsive reading.)*

ANTHEM

ALAS, AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED

ARR. DAN FORREST

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Alas, and did my savior bleed, and did my sovereign die?  
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

Was it for crimes that I have done he groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown, and love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut his glories in,  
when Christ, the mighty maker died for man and creature's sin.

But drops of grief can n'er repay the debt of love I owe:  
Here Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MATTHEW 26:36-46

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 17

SERMON

THE JOURNEY TO THE CROSS: GETHSEMANE

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

MAN OF MERCY

ROBERT WETZLER

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR AND CAROLYN MATTHEWS, GUITAR  
They broke the rod of Jesse and hung him on the hill,  
and fearlessly he died and took the consequence of mercy.

He scaled the heights of heaven and plumbed the depths of hell,  
and fearlessly he rose, and took the consequence of mercy.

He won the world by loving and brought it into glory,  
and fearlessly he lived and took the consequence of mercy.

\* 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

\* COMMUNION HYMN #510

WE GATHER HERE IN JESUS' NAME

"COME, SHARE THE LORD"

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 #819

BE STILL, MY SOUL

"FINLANDIA"

\* 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

PRELUDE IN E MINOR  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH

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\* 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.....David Stickler and Burt Heister  
 Communion Servers.....Carl and Jane Belt, Cindy Corley, Cathy Levitas and Susan Mills

## EASTER FLOWERS 2020

If you would like to purchase flowers for the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please indicate below whether you wish to take your flowers home afterward, or if you wish them to be given to one of our in-home or nursing care members. Please indicate your selection and total below. **Orders are due by Sunday, April 5th.**

	Price Each	Quantity	Total
Lily	\$6.00	_____	\$_____
Tulips	\$6.00	_____	\$_____
Hyacinths	\$6.00	_____	\$_____
Chrysanthemums	\$6.00	_____	\$_____
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$_____</b>

My floral gift is in honor/memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Given to the Glory of God by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate: I would like to take my flowers home \_\_\_\_\_ I would like to donate the flowers \_\_\_\_\_

## Easter Music 2020

You can also celebrate Easter by contributing to the Special Music Fund. This fund is separate from the budget and is used to pay guest musicians who provide special music during worship on holidays and throughout the year.

*Note: Special Music contributions may also be given any time of the year.*

**Special Music Contribution** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My Special Music gift is in honor/memory of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Given to the Glory of God by: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks for music should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and the form returned to the church no later than **Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** if you want your dedication listed in the bulletin.

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Lent is the 40-day season before Easter** (not including Sundays). Originally, it was a time of preparing candidates for baptism on Easter. Over the centuries it has evolved into a time devoted to renewing our understanding of what it means to be a follower of Christ. We observe Lent in anticipation of the resurrection, and we celebrate Easter remembering the cost of the cross's life-giving victory. Lent began on February 26 with Ash Wednesday and concludes with Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

The **Lenten worship banner** hanging in the front of the sanctuary depicts our journey with Jesus to the cross and toward the death that ultimately brings resurrection life.

## 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](http://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.

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of February 24, 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	\$ 28,548.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 29,188.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (640.00)

### SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

February 24, 2019

56

February 23, 2020

54

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

RULING ELDERS: SHIRLEY GIARRITTA & BOB COURTNEY

**BUILDING & GROUNDS WORK NIGHT:** Our Tuesday night work nights are making head way. The Tuesday crew works from 6:30 to 8:30 PM most Tuesdays. Check the bulletin calendar and come join the fun. More hands let us get more accomplished! **The next work night will be March 10.**

## CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: LAURA FISCUS & JOSH GILHART

**FIRST SUNDAY FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP** will be held next Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> in the Gathering Place after worship! This month's fellowship gathering will also include a farewell reception for both Shirley Giarritta and Kay Williams.

**SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP:** The Congregational Care and Outreach committee would like to begin planning another trip to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. They will begin showing their new musical, "*Queen Esther*" in March. Weekend spots at the theater are filling up rapidly. Ticket prices for the seats range between \$60.00 and \$90.00 depending on the day of the week. Transportation costs will vary depending on the number of people attending and method of transportation. Last time we rented a 15-passenger van which added \$25.00 to each person's total cost. Please contact Josh Gilhart if you have any questions or if you are interested in attending.

## FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOE WEAVER & ANN KELLERMAYER

**SUNDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP:** A few weeks ago, we began a weekly book group which meets from 10:00 AM to 10:50 AM on Sunday mornings. Participants read and discuss books on religious, social, and other topics of interest. The Faith Formation committee will suggest a list of books, but we also encourage participants to suggest books they are personally interested in to add to the list.

The committee selected a book to start us out, but moving forward all books will be voted on by the group. Our first book is *Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Held Evans. This book deals with the author's struggles with loving, falling away from, and finding her way back to church. The book is available for \$9.49 at Amazon.com. Anyone interested please contact Joshua Gilhart. If anyone interested is in need of child care please let him know in advance and it will be arranged.

**LENTEN STUDY:** On **Thursdays, March 19, 26, and April 2**, we will have a light supper at 5:30 PM followed by a study led by Rev. Young and taken from the Lenten devotionals, *Becoming a Beloved Community*. Join us on these evenings to try and grow together as the "beloved community" by "facing our fears, prejudices and our flawed understandings, so that in Christ, wrongs may be righted, hearts may be changed and we might live together in peace." If you are in need of childcare, let Ann Kellermeyer or Julie Courtney know.

# MISSION

RULING ELDERS: PAM JAN & AARON HENDRICKSON

**ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SOUTH DAKOTA THIS SUMMER?** If you would like to learn more about the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Learning Camp, please join Robin Bissell and Janet Hendershot after worship on **Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup>** in the Gathering Place for a short slideshow and plenty of time for your questions. Other times to discuss the camp may be arranged by contacting Robin at [rbissell444@gmail.com](mailto:rbissell444@gmail.com).

**INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY DONATION BOX:** The Mission Committee is looking for a volunteer from the congregation to monitor the box located in the lobby which is used to collect food for the Interfaith Food Pantry. This person would be responsible for checking the bin and when it is full, taking the food items to the food pantry. Anyone interested in taking on this important mission opportunity, please contact Pam Jan or Aaron Hendrickson for further details

**MISSION OUTREACH DINNER:** The monthly outreach dinner will be held **on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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 cookies; please let Judy Stern (814-977-8880), Phil Mills, or Linda Smith (301-395-8165) know. **We are in need of volunteers to provide cookies for this dinner!**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

### MONDAY, MARCH (2)

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH (3)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
5:30 PM MISSION MEETING  
7:00 PM BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH (4)

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

### THURSDAY, MARCH (5)

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

### FRIDAY, MARCH (6)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### SATURDAY, MARCH (7)

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

### SUNDAY, MARCH (8)

11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
12:00 PM FIRST SUNDAY FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP  
12:15 PM SOUTH DAKOTA LEARNING CAMP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

**MARCH 1, 2020**  
**FIRST SUNDAY**  
**IN LENT**

taking+  
 faith  
 home

*Wanting to be like God.*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

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

<b>Sunday</b>	Matthew 4:1-11	Temptation of Jesus
<b>Monday</b>	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	First sin and its punishment
<b>Tuesday</b>	Romans 5:12-19	Adam and Christ
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Christ was raised to life
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Peter 4:7-11	Love wipes away many sins
<b>Friday</b>	Galatians 6:1-10	Bear one another's burdens
<b>Saturday</b>	Psalms 32	The joy of forgiveness
<b>Sunday</b>	John 3:1-17	For God so loved the world

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:4-5 (NRSV)

**PRAYERS AND BLESSING**

**A Prayer for the Week:**

Dear God, help us to trust in our Lord Jesus Christ, to know him as your Son, that we may live in the protection of your care, keeping us from all harm. Amen.

**Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear Lord, just as you freely fed Adam and Eve in the garden, we thank you for providing us with the fruit of the earth today. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:**

May the Lord be your hiding place; may God preserve you from all trouble and give you peace. (Psalm 32:7)



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**MARCH 1, 2020**  
**HYMN OF THE WEEK**  
 By *Gracious Powers*

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:

- Is it easy or difficult to talk about sin? Explain.
- Why do you think sin is not a popular word in today's culture?
- Sin is often seen as rebellion. It is also about being deceived. Give examples of how people deceive themselves in today's world.

**DEVOTIONS**

Read: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7.

The snake, part of God's own creation, was the first to create the temptation to move away from a trusting relationship with God. The world of sin is greater than what is experienced by humans. The snake gave a half-truth. Adam and Eve would learn the difference between good and evil; they just couldn't choose the good. The story of the "fall" is less about a fall from perfection and grace and more about a rebellion that wants to be like God. At some level, we may all want to be like God and to know the difference between good and evil. We tend to turn to our own prejudices, the preferred thinking that makes us most comfortable and most empowered. There are a lot of half-truths in our conversations, both public and private. A half-truth can be worse than a flat-out lie. Because it has the appearance of truth, it is more deceptive. We need a Savior who can turn us from our half-truth worlds that deceive and destroy life and relationships. We need Jesus. Can you think of a time when you heard a half-truth that deceived you? Explain.

**Pray:** God of truth and grace, cleanse us from our sinful lives; give us glad hearts that know we have received grace upon grace, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SERVICE**

When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness, he responded with words from Scripture, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him'" (Matthew 4:10). One way of serving God is to care for your neighbor. How do you worship and serve God by caring for your neighbor?

**RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

To establish a ritual during Lent, make a Lenten Candle Cross. Place six purple tea-light or votive candles in the shape of a cross, using a white seventh candle for the center. Each week, a candle will be lit during prayer time in your home. The acronym ACTS (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) will be introduced as a way to pray. This first week in Lent represents "A" for Adoration, meaning love, respect, and worship. [Light a purple candle] **Pray:** Dear God, we praise your name and worship you. I praise you for . . . in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, amen.



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)



## Psalm 51

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,

according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup> **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup> **Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

<sup>5</sup> Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup> **You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

<sup>7</sup> Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup> **Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

<sup>10</sup> **Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup> **Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

<sup>13</sup> Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.

<sup>14</sup> **Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,  
O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

<sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.

<sup>16</sup> **For you have no delight in sacrifice;  
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.**

<sup>17</sup> The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

<sup>18</sup> **Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;  
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem,**

<sup>19</sup> then you will delight in right sacrifices,  
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;  
then bulls will be offered on your altar.