

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15, 2020

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

JESUS, ABIDE WITH US: A LENTEN PRELUDE
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

JAMES SOUTHBRIDGE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME , ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

CHORAL INTROIT

A LENTEN LOVE SONG
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

HELEN KEMP

Now Jesus went into the garden, the garden of Gethsemane.
He went there sad and very weary, to be alone to pray.
“Dear God, I am so sorrowful, is there no other way?
Dear God, if it is possible, let this cup pass away.”

Now Jesus went into the garden, the garden of Gethsemane.
The olive tree bent over him, and heard him sadly pray:
“Dear God, your son is sorrowful, but knows your way is best.
Let love take hold of me! Help me to be bold and free to do your will and rest.”

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.**
(Where love and charity prevail, God is there.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my thoughts!
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Let us pray..

Eternal God,
your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son.
Help us to hear your Word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

* HYMN #620

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

“LAUDA ANIMA”

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.

God of grace,
help us to admit our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

(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

EPHESIANS 1:7

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures:
In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.
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 42

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 487

ANTHEM

COLUMBIA
THE JOYBELLS

JOHN S. DIXON

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MATTHEW 26:69-75

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 29

SERMON

THE JOURNEY TO THE CROSS: PETER DENIES JESUS

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

* HYMN #417

LORD JESUS, THINK OF ME

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

PRESBYTERIAN HYMNAL PG. 35

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

PEACE LIKE A RIVER
THE JOYBELLS

ARR. TAMMY WALDROP

* 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 #735

I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

“NEED”

* 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 C MINOR
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH
BWV 546

* 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**.

WORSHIP NOTES

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION of First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland, Maryland is called by the Session for **Sunday, March 29, 2020 immediately after worship** for the purpose of electing the Pastor Nominating Committee: Jane Belt, Chelsea Boor, Josh Gilhart, Janet Hendershot, Aaron Hendrickson, Deb Hendrickson, Phil Mills, Eric Ringler and Judy Stern.

The Anthem Columbia was written by composer John S. Dixon on February 1, 2003, after listening to radio accounts of the loss of the Space Shuttle Columbia while driving his daughter to a music lesson in Norfolk, VA.

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 12th.

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. This week’s panel, symbolizing the themes of God’s promise and faithfulness, was stitched by Emma Brugh.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher..... Rev. Dr. James R.M. Young
 Liturgist.....Josh Gilhart
 Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
 Director of the JoyBells.....Julie Courtney
 Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir and The JoyBells
 Sound TechnicianJoe Aurigemma
 Ushers.....John Mullan and Barbara Leasure

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	_____	\$ _____
Total		_____	\$ _____

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 5th** if you want your dedication listed in the bulletin.

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to everyone who comes to worship with us here at First Presbyterian Church! Whether you are very young, in your teens, adult, older adult; black, white, brown, or any other color; straight, gay, transgendered; very well off financially or not so much; feel greet today or your bones are hurting again; have little cares or are weighed down with a lot of concern speak English or speak little English; raised in a church, not raised in a church, haven't been since that special person was baptized, or just exploring spirituality, whoever you are, YOU are welcome here!

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 speak to the pastor, the ushers, or anyone here! Also, please 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. If you are interested, 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 her mother, Paula Porter Walker, her husband, Dr. Nicholas Giarritta, and her sister, Bev Walker, by Shirley Giarritta. **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 March 8, 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	\$ 38,855.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 36,485.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 2,369.00

CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: LAURA FISCUS & JOSH GILHART

SIGHT AND SOUND TRIP: We have reserved a number of seats on a Bollman Charter bus to attend Sight and Sound Theater's newest show "*Queen Esther*" on **September 19th**. **Tickets will be \$158.00 (\$109 for children)** and include transportation, show, and dinner at the Bird-in-Hand Buffet. To hold the current seats we will need payment to be submitted by March 24th. Please speak with Josh Gilhart if you have any question or would like to go but unable to meet the deadline.

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOE WEAVER & ANN KELLERMAYER

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.

EASTER EGG BLESSING MILESTONE: Join us on **Saturday, April 11th, at 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall for our Easter Egg Blessing. This is a Milestones Ministry Moment for young children, grandchildren, and any interested families and friends! We will start the morning with a breakfast potluck. We will provide drinks, plates, silverware, and ask that you bring a breakfast food to share. Activities will include a devotional, games, egg coloring, egg hunting, a blessing of the eggs, and the making of gifts for our home-bound friends.

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 11th annual Learning Camp, please join Robin Bissell and Janet Hendershot after worship on **March 22nd** 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.

SAVE THE DATE: SOUTH DAKOTA LUNCHEON AND AUCTION: The annual South Dakota Luncheon & Auction will be held on **Sunday, April 26th**. More information and sign-ups will be included in future bulletins.

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 22nd** 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!**

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: DAVID STICKLER & CATHY LEVITAS

Holy Week Services

*Palm/Passion Sunday, April 5th at 11:00 AM at First Presbyterian Church

*Maundy Thursday, April 9th at 7:30 PM at First Presbyterian Church

*Good Friday, April 10th at 7:30 PM at First Presbyterian Church

*Egg Hunt/Blessing Milestone, April 11th at 10:00AM at First Presbyterian Church (Fellowship Hall)

*Easter Sunday, April 12th = Sunrise service at Rocky Gap State Park at 7:00 AM and a traditional service in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian at 11:00 AM

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, MARCH (16)

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

TUESDAY, MARCH (17)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:30 PM CUMBERLAND MUSIC & ARTS SPRING CONCERT
6:30 PM BUILDING & GROUNDS WORK NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH (18)

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, MARCH (19)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:30 PM LENTEN STUDY SERIES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

FRIDAY, MARCH (20)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN UNTIL NOON

SATURDAY, MARCH (21)

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

SUNDAY, MARCH (22)

10:00 AM SUNDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP
11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
12:15 PM SOUTH DAKOTA LEARNING CAMP INFORMATIONAL MEETING
4:00 PM MISSION OUTREACH DINNER

MARCH 15, 2020
THIRD SUNDAY
IN LENT

**taking+
 faith
 home**

Evangelism is relational.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 4:5-42	Jesus and the woman at the well
Monday	Exodus 17:1-7	The Lord gives water from a rock
Tuesday	Romans 5:1-11	Right with God
Wednesday	John 1:35-42	Come and see Jesus
Thursday	1 Thessalonians 2:5-12	Paul's relational ministry
Friday	Romans 12:9-21	Caring relationships
Saturday	Psalms 95	Call to worship
Sunday	John 9:1-41	The man born blind

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" John 4:29 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:
 Gracious God, thank you for reaching out to me and to all your people with steadfast love and faithfulness, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:
 Dear God, just as you fed the people in the wilderness, we thank you for feeding us today. In the name of Jesus our Savior, amen.

A Blessing to Give:
 May you have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 5:1)



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MARCH 15, 2020
HYMN OF THE WEEK
The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

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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 would you introduce yourself to a stranger?
- Who has introduced you to (or taught you about) Jesus? How did this happen?
- The woman at the well introduced Jesus to her townspeople. Who can you introduce to Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

Read: John 4:5-42.

Jesus meets with a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. It's the place where Jacob met Rachel more than a millennium before. It is now the place where Jesus shows what it means that "God so loved the world" (John 3:16) by caring for a non-Jewish woman, someone who was alone and likely abandoned by her own people. The woman is so impressed by Jesus and their conversation that she goes to her townspeople and says, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" (v. 29) The Samaritan woman does three things that are essential traits of evangelism: 1) she invites ("Come and see"); 2) she tells her own story of her encounter with Jesus ("I just met a man who . . ."); and 3) she wonders if this is the awaited Messiah (Her question in the original Greek suggests she really doesn't think so.). Faith is formed by the power of the Holy Spirit through personal, trusted relationships. How do you have conversations with others about Jesus?

Pray: Merciful God, just as Jesus stopped to talk to the woman at the well, help me to stop, listen, and talk to others and be an example of your love for them. Amen.

SERVICE

The Daily Bible Reading for Friday this week is about caring relationships. "Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers" (Romans 12:13). Think about what it feels like to be the new person on the block. Make a list of things you can do to extend a welcome to someone who is new in your community. Making a meal, giving rides, and introducing them to neighbors are a few ideas. What will you do to extend hospitality to a stranger this week?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

During the third week in Lent, light three of the six purple candles on your Lenten Candle Cross. The acronym ACTS (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication) is being introduced as a way to pray. This week represents "T", for Thanksgiving, meaning to express thanks and gratitude to God.

Pray: Dear God, I am thankful for all that you have given me. I thank 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