



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: 10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 9, 2020

10:00 AM

PRELUDE

RONDE FRANÇAISE  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

LÉON BOËLLMANN

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME , ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
O praise the Lord with me,  
let us exalt God's name together.

\* HYMN #51

TO ABRAHAM AND SARAH

"LLANFYLLIN"

(\*Please refrain from singing the hymns, but rather hum along.)



1 To A - bra - ham and Sa - rah the call of God was clear:  
2 From A - bra - ham and Sa - rah a - rose a pil - grim race,  
3 We of this gen - er - a - tion on whom God's hand is laid



"Go forth and I will show you a coun - try rich and fair.  
de - pen - dent for their jour - ney on God's a - bun - dant grace;  
can jour - ney to the fu - ture se - cure and un - a - fraid,



You need not fear the jour - ney, for I have pledged my word  
and in their heart was writ - ten by God this sav - ing word,  
re - joic - ing in God's good - ness and trust - ing in this word,



that you shall be my peo - ple and I will be your God."  
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\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful 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.)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures: "For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us." (Psalm 103:11-12) **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

\* SUNG 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

GENESIS 21:1-7

21 The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. <sup>2</sup>Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup>Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. <sup>4</sup>And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. <sup>5</sup>Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. <sup>6</sup>Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." <sup>7</sup>And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

ANTHEM

THE LOST CHORD

ARTHUR SULLIVAN

JAMES YOUNG, BARITONE

Seated one day at the organ, I was weary and ill at ease,  
And my fingers wandered idly over the noisy keys;  
I knew not what I was playing, or what I was dreaming then,  
But I struck one chord of music like the sound of a great Amen.

It flooded the crimson twilight like the close of an angel's psalm,  
And it lay on my fever'd spirit with a touch of infinite calm.  
It quieted pain and sorrow like love overcoming strife,  
It seemed the harmonious echo from our discordant life.

It linked all perplexed meanings into one perfect peace  
And trembled away into silence as if it were loth to cease;  
I have sought, but I seek it vainly, that one lost chord divine,  
Which came from the soul of the organ and entered into mine.

It may be that Death's bright Angel will speak in that chord again;  
It may be that only in heaven I shall hear that grand Amen!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

HEBREWS 11:8-12

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

\* HYMN #42

YOUR FAITHFULNESS, O LORD, IS SURE

"WINCHESTER NEW"

1 Your faith - ful - ness, O Lord, is sure in  
 2 The eyes of all are fixed on you; by  
 3 Lord, you are just in all your ways, and  
 4 My mouth shall speak your praise, O Lord; my

all your words, your gra - cious deeds; you gen - tly lift all  
 you their wants are all sup - plied; your o - pen hand is  
 kind in ev - ery - thing you do; for - ev - er near you  
 soul shall bless your ho - ly name; let all things liv - ing

bur - dened souls and well pro - vide for all our needs.  
 boun - ti - ful and ev - ery soul is sat - is - fied.  
 stand to hear and help all those who call on you.  
 join the song of praise, from age to age the same.

PRAYERS FOR ONE ANOTHER, OUR COMMUNITY, OUR NATION, ENDING 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 #765

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE GO WITH US

"ARGENTINA"

May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our  
 lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us  
 on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.  
 Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;  
 work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

\* BENEDICTION

\* SUNG RESPONSE #306

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS  
 (Please do not hold hands.)

"DENNIS"

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

\* 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.....Charlene Lelinski  
 Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr  
 Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
 Ushers.....Mike and Cathy Levitas

**WORSHIP NOTES**

*The Lost Chord* was composed in 1877 by Sir Arthur Sullivan (of “Gilbert and Sullivan” operetta fame) at the bedside of his dying brother. The text is taken from a poem by Adelaide Procter, an English philanthropist, feminist, and favorite poet of Queen Victoria. In 1888, *The Lost Chord* was captured on an Edison phonograph cylinder, making it one of the earliest recorded pieces of music in history. Upon hearing the recording for the first time, Sullivan said, “I am astonished and somewhat terrified at the result of this experiment: astonished at the wonderful power you have developed, and terrified at the thought that so much hideous and bad music may be put on record forever. But all the same I think it is the most wonderful thing that I have ever experienced.”

**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

**SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG, MODERATOR OF THE SESSION  
 JEFF GETTY, CLERK

**CLASS OF 2021**

Bob Courtney: Building & Grounds  
 Laura Fiscus: Mission  
 Josh Gilhart: Faith Formation  
 Aaron Hendrickson: Mission

**CLASS OF 2022**

Cindy Corley: Administration & Finance  
 Gary Hendrickson: Administration & Finance  
 David Stickler: Worship & Music  
 Evan Swanger: Building & Grounds

**CLASS OF 2023**

Kristina Hall: Congregational Care & Outreach  
 Janet Hendershot: Faith Formation  
 Sharon Kazary: Worship & Music  
 Jan Layman: Congregational Care & Outreach

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Donald F. Evans by his wife, Joan Evans, and in loving memory of Anne and Raymond MacDonald, by their daughter, Joan Evans. 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. We currently have openings for flower sponsorship on September 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

### ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of August 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	\$115,486.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$113,105.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 2,380.00

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: KRISTINA HALL & JAN LAYMAN

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

- ✠ Elizabeth Betts (Georgene McKenzie's granddaughter)
- ✠ Polly Eyler (Recovering at Mountain City Center: Nursing and Rehab in Frostburg from a fractured vertebra)
- ✠ Betty Richtmeyer (Recovering from abdominal surgery)
- ✠ Katie Ross (Upcoming surgery for oral cancer)
- ✠ Memphis Russell (Elva Berry's great-grandson)
- ✠ Carolyn Weaver (Upcoming knee surgery)
- ✠ Agnes Yount (Now in Hickory, NC with relatives, recovering from brain surgery)

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** You can now submit your prayer request on the FPC website. Click the nurture tab and then prayer request.

### MISSION

RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & LAURA FISCUS

**MISSION OUTREACH DINNER:** The monthly outreach dinner will resume on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</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 cupcakes; please let Judy Stern (814-977-8880), Phil Mills, or Linda Smith (301-395-8165) know. We have been asked to provide four dozen cupcakes for the dinner. Cupcakes can be dropped off to the church office on Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> by 2:00 PM or be brought to the worship service on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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