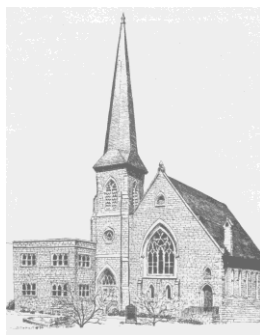


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

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BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

JAMES W. CLOKEY

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME , ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord is God! It is he that made us, and we are his.

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

* HYMN #435

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

"IN BABILONE"

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures
of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal
which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more
sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -
where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raised us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures: "You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me but heard when I cried to him." (Psalm 22:23-24) **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

PSALM 114

When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, ²Judah became God's^[a] sanctuary, Israel his dominion. ³The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back. ⁴The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs. ⁵Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back? ⁶O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs? ⁷Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jacob, ⁸who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

ANTHEM

AMAZING GRACE / MY CHAINS ARE GONE

AFTER CHRIS TOMLIN

ADAM POMEROY, SOLOIST

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my savior has ransomed me
And like a flood his mercy rains
Unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MATTHEW 18:21-35

¹⁵ "If another member of the church^[a] sins against you,^[b] go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.^[c] ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

SERMON

"SO EASY TO SAY. BUT TO DO..."

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

* HYMN #444

FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE

"DETROIT"



- 1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
- 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
- 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with-in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease.



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
 that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!
 Then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

PRAYERS FOR ONE ANOTHER, OUR COMMUNITY, OUR NATION, ENDING 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 #754

HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER

"BARONITA"



- 1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
- 2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
- 3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
- 4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
 we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice and for bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
 Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on:



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
 the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us; make us one!

* BENEDICTION

* SUNG RESPONSE #306

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

"DENNIS"

(Please do not hold hands.)

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.....Cathy Levitas
 Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
 Guest Soloist.....Adam Pomeroy
 Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
 Ushers..... John Mullan and David Stickler

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

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

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

OFFERING PLATES: Offering plates are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please deposit your gifts, offerings, and tithes into the plate as you enter or exit the sanctuary.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of their parents, William and Bertha Workman, and Ernest and Sylvia Jarrell, by Bill and Amy Workman. **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 27th, October 4th, 11th and 18th.**

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of September 6, 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	\$128,592.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$131,348.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (2,756.00)

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & LAURA FISCUS

MISSION OUTREACH DINNER: The monthly outreach dinner will be held Sunday, **September 27th** at **Christ United Methodist Church, 336 Race Street**. Dinner will be served from 4:00-5:30PM. We will need 3-4 volunteers. If anyone can volunteer to serve dinner, help clean tables, and/or provide brownies; please let Judy Stern, Phil Mills, or Linda Smith know.

Due to Covid-19 complications and other factors, the September 27th dinner will be the last outreach dinner.

Sharon Dicken has devoted the past 12 years heading this local project of offering a monthly meal to needy individuals and families. The Mission Committee thanks Sharon and our congregation for all the time, funds, and desserts that have made this project a success. The Committee will continue to investigate ways in which our church can help the hungry in our community. **The Mission Committee has purchased a card for Sharon to thank her for her service to the community over the years. The card will be in the Volunteer Office if you would like to sign and leave a note of appreciation.**

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: On World Communion Sunday, October 4TH, we have the opportunity to contribute to the **Peace & Global Witness Offering**. Donations to this offering allow us to assist the vulnerable around the world. This offering strengthens the collaboration of the Peacemaking Program and the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations with the peace work of global partners through World Mission. It has meant scholarships for students recognized as peacemakers, resettlement of refugees, and support for shelters where those who are abused may find refuge.

A gift to this offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to donate 25% of this Offering to a local organization promoting peace. Our portion of the monies collected will go to help support the **Family Crisis Resource Center here in Cumberland. Mid councils retain an additional 25%** for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the **Presbyterian Mission Agency** to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Please consider giving generously to this Offering which works towards peace internationally, nationally, and locally.