



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

VOLUNTARY NO. 2 IN G MAJOR  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

WILLIAM BOYCE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME , ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, yea faints for the courts of the Lord.

Our hearts sing for joy to the living God!

Even the sparrow finds a home where she may lay her young at thy alters, O Lord of hosts.

Blessed are those who dwell in thy house, ever singing thy praise!

Oh come, let us worship the Lord our God!

### \* HYMN #712

AS THOSE OF OLD THEIR FIRSTFRUITS BROUGHT

"FOREST GREEN"

1 As those of old their first-fruits brought of vine-yard, flock, and field  
 2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la-bor, love, and give,  
 3 In grat-i-tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to-day,  
 to God, the giv-er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,  
 to make our life an of-fer-ing that all may tru-ly live.  
 to serve your cause and share your love with all a-long life's way.  
 so we to-day our first-fruits bring, the wealth of this good land:  
 The church of Christ is call-ing us to make the dream come true:  
 O God who gave your-self to us in Je-sus Christ your Son,  
 of farm and mar-ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.  
 a world re-deemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.  
 help us to give our-selves each day un-til life's work is done.

### \* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures: "Thou art a hiding place for me, thou preservest me from trouble; thou dost encompass me with deliverance." (Psalm 32:7) **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 62:1-8

<sup>1</sup>For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. <sup>2</sup>He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken. <sup>3</sup>How long will you assail a person, will you batter your victim, all of you, as you would a leaning wall, a tottering fence? <sup>4</sup>Their only plan is to bring down a person of prominence. They take pleasure in falsehood; they bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse. <sup>5</sup>For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. <sup>6</sup>He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. <sup>7</sup>On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. <sup>8</sup>Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

ANTHEM

A VINEYARD GROWS

K. LEE SCOTT

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR (STREAMED LIVE FROM WORSHIP ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2017)

Amid the world's bleak wilderness a vineyard grows with promise green,  
the planting of the Lord himself, the planting of the Lord.

His love selected this terrain, his vine with love he planted here  
to bear the choicest fruit for him, the choicest fruit for him.

We are his branches, chosen dear, and though we feel the dresser's knife,  
we are the objects of his care, the objects of his care.

From him we draw the juice of life, for him supply his winery  
with fruit from which true joys derive, from which true joys derive.

Vine, keep what I was meant to be: Your branch, with your rich life in me.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MATTHEW 20:1-16

<sup>20</sup> "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup> and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. <sup>5</sup> When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup> They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' <sup>8</sup> When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' <sup>9</sup> When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup> Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup> And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup> saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first will be last."<sup>1</sup>

\* HYMN #738

O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE

"MARYTON"

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move  
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience, still with thee  
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray  
 in low - ly paths of ser - vice free;  
 by some clear, win - ning word of love;  
 in clos - er, dear - er com - pa - ny,  
 far down the fu - ture's broad - ening way;  
 tell me thy se - cret; help me bear the  
 teach me the way - ward feet to stay, and  
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in  
 in peace that on - ly thou canst give, with  
 strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 guide them in the home - ward way.  
 trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong.  
 thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

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 #719

COME, LABOR ON

"ORA LABORA"

1 Come, la-bor on. Who dares stand i - dle on the har - vest plain  
 2 Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call - ing an - gels can - not share;  
 3 Come, la-bor on. Cast off all gloom - y doubt and faith - less fear!  
 4 Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west - ern sky,  
 while all a - round us waves the gold - en grain? And to each  
 to young and old the gos - pel glad - ness bear. Re - deem the  
 No arm so weak but may do ser - vice here. Though fee - ble  
 till the long shad - ows o'er our path - way lie, and a glad  
 ser - vant does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."  
 time; its hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.  
 a - gents, may we all ful - fill God's righ - teous will.  
 sound comes with the set - ting sun, "Well done, well done!"

\* 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.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

TOCCATA ON ‘JESUS SHALL REIGN’  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

GILBERT M. MARTIN

\* 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  
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
Ushers.....Chralene Lelinski and Kristina Hall

### 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

### 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 honor of Betty Luger's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 21, given by her daughters Brenda Luger and Nancy Luger Jefferies. **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 27<sup>th</sup>, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.**

### ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

**RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY**

<b>ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:</b>	<b>as of September 13, 2020</b>
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	\$132,932.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$134,997.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (2,065.00)

### MISSION

**RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & LAURA FISCUS**

**MISSION OUTREACH DINNER:** The monthly outreach dinner will be held next Sunday, **September 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>TH</sup>, 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.