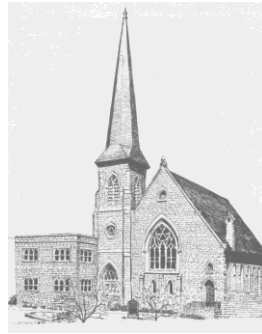


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



## SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION SEPTEMBER 6, 2020 10:00 AM

PRELUDE

LARGO FROM SYMPHONY NO. 9, 'THE NEW WORLD'  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK

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 #404

#### WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

"KOMT NU MET ZANG"

1 What is this place, where we are meet-ing? On - ly a house, the  
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing. Sparks that are sown in  
3 And we ac - cept bread at his ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a  
earth its floor. Walls and a roof, shel - ter - ing peo - ple, win - dows for  
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs, and won - ders sent from the  
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing, we are each  
light, an o - pen door. Yet it be - comes a bod - y that  
past are what we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and  
oth - er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re -  
lives when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.  
speak a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing word.  
ceive what we need to in - crease: God's jus - tice and God's peace.

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offence against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gift, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures: "For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." (Psalm 100:5) **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 149

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!  
Sing to the LORD a new song,  
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.  
<sup>2</sup> Let Israel be glad in its Maker;  
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.  
<sup>3</sup> Let them praise his name with dancing,  
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.  
<sup>4</sup> For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;  
he adorns the humble with victory.  
<sup>5</sup> Let the faithful exult in glory;  
let them sing for joy on their couches.  
<sup>6</sup> Let the high praises of God be in their throats  
and two-edged swords in their hands,  
<sup>7</sup> to execute vengeance on the nations  
and punishment on the peoples,  
<sup>8</sup> to bind their kings with fetters  
and their nobles with chains of iron,  
<sup>9</sup> to execute on them the judgment decreed.  
This is glory for all his faithful ones.  
Praise the LORD!

ANTHEM

KUM BA YAH

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

CAROLYN MATTHEWS, GUITAR, VOCALS, AND AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MATTHEW 18:15-20

<sup>15</sup> "If another member of the church<sup>[a]</sup> sins against you,<sup>[b]</sup> go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

SERMON

"DEALING WITH ONE ANOTHER IN CHURCH"

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries  
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -  
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand  
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;  
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled  
 dif - ferent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:  
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -  
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -  
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -  
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they  
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his  
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -  
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!—and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - ery - one.  
 fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.  
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.  
 wine that wak - ens in your heart the taste of love.

#### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

##### 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

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth-er, for when hum-bly  
 2 As dis-ci-ples used to gath-er in the name of  
 3 All our meals and all our liv-ing make as sac-ra-  
 in your name two or three are met to-geth-er,  
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv-er  
 ments of you, that by car-ing, help-ing, giv-ing,  
 you are in the midst of them. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-  
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-  
 we may be dis-ci-ples true. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-  
 lu-ia! Here we touch your gar-ment's hem.  
 lu-ia! so now bind our friend-ship up.  
 lu-ia! We will serve with faith a-new.

\* 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 GIOIOSA  
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.....	Josh Gilhart
Director of Music Ministries.....	Bryan Lohr
Guest Musician.....	Carolyn Mathews, Guitar
Audio/Video Technicians.....	Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....	Bob and Sharon Kazary

**Music Notes**

This morning's prelude is the most famous work of the Czech composer Antonin Dvořák (1841-1904.) Dvořák composed his 9th Symphony while visiting the United States from 1892-1895, and it and many other works were greatly influenced by American folk music of all kinds, particularly African American spirituals. The main theme of the *Largo* has become one of the most enduring melodies in all of classical music.

**FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** We will return to our Fall Worship Schedule next Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> with worship beginning at 11:00AM

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED tomorrow, September 7<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

## 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:** 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

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of August 30, 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	\$123,336.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$127,700.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (4,364.00)

## 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 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.