



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 11, 2020 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

ADAGIO FROM 'SONATA GOTHIQUE'
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

ROLAND DIGGLE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Almighty God, you built your church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets and martyrs, with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone.

Join us together by their teaching and remembering what they did, so that we may be a holy temple in whom your spirit dwells.

Help us now to worship you
in spirit and in truth.

* HYMN #403

OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY

"UNSER HERRSCHER"

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be
en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,
waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the
is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, 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.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures: "The Lord is our strength and our shield; in him our heart trusts." (Psalm 28:7) Friends trust the Good News from the Lord: **In 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.

"PEACE, HOPE, AND A FUTURE": 2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

KATHY GETTY

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 106:1-6, 40-48

¹ Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

² Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all his praise?

³ Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

⁴ Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them;

⁵ that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage.

⁶ Both we and our ancestors have sinned; we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.

⁴⁰ Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against his people and he abhorred his heritage;

⁴¹ he gave them into the hand of the nations, so that those who hated them ruled over them.

⁴² Their enemies oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their power.

⁴³ Many times he delivered them, but they were rebellious in their purposes, and were brought low through their iniquity.

⁴⁴ Nevertheless he regarded their distress when he heard their cry.

⁴⁵ For their sake he remembered his covenant, and showed compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁴⁶ He caused them to be pitied by all who held them captive.

⁴⁷ Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

⁴⁸ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. And let all the people say, "Amen." Praise the LORD!

ANTHEM

WALTZ FROM 'LITTLE FLOWERS'

CORNELIUS GURLITT

ODE TO JOY

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

WIL TURNER, PIANO

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MATTHEW 22:1-14

22 Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

* HYMN #729

LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

"I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN"

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,
 In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

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 #728

SOMEBODY'S KNOCKING AT YOUR DOOR

"SOMEBODY'S KNOCKIN'"

Some-bod - y's knock-ing at your door; some-bod - y's
 knock-ing at your door; O sin - ner, why don't you
 an - swer? Some-bod - y's knock-ing at your door.

1 Knocks like Je - sus.
 2 Can't you hear him? Some-bod - y's knock-ing at your
 3 An - swer Je - sus.

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 Can't you hear him? Some-bod - y's
 An - swer Je - sus.

knock-ing at your door. O sin - ner, why don't you

an - swer? Some-bod - y's knock-ing at your door.

* 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

GRAND MARCH FROM "AIDA"
 BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

GIUSEPPE VERDI

* 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 Musicians.....Wil Turner, Piano
 Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
 Ushers.....Gary & Deb Hendrickson

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.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of October 4, 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	\$147,350.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$145,943.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 1,406.00