



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: THE 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 15, 2020 11:00 AM

### PRELUDE

VARIATIONS ON 'NETTLETON'  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

UNDINE S. MOORE

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

### INTROIT

COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME  
NANCY HODGES, PIANO AND BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

ARR. SMITH AND HUSTAD

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM LUKE 21:28

Look up! Raise our heads!

**Because our redemption is drawing near.**

Stir up within us, O God, a longing for your kingdom.

**Steady our hearts in time of trial.**

Strengthen our faith so that we will remain steadfast against the pulls of this world,

**and grant us patient endurance in the midst of all our difficulties,**

so that we may serve your purpose in all we do,

**knowing that your kingdom shall, indeed, come.**

### \* HYMN #475

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

"NETTLETON"

### \* 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 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: "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light (as he is in the light) we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:5&7) Friends trust the Good News from the Lord: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be 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 90:1-17

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place<sup>[d]</sup> in all generations.

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

<sup>3</sup> You turn us<sup>[b]</sup> back to dust, and say, “Turn back, you mortals.”

<sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

<sup>5</sup> You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

<sup>6</sup> in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

<sup>7</sup> For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

<sup>8</sup> You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

<sup>9</sup> For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end<sup>[d]</sup> like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup> The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span<sup>[d]</sup> is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

<sup>11</sup> Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

<sup>12</sup> So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

<sup>13</sup> Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

<sup>14</sup> Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup> Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

<sup>16</sup> Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

<sup>17</sup> Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

ANTHEM

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL  
ADAM POMEROY, SOLOIST

PHILIP BLISS

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MATTHEW 25:14-30

<sup>14</sup> “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup> to one he gave five talents, <sup>16</sup> to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>17</sup> The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>18</sup> In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>19</sup> But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>20</sup> After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>21</sup> Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>22</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>23</sup> And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>24</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>25</sup> Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>26</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>27</sup> But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>28</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>29</sup> So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>30</sup> For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>31</sup> As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

SERMON

THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

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 #792

THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD

“KEEP YOUR LAMPS”

\* 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

SINFONIA FROM ‘CANTATA 29’  
“WE THANK THEE GOD, WE THANK THEE”  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH

\* 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**.

*Music Notes*

This morning’s prelude is curious set of variations on the American hymn tune NETTLETON, written in 1976 by Undine S. Moore (1905-1989.) Known as “the dean of Black Women Composers,” Moore wrote in many genres, but is best known for her choral music. *Variations on ‘Nettleton’* is one of only two solo organs works by Moore. The other work, sadly, has been lost.

The closing voluntary is the opening movement from *Bach’s Cantata 29*, ‘*Wir Danken Dir Gott, Wir Danken Dir*,’ written in 1731 for the installation of the Leipzig town council. The music itself was originally written as the Prelude from the Violin Partita, BWV 1006 and had already been arranged by Bach for another cantata, a wedding cantata, written in 1729.

**This Morning’s Worship Leaders**

Preacher.....Rev. Dr. James R.M. Young  
Liturgist.....Sharon Kazary  
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr  
Musician.....Nancy Hodges, Piano and Adam Pomeroy, Soloist  
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler

# 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 memory of her mother, Phyllis "Perk" Smith, by Nancy Hodges. **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**

<b>ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:</b>	<b>as of November 8, 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	\$168,298.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$164,185.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 4,112.00

**ONLINE PLEDGE SUBMISSION NOW AVAILABLE:** This year, we have created a way to submit your pledges online via our webpage. If you are interested in submitting your pledge online, please visit <http://www.fpc-cumberland.org/pledge/>.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH**

**RULING ELDERS: KRISTINA HALL & JAN LAYMAN**

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

- ALL THOSE OF US WHO ARE IN DISTRESS BUT ARE TOO INHIBITED, SHY, OR FEEL UNWORTHY TO ASK US TO PRAY FOR THEM.
- TYLER (GEORGENE MCKENZIE'S 4 MONTH OLD GREAT NEPHEW)
- POLLY EYLER (RECOVERING AT MOUNTAIN CITY CENTER: NURSING AND REHAB IN FROSTBURG FROM A FRACTURED VERTEBRA)
- PNC COMMITTEE'S SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE IN CHOOSING OUR NEXT MINISTER

**JOIN US WHEREVER YOU ARE FOR OUR 5MIN NOON PRAYER MONDAY**

**JOIN US WHEREVER YOU ARE FOR OUR 5MIN NOON PRAYER MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY, 12:00-12:05.**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** You can now submit your prayer request on the FPC website. Click the nurture tab and then prayer request. "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." Matthew 7:7