



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY:

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2020 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

* ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

* HYMN #88

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL
(Singing only verses 1, 2, 6 and 7.)

"VENI EMMANUEL"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgement.

We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.

In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the Scriptures (Isaiah 7:14): "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel." Friends, believe this Good News: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please feel free to write a greeting to others on your keyboard at this time!)

* 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.

A MOMENT WITH BEAUREGARD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19

¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth

² before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

³ Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

⁴ O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people’s prayers?

⁵ You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

⁶ You make us the scorn^[a] of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

¹⁷ But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand the one whom you made strong for yourself.

¹⁸ Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

¹⁹ Restore us, O LORD God of hosts let your face shine, that we may be saved.

ANTHEM

COME, THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

ARR. MARK HAYES

NEW TESTAMENT READING

MATTHEW 1:1-17

¹ An account of the genealogy^[a] of Jesus the Messiah,^[b] the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, ⁴ and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵ and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of King David.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷ and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph,^[c] ⁸ and Asaph^[d] the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹ and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰ and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos,^[e] and Amos^[f] the father of Josiah, ¹¹ and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹² And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³ and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴ and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵ and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.^[g]

¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah,^[h] fourteen generations.

SERMON

CHRISTMAS WITH MATTHEW—JESUS’ FAMILY

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG

* HYMN #92

WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME

“WAITING (CASON)”

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 #106

PREPARE THE WAY, O ZION

“BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN”

* BENEDICTION

(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.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

TOCCATA ON ‘VENI EMMANUEL’
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

ADOLPHUS HAILSTORK

* 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 comes from Bach’s Cantata 147, “*With Heart and Mouth and Deed and Life*,” written in 1723, Bach’s first year as Cantor of St. Thomas Church in Leipzig. However, Bach based the cantata on music he had previously written for Advent in 1716, while serving as court composer to the Duke of Weimar.

Written in the rousing meter of 5/8, **Toccata on ‘Veni Emmanuel’** is a brilliant work from composer Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941.) Boasting a long and distinguished career as a composer and teacher, Hailstork’s works for voice, choir, band, orchestra, and chamber ensembles have been performed throughout the world over the past 60 years. Thanks to a 1992 initiative of the American Guild of Organists, many of Hailstork’s previously unpublished organ pieces have been printed as part of the Guild’s *African American Organ Series*, in partnership with the E. C. Shirmer Company.

This Morning’s Worship Leaders

Preacher.....Rev. Dr. James R.M. Young
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Guest Pianist.....Nancy Hodges
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

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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

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 November 15 , 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	\$170,148.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$167,834.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 2,313.00

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

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

HANGING OF THE GREENS CANCELLED: Due to the current Covid-19 metrics and concerns in our area, it has been decided to cancel the Hanging of the Greens event on December 4th.

Christmas Fundraiser 2020

In the place of the Christmas Music Offering this year, Session has approved the motion presented by the Worship & Music Committee to collect funds to purchase a new projector for the sanctuary. The new projector will enhance our ability to stream and project during services and allow us to continue to host simulcast and movies in the future.

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

TOTAL GIFT: \$ _____

To the Glory of God in **Memory** or **Honor** of: (Please circle one)

✂ _____

If you wish to dedicate your Christmas Fundraiser donation in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete the tear-off sheet and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office.

Please print all the names exactly as you would like them to appear in the bulletin and attach a check designated "Christmas Fundraiser 2020" in the memo line. Proceeds from the Christmas Fundraiser will be used to purchase a new projector for the church. **Please submit offering and dedication no later than Sunday, December 20th.**