



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY:  
NOVEMBER 8, 2020 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

PREGHIERA (PRAYER)  
WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN

HUBAY JENŐ  
Op. 121, Nr. 1

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

INTROIT

PASTORALE FROM 'SUITE DE PIÈCES'  
WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN

SAMUEL COLERIDGE-TAYLOR

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Brothers and sisters, watch and be ready,  
for we do not know on what day our Lord is coming.  
Lord, give us pure hearts so that we may see you,  
humble hearts so that we may hear you,  
hearts of love so that we may serve you,  
and reverent hearts so that we may worship you.

\* HYMN #349

SLEEPERS, WAKE! A VOICE ASTOUNDS US

"WACHET AUF"

1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice as - tounds us; the shout of ram-part  
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her heart with joy - ful  
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let saints and an - gels  
guards sur - rounds us: "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"  
hope is spring - ing; she wakes and hur - ries through the night.  
sing be - fore you, as harps and cym-bals swell the sound.  
Mid - night's peace their cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum-mons  
Forth he comes, her Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in  
Twelve great pearls, the cit - y's por - tals: through them we stream to  
clear-ly spo - ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!  
truth vic - to - rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.  
join the im-mor - tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride-groom is in  
 Now come, most worthy Lord, God's Son, in-car-nate  
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de-

sight. Al-le-lu-ia! Your lamps pre-prepare and has-ten there,  
 Word, Al-le-lu-ia! We fol-low all and heed your call  
 light: Al-le-lu-ia! There-fore we sing to greet our King;

that you the wed-ding feast may share."  
 to come in-to the ban-quet hall.  
 for ev-er let our prais-es ring.

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage.

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace.

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures: "The lord is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned." Psalm 34:18, 22) 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.

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 78:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

<sup>3</sup> things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

<sup>4</sup> We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

<sup>5</sup> He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;

<sup>6</sup> that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,

<sup>7</sup> so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

MATTHEW 25:1-13

**The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids**

25 “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids<sup>[a]</sup> took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup> but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup> Then all those bridesmaids<sup>[c]</sup> got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup> But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup> And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> Later the other bridesmaids<sup>[d]</sup> came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup> But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup> Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.<sup>[e]</sup>

## SERMON

*THE PARABLE OF THE WISE AND FOOLISH GIRLS*

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.**

## LITANY OF THANKS

For the grace upon grace which is this community of faith – sanctuary and sermon,  
 music and mission, practices of hospitality, of learning, of discernment.

**We give you thanks.**

For grace we each bring to add to others' graces – our personal hopes and skills, the time we can share, the experiences from which we offer tenderness, our willingness to take responsibility or expose vulnerability.

**We give you thanks.**

For unexpected grace that sustains us in hard times –  
 diagnosis, discouragement, downturn or despair.

**We give you thanks.**

For grace in the spaces – all those possibilities of next year, the new ways we will reach out,  
 the transitions completed and the transitions begun.

**We give you thanks.**

For the grace of prayer, the grace of scripture, the grace of forgiveness, the grace of the resurrection promise, the grace of a single cup of cold water for a child, a stranger or a friend.

**We give you thanks.**

All these we have and do and will receive through Jesus Christ, who opens our hearts and hands so that grace may flow through us to all the world.

For so many blessings we give you thanks and praise. Amen.

ACT OF CONSECRATION

(Please bring forward your pledge cards.)

MUSIC DURING CONSECRATION

DEEP RIVER

ARR. JASCHA HEIFETZ

\* HYMN #350

KEEP YOUR LAMPS TRIMMED AND BURNING

"KEEP YOUR LAMPS"

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your  
2 It's our faith makes us hap - py; it's our  
3 We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are  
4 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery

lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your lamps  
faith makes us hap - py; it's our faith  
climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are climb - ing  
round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery round goes

trimmed and burn - ing, for the time is draw - ing nigh.  
makes us hap - py, for the time is draw - ing nigh.  
Ja - cob's lad - der, for the time is draw - ing nigh.  
high - er, high - er, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

*Refrain*

Sis - ters, don't grow wea - ry; broth - ers, don't grow wea - ry;  
chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

\* BENEDICTION

\* SUNG RESPONSE #306

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

"DENNIS"

(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

FINALE IN C MINOR

STANLEY E. SAXON

BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

\* 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  
Musician.....Wesley Mason, Violin  
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
Ushers.....Kristina Hall and Charlene Lelinski

### 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 and the magic of the Universe! From Marlee Ort and Larry Ulm! **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 October 25, 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	\$153,895.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$156,888.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (2,993.00)

**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 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

**MISSION**

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

**UNION RESCUE MISSION NEEDS:** The Union Rescue Mission is in need of hygiene items for men and women. They have a higher need for men's hygiene products. Please place your donations in the box in the lobby. **We will deliver these items to Union Rescue Mission next Sunday, November 15th.**

**General Items:** Bar Soap, Toothpaste (adults and kids), Toothbrushes (adults and kids), Dental Floss, Band Aides (adults and kids), Diapers, Adult Diapers, Shampoo (men, women, children, babies), Deodorant/Anti-perspirant, Bed Pillows (new only), Pillowcases (new only), Blankets (new only), Bath Towels (new only), Wash Cloths (new only), Nail clippers, Hand Sanitizer, Chap Stick, Q Tips, Mouthwash, Hand Lotion, Toilet Paper, Flushable Toilet Wipes

**Men:** Shaving Cream, Disposable razors, Hair Gel, Combs, Tweezers/grooming kits, Body Sprays, Body Lotions, Talc/Foot Powder

**Women:** Feminine products (including douches, etc.), Razors, Hairbrushes, Tweezers, Female Razors, Pedicure Devices (ped eggs, etc.), Hairspray, Shaving Cream, Hair Remover, Hair Conditioner, Body Sprays/lotions (Female scents), Facial Scrubs, Loofas, Make up Removers, Nail Polish Remover, Face Creams, Nail Files, Emory Boards

**Children:** Diaper Rash Cream, Baby Wipes, Bubble Bath, Plastic underpants, Baby Powder, Face washes/acne pads

**NO:** Makeup, Aspirin/OTC medicine, Ointments, Vitamins, Clothing/Shoes, Alcohol/Peroxide, Antacids