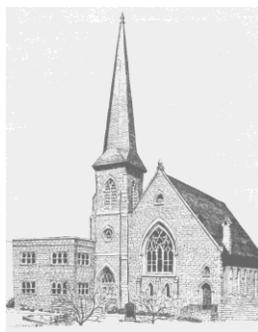


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JANUARY 24, 2021 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

PETITE PASTORALE
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

HENRY CAREY

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME , ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

* HYMN #24

GOD, WHO STRETCHED THE SPANGLED HEAVENS

"HOLY MANNA"

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored that pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.

In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Brothers and sisters, hear these words from the scriptures: "For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. (Psalm:5) 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

GENESIS 1: 6-13, 20-23

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that

bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

ANTHEM

HOW GREAT THOU ART
MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO

TRADITIONAL SWEDISH MELODY

NEW TESTAMENT READING

ROMANS 8: 35-39

³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,
“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”
³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SERMON

“THE EMERGENCE OF NATURE”

REV. DR. JAMES RM. YOUNG

* **HYMN #823**

SHALL TRIBULATION OR DISTRESS

ROMANS 8

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**

MOUNTAIN BROOK WITH RUSHING WATERS

“BLAENWERN”

* **BENEDICTION**

* **RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION #750**

GOODNESS IS STRONGER THAN EVIL

“GOODNESS IS STRONGER”

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

THE HEAVENS ARE TELLING FROM ‘THE CREATION’
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

FRANZ JOSEPH HAYDN

* 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.....Sharon Squires
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musician.....Mikayla Dodge, Soloist
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION of First Presbyterian church of Cumberland, Maryland is called by the Session for **next Sunday, January 31st**. **The meeting will take place via Zoom. Zoom instructions and details will be sent out via email with the Annual Report.**

The purposes of the meeting are:

- To hear the Annual Report of the Session
- To elect Auditors to the Auditing Committee for the Class of 2024
- To elect a new class of Ruling Elders
- To elect a 2021 Congregational Nominating Committee
- To receive the 2021 Budget
- To elect Officers of the Corporation
- To conduct any other business properly coming before the Congregation-Corporation

-By Order of the Session

ANNUAL REPORT: Hard copies of the annual report will be available for pick up in the church office on Monday from 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM and on Tuesday from 9:30 AM- 12:00 PM for those that wish to have a paper copy of the report. If you are unable to come during these times, please contact Brittany to make arrangements to get your copy of the report prior to the annual meeting next Sunday.

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

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 January 10, 2021
Total 2021 Pledges Promised	\$192,124.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 400.00
<u>2021 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$191,724.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$8,113.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$7,454.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 658.00

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

- ✠ Prayers and Sympathy to Kathy Wilhelm and family, on the death of Kathy's mother, Janet Warren, on Monday, January 18th.
- ✠ Bob Courtney
- ✠ Janet Hendershot
- ✠ George Smith (Linda Smith's father)

NOON PRAYER INVITATION: The Congregational Care & Outreach Committee invites you to join them in communal prayer, every day at Noon, Monday through Saturday, just for 5 minutes. It will give you a quiet mini retreat in the middle of a busy day, or a sense of a virtual community in case you are suffering from quarantine loneliness. You can pray anywhere, any prayer, any language, and know that someone from our Congregation is there with you in spirit.

The best way to be in sync is to put the Noon Prayer into the Alarm on your cell phone - at least that is how some of us do it. Thank you for joining us ! - and if you miss, do not worry, we will pray for you.

Christmas Fundraiser 2020

- ✠ To the Glory of God in honor of John and Eleanor Johnson by Carl and Jane Belt
- ✠ To the Glory of God in honor of the Worship & Music Committee by Sandra Burton
- ✠ To the Glory of God in honor of Bryan Lohr and Judie Brown by Deb and Gary Hendrickson
- ✠ To the Glory of God in honor of all first responders, all essential workers and all medical workers in all their levels of care giving
- ✠ To the Glory of God in memory of W. Edward Solomon and Eleanor Solomon by Elaine Solomon
- ✠ To the Glory of God in honor of Joe Arigemma and Eric Ringler for their excellence in providing the virtual Sunday Services by David and Mildred Stickler

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.

We have currently raised \$825.00 thanks to the generous donations from the members and friends listed above. Unfortunately, we are still in need of \$182.00 to fully pay for the projector and screen. Please consider making a donation to this project. Checks can be mailed to the Church Office and designated to the Sanctuary projector. We greatly appreciate your donations to make this project possible.