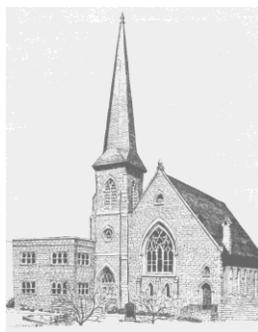


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FEBRUARY 14, 2021 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

TWO CHORALE PRELUDES ON 'DURCH ADAMS FALL IST GANZ VERDERBT'
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH
BWV 637 AND 705

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME , ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS

INTROIT

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

ARR. MARTY PARKS

* HYMN #846

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT

"DUKE STREET"

* 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 3: 1-7

The First Sin and Its Punishment

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'"² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the

trees in the garden; ³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die; ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God,^[a] knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

ANTHEM

JESUS CHRIST, THE APPLE TREE

BRYAN LOHR

MULTI-PART VOCALS RECORDED BY MATTHEW CURTIS, MARCH, 2016

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
Laden with fruit, and always green:
The trees of nature fruitless be
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell
The glory which I now can see
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,
And pleasure dearly I have bought:
I missed of all; but now I see
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,
Here I will sit and rest awhile:
Under the shadow I will be
of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,
It keeps my dying faith alive;
Which makes my soul in haste to be
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

JAMES 1: 12-18

¹² Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord^[a] has promised to those who love him. ¹³ No one, when tempted, should say, “I am being tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But one is tempted by one’s own desire, being lured and enticed by it; ¹⁵ then, when that desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and that sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death. ¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved.^[b]

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.^[c] ¹⁸ In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

SERMON

“WHAT HAPPENED?”

REV. DR. JAMES RM. YOUNG

* **HYMN #370**

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

“TERRA BEATA”

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 #226

THERE IN GOD'S GARDEN

"SHADES MOUNTAIN"

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION #750

GOODNESS IS STRONGER THAN EVIL

"GOODNESS IS STRONGER"

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

MONTAGUES AND CAPULETS: DANCE OF THE KNIGHTS
FROM 'ROMEO AND JULIET'
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

SERGEI PROKOFIEV
OPUS 64

* 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
Musicians.....Nancy Hodges, Piano and Multi-part vocals recorded by Matthew Curtis, March, 2016
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringle

Music Notes

This morning's preludes are two settings of the rather crestfallen German hymn "*Through Adam's Fall, Human Nature and Character Are Completely Corrupted.*" The first setting comes from Bach's *Orgelbüchlein* (Little Organ Book.) In it, "*the fall*" is represented musically by a strange and awkward descending interval played in the organ pedals. The much more conservative second setting is from a posthumous collection of chorales copied by Bach's student, Johann Phillip Kirnberger.

In honor of Valentine's Day, today's postlude comes from Sergei Prokofiev's 1935 ballet, *Romeo and Juliet*. Full of colorful sonic depictions and boundless energy, the ballet almost failed to survive to a first performance, as Prokofiev's original ending allowed the star-cross'd lovers to not only *not* die, but live happily ever after, something the Soviet cultural censors hated. Fortunately for Shakespeare, Prokofiev eventually changed his mind.

SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REV. DR. JAMES R.M. YOUNG, MODERATOR OF THE SESSION
DAVID STICKLER, 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

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 31, 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	\$13,276.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$18,810.00
Over/(Under)	\$(5,534.00)

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

† Janet Hendershot

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.