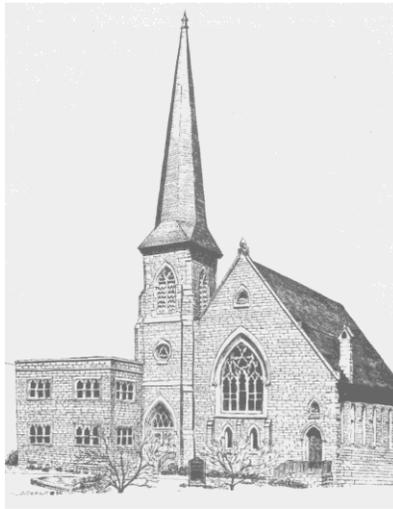


# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JUNE 27, 2021

10:00 AM



## OPENING VOLUNTARY

NIMROD FROM 'ENIGMA VARIATIONS'  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

EDWARD ELGAR

JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING  
NANCY HODGES, PIANO AND BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

J. S. BACH

MÉDITATION  
WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN AND BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

ALEXANDRE GLAZOUNOV

10:00 AM

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTROIT

SING AND SHOUT PRAISES  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR  
Sing and shout praises!  
Give God honor and thankfulness; pray!  
Alleluia!  
Alleluia, amen!  
Hosanna, Lord!  
Praise the Lord! Give glory to his name!  
All our sins are washed away, so sing, "Amen!"

ERIC STOVER

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF THE DAY

-FROM PSALM 16

The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup.  
I bless the Lord who gives me counsel.  
I keep the Lord before me always.  
Because the Lord is at my right hand I shall not be moved.  
Therefore, my heart is glad and my soul rejoices  
For the Lord shows me the path that leads to life.  
In the presence of God is the fullness of joy.  
In the right hand of the Lord are pleasures evermore.

Let us pray:

We gather to worship you, O God, for you have clothed us with joy and filled us with hope. You surround us with a love that is stronger than any pain, doubt, or loss. Grant that this day we may experience your presence and discover the way to which we are being called by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## \* HYMN #15

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

"LASST UNS ERFREUEN"

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and loving God, we confess we are not the people you intend us to be. We imagine ourselves to be faithful but rarely speak of our faith. We believe we are committed to Christ's way but live no differently than the uncommitted. We see ourselves as loving but deny those who do not meet our expectations. We fancy ourselves as supporters of Christ's mission to the world but struggle to live as Christ's followers in the places where God has put us. Have mercy upon us and forgive us, O God. Restore us to wholeness so that we may follow Christ fully and tell how much the Lord has done for us. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \* 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 TIME FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

GERMAN DANCE IN F MAJOR  
WILD RIDER  
WIL TURNER, PIANO

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN  
ROBERT SCHUMAN

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

EXODUS 3:1-12

3 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup>So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." <sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

#### ANTHEM

HARK, I HEAR THE HARPS ETERNAL  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

ALICE PARKER

Hark! I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,  
as I near those swollen waters, with their deep and solemn roar.

*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lamb!*  
*Hallelujah, hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.*

And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,  
passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away.

Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;  
And I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.

**SECOND READING**

MARK 5:1-20

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>2</sup> And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man out of the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. <sup>3</sup> He lived among the tombs; and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain; <sup>4</sup> for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces; and no one had the strength to subdue him. <sup>5</sup> Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. <sup>6</sup> When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him; <sup>7</sup> and he shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." <sup>8</sup> For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" <sup>9</sup> Then Jesus<sup>[b]</sup> asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion; for we are many." <sup>10</sup> He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. <sup>11</sup> Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding; <sup>12</sup> and the unclean spirits<sup>[c]</sup> begged him, "Send us into the swine; let us enter them." <sup>13</sup> So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea, and were drowned in the sea.

<sup>14</sup> The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. <sup>15</sup> They came to Jesus and saw the demoniac sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion; and they were afraid. <sup>16</sup> Those who had seen what had happened to the demoniac and to the swine reported it. <sup>17</sup> Then they began to beg Jesus<sup>[d]</sup> to leave their neighborhood. <sup>18</sup> As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. <sup>19</sup> But Jesus<sup>[e]</sup> refused, and said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you." <sup>20</sup> And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed.

**SERMON**

"SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO?"

REV. DR. WALT PETERS

**\* HYMN #342**

JUDGE ETERNAL, THRONED IN SPLENDOR

"RHUDDLAN"

**INVITATION TO OFFERING***(We are now passing the offering plates.**Please place all tithes and offerings as well as any orange prayer request cards in the offering plate.)***MUSICAL OFFERING**

DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER

HAROLD FRIEDEL

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Draw us in the spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,  
Two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them:  
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the father, break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of thee,  
That by caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.  
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

**\* DOXOLOGY #606**

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

"OLD HUNDRETH"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**  
**Praise God, all creatures here below;**  
**Praise God above, you heavenly hosts,**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**A TIME OF RECOGNITION AND THANKS FOR THE MINISTRY OF BRYAN LOHR****SPECIAL MUSIC**

SINFONIA FROM CANTATA 106

J. S. BACH

WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN; BRENDA LUGER, FLUTE; BRYAN LOHR, PIANO

ARR. BRYAN LOHR

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING 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 #354

MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE GLORY

"BATTLE HYMN"

\* BENEDICTION

\* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION #306

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

"DENNIS"

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

POSTLUDE

FINALE FROM 'SYMPHONIE NO. 6'  
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

CHARLES MARIE WIDOR

\* 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. Walt Peters  
Liturgist.....Charlene Lelinski  
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr  
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir; Nancy Hodges, Piano; Brenda Luger, Flute; Wesley Mason, Violin; Wil Turner, Piano  
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
Ushers..... Bob Courtney, Julie Courtney and Judy Stern

### Worship Notes

Today we welcome back our guest preacher, the Rev. Walt Peters, to the pulpit. He served congregations in Macon, GA; Tampa, FL, and Augusta, GA, before coming to First Presbyterian in Westminster in 1999, being honorably retired by Baltimore Presbytery in October of 2013. In retirement he is an active participant in the Wild Wild West Ministry Group. He and his wife Rebecca reside in Hagerstown. They have three grown children and two grandchildren.

### 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

**WELCOME:** A very warm welcome to everyone who comes to worship with us here at First Presbyterian Church! We are proud of being a "Big Tent Church" where everyone is welcome to join us in worshiping and serving our Lord, Jesus Christ. We welcome and encourage participants from all sexes including the LGBTQ+ community, all political parties, all races, and all walks of life. We welcome you to worship with us.

**WELCOME VISITORS:** We are glad you found your way to First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn and serve with us, we encourage you to visit the table outside the church office. You can also learn more about us at [www.fpc-cumberland.org](http://www.fpc-cumberland.org) and [www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland](https://www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland).

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP:** We welcome you to bring your child with you to worship. We have "worship bags" in the back of the sanctuary that include materials for drawing and coloring, as well as Bible stories and Bible word-find games. Our "Young Children in Worship" pew card contains information about why young children should be encouraged to come to worship and how parents and others can engage them more fully in worship.

**THE PRAY-GROUND** is a special space in the sanctuary for our youngest children and their families. All families are welcome to come and sit in the right front pews with their children seated on the rug. This front row seat will allow God's youngest children to participate in the service in a place where they can see and hear best. There will be activities provided so that their little hands are kept busy while participating in worship. "Jesus said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'" (Mark 10:14-15).

**PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES:** (amplifiers) are available in the back of the church for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Benjamin Berry, on his birthday (June 29), by his family; and in appreciation of the blessing of her grandson, James Burkett, on his third birthday, by Linda Mellon. **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.**

**SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS:** Please use orange prayer request cards in the back of the sanctuary by the bulletins to share any joys and concerns. Place the card in the offering plate once you have completed your request. The ushers will bring them to the pastor during the offering.

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: GARY HENDRICKSON & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of June 13, 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	\$95,574.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$90,288.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 5,286.00

**FAITH FORMATION**  
**RULING ELDER: JOSH GILHART & KATIE ROSS**

**JOIN US FOR OUR CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE GOD KIND CHURCH RETREAT:** Mark **July 24<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar and join us for a daytime retreat with storyteller, Katie Ross. Katie will present Joseph, the unsung hero of Jesus' life, then assume the role of the Virgin Mary to recount what it was like to be the mother of God's child as Jesus was growing up. Creating dramatizations based on scripture and biblical research, Katie uses her imagination and storytelling skills to bring the Biblical stories to life.

Joseph and Mary both encountered God's messengers, preparing them for an opportunity to truly have a close encounter with God through His son - and their son - Jesus.

Mary and Joseph said YES to God. Are we willing to do the same? Through discussion, fellowship, fun, artistic expression, movement, music and silence we can learn together and experience close encounters with God.

**Saturday, July 24**, will find us at the church from **10:00 AM to 3:00 PM with a social time starting at 9:45 AM**. You are welcome to invite a friend or family member to come with you. Lunch provided by the Faith Formation Team will come from Orchid Owl Catering. **Your RSVP is needed by WED. JULY 14, 2021**

*Use the tear-off below to confirm your attendance and your lunch preference.*

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**PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN BY JULY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

**Lunch will be provided and include choice of sandwich on a fresh bakery roll,  
potato chips, fresh fruit, celery & carrot sticks and a dessert.**

**Choice of Sandwich (1 per person):**

Turkey.....\_\_\_\_\_

Ham and Cheese.....\_\_\_\_\_

Italian Club.....\_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Salad.....\_\_\_\_\_

Cream Cheese & Veg. \_\_\_\_\_