

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 6, 2021

10:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

PRELUDE IN A CLASSIC STYLE
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

GORDON YOUNG

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF THE DAY

-FROM PSALM 57

Come! Assemble with songs on your lips and expectations in your hearts!

Be exalted, O God. Let your glory shine over all the earth.

Give thanks to God among the peoples, praise God among the nations!

For the steadfast love of the Lord is as high as the heavens;

And God's faithfulness extends to the clouds.

I will sing and make melody in the morning. I will give thanks and praise to our God.

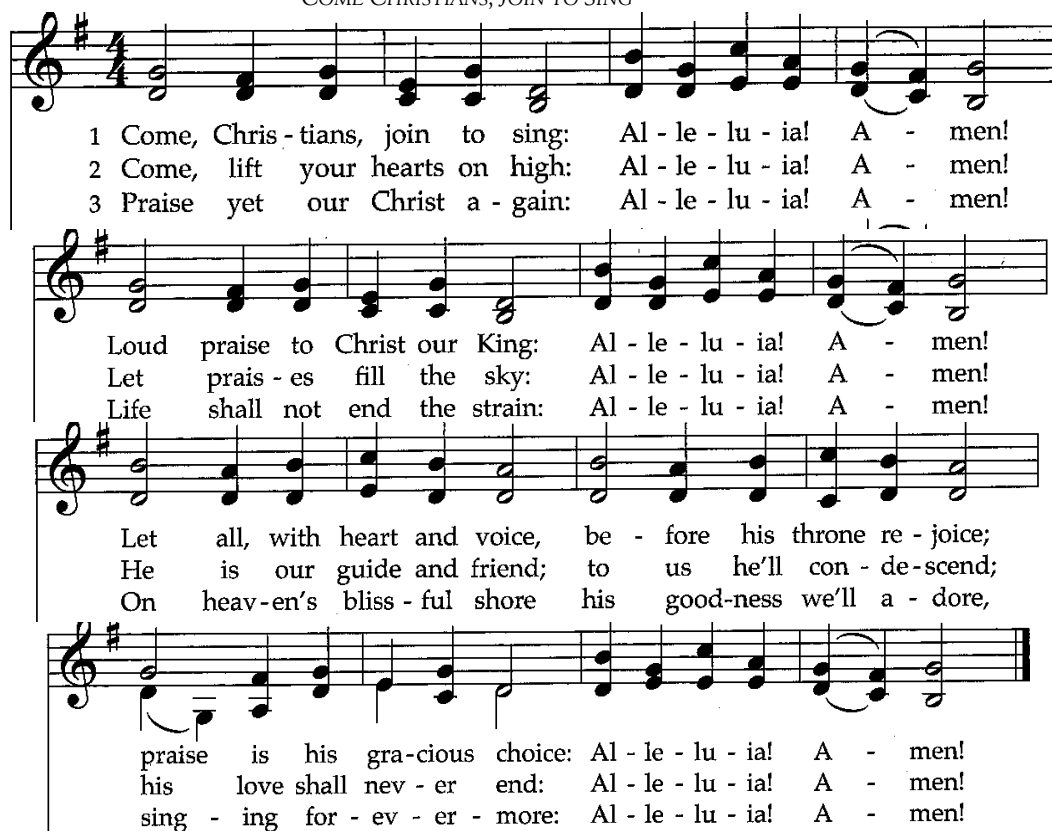
Let us pray:

God of love and joy, we have come to worship in the hope and expectation of experiencing your presence. So make us attentive to your word and give us a clear understanding of your will. Draw us together and renew us as your people, that we may discover anew the unity we share in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN #267

COME CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

"MADRID"



1 Come, Chris-tians, join to sing: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
3 Praise yet our Christ a-gain: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Loud praise to Christ our King: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
Let prais-es fill the sky: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
Life shall not end the strain: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be-fore his throne re-joice;
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con-de-scend;
On heav-en's bliss-ful shore his good-ness we'll a-dore,

praise is his gra-cious choice: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
his love shall nev-er end: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!
sing-ing for-ev-er-more: Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Be merciful to us, O God, for we have wandered from you to pursue the gods of this world. We are more concerned with position and success than with service and faithfulness. Torn apart by inconsistencies and contradictions, we easily lose heart, as though we have no one to rely upon but ourselves. Too often, we blame you for difficulties we bring upon ourselves and challenge your design for living when we have not really tried it. Forgive us, O God, and help us to recover the promise of life that you have given us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* HUMMED 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

FIRST READING

I SAMUEL 16:14-23

¹⁴Now the spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him. ¹⁵And Saul's servants said to him, "See now, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you." ¹⁶Let our lord now command the servants who attend you to look for someone who is skillful in playing the lyre; and when the evil spirit from God is upon you, he will play it, and you will feel better." ¹⁷So Saul said to his servants, "Provide for me someone who can play well, and bring him to me." ¹⁸One of the young men answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is skillful in playing, a man of valor, a warrior, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence; and the LORD is with him." ¹⁹So Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David who is with the sheep." ²⁰Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine, and a kid, and sent them by his son David to Saul. ²¹And David came to Saul, and entered his service. Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armor-bearer. ²²Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David remain in my service, for he has found favor in my sight." ²³And whenever the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand, and Saul would be relieved and feel better, and the evil spirit would depart from him.

ANTHEM

YET NOT I
SUNG BY CHURCH FOLK

FARREN, ROBINSON, AND THOMSON

SECOND READING

MARK 3:20-35

²⁰the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— ³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters^[a] are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
We of - fer a home to those who will come,
To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE

ERIC RINGLER

MISSION IN A MINUTE

PEB

GEORGENE MCKENZIE

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

THERE IS A SPIRIT THAT DELIGHTS TO DO NO EVIL
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

NED ROREM

* DOXOLOGY #606

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

"OLD HUNDREDTH"

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal and triune God. You spoke the world into being; your Word became flesh in Jesus Christ; by your Spirit you made us your people. When we were lost in sin, you found us, sending your prophets and even your own Son. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Born of Mary, he came to dwell among us, full of grace and truth. He forgave our failures, healed our hurts, and gave himself in utter sacrifice for those he loved. After three days you raised him from the dead, that we might never die. Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this cup and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising. With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to your service. Thus we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.
Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup, that in breaking this bread and sharing this cup we may our eyes may be opened to recognize Christ's presence in our lives and in our

world. By your Spirit make us one with Him that we may also be one with all those who share this feast. Keep us faithful and unite us in ministry and service until Christ comes in final victory when, with all your saints we will feast in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER SUPPER

* HYMN #700

I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME

"I'M GONNA LIVE"

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -
 where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -
 where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

* BENEDICTION

* **RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION #288**

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

“LIVING GOD”

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

POSTLUDE

ALLEGRO VIVACE FROM SYMPHONY NO. 1
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

WILLIAM BOYCE

* 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.....Hans Killius
Director of Music Ministries.....Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....Church Folk
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Bob and Sharon Kazary

Worship & Music 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.

This morning’s anthem is one of three worship songs recorded by the western Maryland group *Church Folk* to be used especially for worship at First Presbyterian Church. Thank you to Aaron Hendrickson for helping to facilitate this collaboration!

BLESSING OF REEMERGENCE: Join us next Sunday, June 13th at Rocky Gap State Park in the White Pines Pavilion at 10:00 AM as we emerge from the cocoon of the pandemic for a day of worship, fellowship and a time to consider how the year and a half has affected our lives. Please pack a lunch and bring a lawn chair if you would like. Drinks and snacks will be provided!

FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR BRYAN LOHR: Join us on Sunday, June 27th as we say goodbye and honor our Director of Music Ministries, Bryan Lohr on his final Sunday at FPC. There will be a luncheon/reception following worship at 11:00 AM in the Gathering Place. We realize that mask restrictions have been lifted, but those of us serving food for the gathering will be diligent about appropriate safety precautions when serving food. Please RSVP to Brittany in the church office by Sunday, June 20, so that we know how many to plan for.

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 worshipping 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 and 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 Eugene D. and Bernice L. Munro, by their family and in honor and celebration of Bill and Alleine Courtney's 72nd anniversary on June 4th. **There are currently flower openings on June 13th. 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 May 23, 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	\$79,816.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$79,002.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 814.00

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDER: JOSH GILHART & KATIE ROSS

FAITH FORMATION SAVE-~~THE-DATES:~~

Next Sunday, June 13th: Worship & Milestone of Remembrance at Rocky Gap State Park

Monday, June 14th- Friday, June 25th: Virtual Community Vacation Bible School (Registration forms can be found on the FPC website.)

Saturday, July 24th: Church Retreat, "Close Encounters of the God-kind"

*More details to come from the Faith Formation Team

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & JUDY STERN

The Missions Committee is actively seeking congregation members to serve on our committee. There is no administrative work to do, just bring your passion for helping others, ideas of how we can serve our nation, world, and community, and your time, on the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 in the Gathering Place. Please join us! For questions and/or interest please contact Aaron Hendrickson, Judy Stern, Georgene McKenzie, Linda Smith, Robin Bissell, or Rolfe Singerman, or just simply show up for any of our meetings. We hope to see you there!