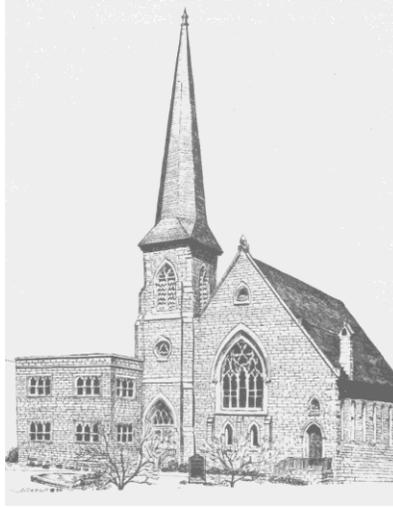


SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
JULY 11, 2021 10:00 AM



OPENING VOLUNTARY

BENEDICTUS FROM "THE ARMED MAN"
(BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD)
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

KARL JENKINS (1944 -)

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord.

And grant us your salvation.

Surely the salvation of the Lord is at hand: love and faithfulness shall meet;

And righteousness and peace shall greet each other.

For the Lord will give what is good.

And righteousness will make a pathway for his steps.

Let us pray...

Lead us, O God, so that in all ways we may become your sons and daughters. Assure us by your promises and lift us up with your strength. Meet us in the midst of our earthly concerns and point us toward the eternal things that have been made manifest through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN #35

PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

"LOBE DEN HERREN"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, we identify ourselves as your people and yet we have wandered far from your ways. Disregarding your laws, we view others as worth less than ourselves in your sight, ignoring your purposes for both the Church and the world. We do not live as you intend but instead follow our own desires. Forgive us, we pray. Renew within us our sense of call and commitment so that in all we say and do we may live out your will and share the good news of the Gospel, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ^[a] before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance,^[b] having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this^[c] is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

ANTHEM

BLESSED ASSURANCE
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

ARR. LARRY SHACKLEY

SECOND READING

II SAMUEL 6:12-22

¹² It was told King David, “The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.” So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; ¹³ and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. ¹⁴ David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁵ So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

¹⁶ As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

¹⁷ They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. ¹⁸ When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, ¹⁹ and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat,^[a] and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

²⁰ David returned to bless his household. But Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, “How the king of Israel honored himself today, uncovering himself today before the eyes of his servants’ maids, as any vulgar fellow might shamelessly uncover himself!” ²¹ David said to Michal, “It was before the LORD, who chose me in place of your father and all his household, to appoint me as prince over Israel, the people of the LORD, that I have danced before the LORD. ²² I will make myself yet more contemptible than this, and I will be abased in my own eyes; but by the maids of whom you have spoken, by them I shall be held in honor.”

SERMON

“DANCE LIKE NOBODY’S WATCHING”

REV. DR. WALT PETERS

* HYMN #157

I DANCED IN THE MORNING

“LORD OF THE DANCE”

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

HALLELUJAH
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

LEONARD COHEN (1934 -)

* DOXOLOGY #609

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

"LASST UNS ERFREUEN"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING 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 #744

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME!

"FESTAL SONG"

* 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

TOCCATA IN E MINOR
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

JOHANN PACHELBEL (1653-1706)

* 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.....Sharon Kazary
Organist.....Judith Brown
Musician.....Nancy Hodges, Piano
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Brenda and Betty Luger

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 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).

FRIENDSHIP PADS: Please locate and sign the red pad in your pew, tear off the sheet and place it in the collection plate during the offering. This important practice allows us to be mindful of new folks and long-time members as well, and is a good way to learn (or remember) the names of those with whom you are seated. **If you are visitor, please fill out the "Welcome to First Presbyterian Church" card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate when it comes by during the service.**

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 Franz Lettner, Ralph and Ellen Brand, Dorothy Ross, Robert Ross, Louise Ross and Olive Wilson by Otto and Katie Ross. 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 27, 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	\$98,629.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$97,812.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 817.00

FAITH FORMATION
RULING ELDER: JOSH GILHART & KATIE ROSS

JOIN US FOR OUR CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE GOD KIND CHURCH RETREAT: Mark **July 24th** 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.

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN BY JULY 14TH

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. _____

MISSION

RULING ELDER: AARON HENDRICKSON & JUDY STERN

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS FROM PAKISTAN: In June, usually the average temperature is 110 degrees Fahrenheit. The schools are always closed in this month, but due to Covid-19 once the rate of positive cases all over the country had gone down to 3, all the educational institutions have re-opened in the first week of June.

By the grace of God, all our schools have also opened. All the children are very happy to be back in their schools, to study from their teachers in the conducive environment of their schools, along with their classmates. Although the temperature is very high, still children very willingly come to school, which is very encouraging to see.

PEB team have made several visits to different schools. It was a joy to see bright, happy, radiant children smiling. Covid-19 protocols are still followed, by checking the body temperature, but masks are not compulsory.

Thank you indeed for your love and support. May God Bless you all.

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