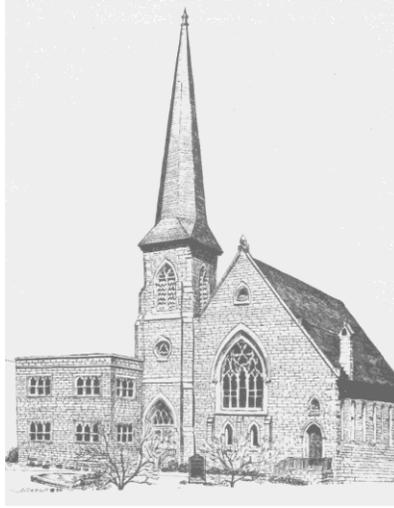


SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
JULY 18, 2021 10:00 AM



OPENING VOLUNTARY

LAUDATE DOMINUM (PRAISE YE THE LORD) FROM "SOLEMN VESPERS"
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

W.A. MOZART (1756-1791)

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED
MIKAYLA DODGE, SOLOIST & ZACH DODGE, GUITAR

ISAAC WATTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ.
So then we are no longer strangers and sojourners,
but citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.
Let us worship God.

* HYMN #33

PRAISE THE LORD! GOD'S GLORIES SHOW

"LLANFAIR"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, sustained by your mercy we can be bold and confess our sin. We turn from strangers and deny hospitality. We judge others all too easily. Our hasty words cause conflict and tension. We are disturbers of your peace. As you sent Christ to reconcile your people, forgive the failings of our unredeemed humanity and show us once again the image of your Son, who loved his enemies and taught us to do the same. 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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

EPHESIANS 2:11-22

¹¹So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth,^[a] called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body^[b] through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.^[c] ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.^[d] ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually^[e] into a dwelling place for God.

ANTHEM

DOWN TO THE RIVER TO PRAY
ZACH & MIKAYLA DODGE

-TRADITIONAL

SERMON

“WALLS TO BRIDGES”

REV. REBECCA VARDIMAN

* HYMN #774

THERE IS NOW A NEW CREATION

“STUTT GART”

MISSION IN A MINUTE: WESTERN MARYLAND FOOD BAND

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

HORNPIPE
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

SAMUEL WESLEY (1766-1837)

* 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 #317

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

“MCKEE”

* BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE

PRELUDE IN G MINOR
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE (1637-1707)

* 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.Rebecca Vardiman
Liturgist.....Josh Gilhart
Organist.....Judith Brown
Musicians.....Zach and Mikayla Dodge
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Kathy and Jeff Getty

Worship & Music Notes

Today we welcome back our guest preacher, Rev. Rebecca Vardiman, to the pulpit. She is a native Texan where she taught piano. She attended Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. In 1993 Rev. Vardiman moved to Allegany county, serving Ellerslie, Frostburg, Centenary, and Zion United Methodist Churches. She was also a staff chaplain at the former Western Maryland Health System. Rev. Vardiman retired in 2017, becoming an Earthkeeper in the UMC, focusing on creation care and education about the environment. She is also helping to form a Braver Angels chapter in Allegany County. She is married to Nelson Cleavenger.

Today’s Opening Voluntary is an Improvised Organ arrangement by Judith Brown unpublished from “Solemn Vespers” choral score published by Kalmus Classic Editions.

Today’s Offertory is taken from “Old English Organ Music” Book 2 published by Oxford University Press.

Today’s Postlude is taken from “Ausgewahlte Orgelwerke” published by C.F. Peters Corporation

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 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).

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: We have flower openings available July 25th, August 1st and August 8th. 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 July 11, 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	\$107,199.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$105,336.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 1,836.00