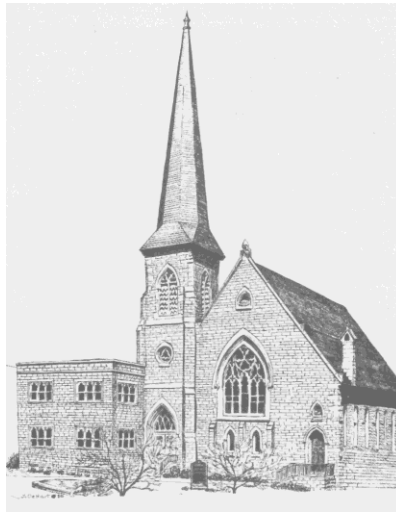


# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 25, 2021 10:00 AM



OPENING VOLUNTARY

ADAGIO IN G MINOR  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

TOMMASO ALBINONI (1671-1751)

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ—  
members of God's family, and brothers and sisters to one another.  
There are no outsiders here among us,  
no one has any special standing or bragging rights.  
For we have been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.  
Let's join together in worship!

**\* HYMN #12**

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE GOD ONLY WISE

"ST. DENIO"

CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Wisdom's Heart: deep within, we know how we have failed to be your people. Our hardened hearts are closed to the love of Christ; our lust for more and more blocks the fullness of your grace from transforming our lives; our trust in the powers of the world reveals our foolish nature. Have mercy, God of every generation. Pour out the rich blessing of forgiveness on our parched souls. Feed us with Heaven's Bread, so we might be nourished by your gentleness. Shape us as your people, and restore us to faithful living, as we seek to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in service to everyone we meet.

*(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

### ANTHEM

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS  
OTTO ROSS, ACCORDION

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE

EPHESIANS 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>15</sup>from whom every family<sup>[b]</sup> in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

### SERMON

"FOUR DIMENSIONS OF LOVE"

REV. REBECCA VARDIMAN

### \* HYMN #285

LIKE THE MURMUR OF THE DOVE'S SONG

"BRIDEGROOM"

### PNC UPDATE

### 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

PASTORALE  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

PHILIP HAYES (1738-1797)

### \* 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.

1. "Are ye a - ble," said the Mas - ter, "to be  
2. Are ye a - ble to re - mem - ber, when a  
3. Are ye a - ble when the shad - ows close a -  
4. Are ye a - ble? Still the Mas - ter whis - pers

cru - ci - fied with me?" "Yea," the sturd - y dream - ers  
thief lifts up his eyes, that his par - doned soul is  
round you with the sod, to be - lieve that spir - it  
down e - ter - ni - ty, and he - ro - ic spir - its

an - swered, "to the death we fol - low thee."  
wor - thy of a place in par - a - dise?  
tri - umphs, to com - mend your soul to God?  
an - swer, now as then in Gal - i - lee.

*Refrain*  
Lord, we are a - ble. Our spir - its are thine.  
Re - mold them, make us, like thee, di - vine.  
Thy guid - ing ra - diance a - bove us shall be  
a bea - con to God, to love, and loy - al - ty.

## \* 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

TRUMPET TUNE IN D  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

T. ALBINONI

\* 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.....Bob Kazary  
Organist.....Judith Brown  
Musician.....Otto Ross, Accordion  
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
Ushers.....Kathy Dowell and Renee Kiddy

### 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](http://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 a flower opening available on August 8<sup>th</sup>. 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**

<b>ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:</b>	<b>as of July 18, 2021</b>
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	\$113,074.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$109,098.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 3,976.00