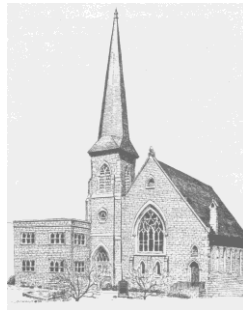


SERVICE OF FOR THE LORD'S DAY

AUGUST 29, 2021 10:00 AM



OPENING VOLUNTARY

PRIERE (PRAYER FROM "SUITE GOTHIQUE")
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

L. BOELLMANN (1862-1897)

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

"PRAISE THE LORD WHO REIGNS ABOVE"
BRENDA LUGER AND SANDY MITCHELL, FLUTE; JULIES COURTNEY, NARRATOR

CHARLES WESLEY, 1743

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

For God alone my soul waits in silence;
It is from God that salvation comes.
Our God is our rock and salvation;
The Lord is our fortress; we will never be shaken.
Trust in the Lord at all times, O people;
We pour out our hearts before our God.
For we know that power belongs to God;
And your steadfast love is offered to all.

Let us pray...

Gracious God, you have been good to us and we enjoy gifts beyond our imagining. Meet with us as we worship so that we may come to greater understanding of how we are to use all with which we have been entrusted, and how we are to live as disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** HYMN #620**

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

"LAUDA ANIMA"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess that all is not well with us. We are easily angered and slow to forgive. We speak without listening, using our words as weapons rather than as tools to stimulate peace and healing. We find it easy to criticize others, and even easier to excuse our own failures to live up to your purposes. Though we are quick to deny any evil intent in these things, our actions speak louder than our words. Forgive us, O God, and help us, for we cannot help ourselves. Turn us around so that we can accept the forgiveness you offer and follow the way of life to which you call us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(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

ISAIAH 29: 13-16

¹³The Lord said: Because these people draw near with their mouths and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their worship of me is a human commandment learned by rote;

¹⁴so I will again do amazing things with this people, shocking and amazing. The wisdom of their wise shall perish, and the discernment of the discerning shall be hidden.

¹⁵Ha! You who hide a plan too deep for the LORD, whose deeds are in the dark and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" ¹⁶You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay? Shall the thing made say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of the one who formed it, "He has no understanding"?

ANTHEM

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN/LORD OF THE DANCE

HYMNS 136/157

BRENDA LUGER AND SANDY MITCHELL, FLUTE; CHRIS KELLERMEYER, ALTO SAX;
CAROLYN MATHEWS, BOB KAZARY AND OTTO ROSS, GUITAR; SUSAN MILLS, CELLO;
ZACH DODGE, BASS GUITAR; NANCY HODGES AND ERIC RINGLER, XYLOPHONE;
SAMUEL KELLERMEYER, MIKAYLA DODGE AND JOSH GILHART, PERCUSSION; JULIE COURTNEY, DIRECTOR

SECOND READING

MARK 7:1-23

⁷ Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, ^[a] thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; ^[b] and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles. ^[c]) ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live ^[d] according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶ He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;

⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

⁹ Then he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! ¹⁰ For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.' ¹¹ But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, 'Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban' (that is, an offering to God ^[e])— ¹² then you no longer permit doing anything for a father or mother, ¹³ thus making void the word of God through your tradition that you have handed on. And you do many things like this."

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." ^[f]

¹⁷ When he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸ He said to them, "Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, ¹⁹ since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰ And he said, "It is what comes out of a person that defiles. ²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

SERMON

"FIDDLING ON THE ROOF"

REV. DR. WALT PETERS

* HYMN #286

BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

"TRENTHAM"

MISSION IN A MINUTE

THE UNION RESCUE MISSION

AARON MOHLER

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

ANDANTE IN C
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

ANONYMOUS ENGLISH VOLUNTARY

* 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 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 #366

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

"HYFRYDOL"

* 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

IMPROVISATION ON "HYFRYDOL"
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

"ROWLAND HUGH PRICHARD"

* 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.....Carolyn Mathews
Organist.....Judith Brown
Musicians.....Brenda Luger and Sandy Mitchell, Flute; Chris Kellermeyer, Alto Sax
.....Carolyn Mathews, Bob Kazary and Otto Ross, Guitar; Susan Mills, Cello; Zach Dodge, Bass Guitar
.....Nancy Hodges and Eric Ringler, Xylophone; Samuel Kellermeyer, Mikayla Dodge and Josh Gilhart, Percussion
Narrator/Director.....Julie Courtney
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Sharon Squires and John Mullan

WORSHIP NOTES

SUMMER GARDEN HARVEST: Today our congregation is celebrating our Summer Garden Harvest. The sanctuary is decorated with our own fruits, vegetables, and flowers. Following the service, depending on the volume of vegetables and flowers, we could donate our produce to the Union Rescue Mission, the Food Bank, or our shut-ins.

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

SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CLERK OF SESSION

David Stickler

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Cindy Corley & Gary Hendrickson

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Bob Courtney & Evan Swanger

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

Jan Layman & Mikayla Dodge

FAITH FORMATION

Josh Gilhart & Katie Ross

MISSION

Aaron Hendrickson & Judy Stern

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Sharon Kazary & Carl Belt

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 worshipers of all races, all women, men, and members of the LGBTQ+ community, all political parties, 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: And God, who supplies seed for the sower and bread to eat, will also supply you with all the seed you need and will make it grow and produce a rich harvest from your generosity. He will always make you rich enough to be generous at all times, so that many will thank God for your gifts which they receive from us. For this service you perform not only meets the needs of God’s people, but also produces an outpouring of grateful thanks to God. **2 Corinthians 9:10-12.** 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 August 15, 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	\$126,581.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$124,146.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 2,435.00

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: Planning for this year’s stewardship campaign has been delayed with the hope of including our new pastor in the planning process.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: JAN LAYMAN & MIKAYLA DODGE

✠ Sympathy and prayers to Gerogene McKenzie and family on the death of Georgene’s sister, Arbutus Barr.

THANK YOU CELEBRATION FOR REV. WALT PETERS: Next Sunday, September 5th we take time to honor the Reverend Walt Peters for his constant dedication, care and love for all of us! We thank and praise God for Walt's continued care of our congregation and we pray God will continue to bless him. Following worship service, we will meet in the Gathering Room to visit with Walt and share light refreshments celebrating him! Prior to the service, there will be a basket in the back of the church where you may place a card or note with best wishes, thanks and all that is good for Walt which will be presented to him in the Gathering Room.

So, please remember to bring a card for Walt, place it in the basket in the back of the church and join us on Sunday, September 5th while we honor our beloved Walt!

FALL KICK OFF WORSHIP & PICNIC: Please join us on September 12th at 11:00 AM at Rocky Gap to kick off our Fall Worship Services followed by the Fall Kick Off Picnic! Worship will be at the White Pine Pavilion. A reminder to bring a chair with back support if need be, as there are benches at the pavilion.

Everyone will be asked to bring their own lunch due to the unpredictable nature of Covid-19. The Congregational Care & Outreach Committee will provide individual bags of chips, individually wrapped Debbie cakes, and canned/bottled drinks.

The Dodges will perform and there will be Giant Bowling, Corn hole and Hula Hoops for kids and kids at heart! We hope to see you there!

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOSH GILHART & KATIE ROSS

DURING OUR FALL KICK-OFF ON SEPTEMBER 12TH, we will be holding a "Blessing of the Backpacks." This blessing is for all those students, teachers, parents, and anyone resuming their hectic schedules this fall. We look forward to seeing you there!



In conjunction with this blessing, we have reached out to the Mission committee to discuss opportunities in the community to help students. The Cumberland YMCA is organizing a new program, **At Risk After School**, which offers an afterschool meal for children who qualify for reduced lunches in the Allegany County School System. Currently, 30 to 35 children participate in this program and meals are offered five days a week.

The Faith Formation Committee would like to encourage you to give towards this good cause to help feed the children of our community. Donations may be placed in the offering plate in an envelope marked "At Risk After School" or mailed into the church. **Please make any checks out to First Presbyterian Church Cumberland, MD with a note of: At Risk After School YMCA.**

1 John 3:18 says "Dear Children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." We hope you will take the time to give to this worthy cause today.

APOSTLES' CREED STUDY: Beginning on **Thursday, September 30th at 6:00 PM** and continuing each Thursday Evening through November 4th, join us as we explore the Apostle's Creed.

This study introduces the creed by discussing the meaning of its phrases. To recognize what the phrases mean and ways they have been understood in our Reformed theological tradition is to move more deeply into our faith. The creed's meanings can strengthen our understanding, deepen our devotion, and give a vision for Christian living and action in the church and the world.

Currently, we intend to offer this class in person and virtually through ZOOM for those who wish to join from home. However, we will continue monitoring the spread of the Delta variant and may switch to an entirely virtual class if necessary.

Please respond to Brittany Jackson to sign up for this class. Participant guides will be distributed at least one week before the start date.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & JUDY STERN

FRIENDS OF PEB PRAYERS AND PRAISES:

- Rizwana Kashif from Sangla Hill - for the progress and prosperity of PEB schools, academic strength and finances.
- Rizwana Kashif from Sangla Hill - For the spiritual growth of the students, teachers and staff of boarding house and school.
- Farhana from Marinpur - For increase in enrollment of school.\
- Sania Amir from Martinpur - For the smooth operations of school and Hope Center (boarding house)
- For all PEB students of 9th and 10th class who are giving their annual examination.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: SHARON KAZARY & BUCK BELT

COVID-19 UPDATE: Based on our communication with medical professionals, the Session and the W&M chairs are recommending that we continue to worship in person, but that we encourage mask use indoors again to decrease risk of inadvertent spread of the virus. While quiet singing or humming **while masked** should not present a big risk, we should continue to refrain from holding hands after the benediction.