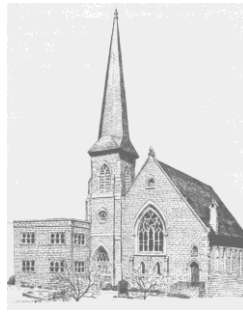


# SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

AUGUST 8, 2021

10:00 AM



OPENING VOLUNTARY

*THE LONE, WILD BIRD*  
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

ARR BY GIAMANCO

10:00 AM

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*SPIRIT SONG*  
SINGERS AND NANCY HODGES, PIANO

WIMBER

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

All your works will praise you, O Lord, and all the faithful bless you.

**We speak of your glory and tell of your power.**

For your kingdom is everlasting; your dominion endures forever.

**You are faithful in all your deeds.**

You uphold those who are falling; you raise up those who are bowed down.

**You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

The Lord watches over all who love him and is near to all who call on him.

**Let us worship the Lord; let us sing praises to our God!**

Let us pray...

Generous God, as we gather to worship, let your Spirit fill us with gratitude and hope and joy. Let us join our voices in your praise, but also unite our hearts and our minds in your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## \* HYMN #32

*I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD*

"ELLACOMBE"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*-A SUMMER PRAYER FOR GRACE*

Merciful God, we confess our tendency to try to control all of life. We judge what is possible based on our own understandings rather than trusting in your power. We fail to recognize your presence and activity in our world, choosing to believe that everything is dependent upon our efforts. Forgive our limited vision and lack of trust. Restore our sight and rebuild our faith so that we may follow Christ more closely and serve him more fully. This we ask in his name. 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

### ANTHEM

RAIN DOWN  
SINGERS AND NANCY HODGES, PIANO

JAIME CORTEZ; ARR. BY CARTER

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

II KINGS 4:42-44

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup>But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

#### SECOND READING

JOHN 6:1-13

<sup>6</sup>After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages<sup>[b]</sup> would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they<sup>[c]</sup> sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

#### SERMON

"REALITY CHECK"

REV. DR. WALT PETERS

#### \* HYMN #526

LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY

"LINSTEAD"

#### 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

AT THE TABLE (FOREVERTRUE)  
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

GIBSON

#### \* 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!**

## 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 up 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 God, our creator. You have given us new life in your Spirit, for once we were no people, but now we are your people. You claimed Israel as your chosen nation and gathered us together as your church as a witness to the resurrection, breathing into it your life and power. Your love is always steadfast, and even when we go astray, you welcome us home. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven 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. In your love and with compassion for all, Jesus healed and taught, challenged and comforted, welcomed and saved. He formed a community of disciples, promising to be with them wherever two or three were gathered, and sending them on his mission of hope and healing in the world. Trusting his life to you, Jesus went freely to his death, so the world might be set free from suffering and sin. As you raised him from death, you also raise us to live a new life with him. In the power of the Holy Spirit, you send us out to make disciples as he commanded. And so, remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this cup from the gifts you have given us and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of 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 your gifts, that the bread we break and the cup we share may be for us the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with him and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. Unite us at this table now and then send us out into the world to be the body of Christ. Let your Spirit empower the life we share, igniting our witness in and for the world. Keep us faithful and give us strength to serve you until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you in glory. Through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

As Christ our Savior instructed his disciples, let us join together in the prayer that he taught, saying:

#### 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 #803** *MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED* "RESIGNATION"

\* **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** *LOVE LIFTED ME* ARR. BY PARK  
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

\* 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  
Pianist.....Nancy Hodges  
Musicians.....Singers and Nancy Hodges, Piano  
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
Ushers.....David Stickler and Carolyn Mathews

#### WORSHIP NOTES

**CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** In accordance with G-1.0502 in the Book of Order, Session has approved a Called Congregational Meeting for Sunday, August 22, 2021 immediately after the 10:00 A.M. worship service at the request of the Pastor Nominating Committee. The purpose of the Called Congregational Meeting is to hear the report of the PNC and their recommendation to elect a pastor to serve this church. Please make every effort to attend this meeting as the vote will have a significant influence on the worship and work of our congregation.

# 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

## 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 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](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:** 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 1, 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	\$119,162.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$116,622.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 2,540.00

### BUILDING & GROUNDS

RULING ELDERS: BOB COURTNEY & EVAN SWANGER

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS WORK NIGHT:** The Building and Grounds Committee is hosting a work night with ice cream on **Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30- 9:00 PM.** We will call it “Sundaes on Tuesday”. (Ice cream will begin at 8:00 PM.)

Stop in and see what we have been doing, come and lend a hand or just come for the conversation and share some ice cream.

1. We will be working on the bank and street below the wall. (Hard)
2. We could use help weeding and trimming around the front (Easy)
3. Could you help sort out the cabinets in the new Dakota room in the basement to get ready for the remodeling project? (Easy)
4. Would you like to look at the new projects that have been completed in the church over the last several months? (Easy)
5. Would you just like to sit in a chair in the shade watching others hard at work and then eat a sundae? (Brilliant)

Hope to see you there.....

## **WORSHIP & MUSIC**

**RULING ELDERS: SHARON KAZARY & BUCK BELT**

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** While the Delta Variant is threatening our country, the Worship and Music Committee is recommending that we forego holding hands while we sing “Blessed be the Tie That Binds” at the end of the service. Please sing or hum from your pews.

The Worship and Music Committee is consulting with local medical authorities concerning the regional trend of the virus. If our area begins to have more severe virus activity, we will have further recommendations for our worship time.

**SUMMER GARDEN HARVEST:** On **Sunday, August 29, 2021**, our congregation will be celebrating our Summer Garden Harvest. Please bring examples of your produce to church. We are hoping to decorate the sanctuary 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.