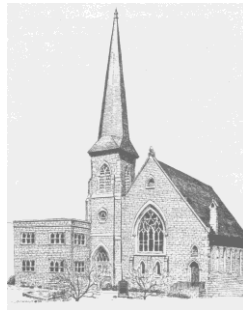


# SERVICE OF FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 11:00 AM



OPENING VOLUNTARY

PASTORALE IN F MAJOR, BWV 59  
ALLA SICILIANA  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

J.S. BACH (1685-1750)

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

SONG FOR LIFE

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

-BASED ON PSALM 1

We rejoice and praise Your holy name today, O Lord,  
Because you have kept us from a destructive path.  
We give thanks because Your word gives us hope,  
And we reflect on Your word at all times.  
You are the Source of deep seated faith,  
And our spirits are refreshed in your presence! Amen!

Let us pray...

God of welcome - we see your open arms and try to accept your call to come and be. Help us in these moments to humble ourselves to your generosity and live in your love. As we set our hearts and minds in your direction teach us again how to share the gospel and proclaim your glory. Through Christ our example. Amen.

**\* HYMN #401**

HERE IN THIS PLACE

"GATHER US IN"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we live our lives as best we can— dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill, and optimism as we can muster.

But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers,  
we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead.

Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Forgive us for thinking we can make it on our own.  
Forgive us for the foolishness we display.

Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace. Amen.

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* **SUNG RESPONSE #471**

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

"HEAR MY PRAYER"

O Lord, hear my prayer. O lord, hear my prayer.  
When I call, answer me. O lord, hear my prayer.  
O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

**A TIME FOR YOUNG CHILDREN**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

JAMES 3:13-4:1-3, 7-8A

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup>For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for<sup>[d]</sup> those who make peace.

<sup>4</sup>Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet<sup>[al]</sup> something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

<sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

**ANTHEM**

A QUIET FAITH  
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

BY BEN LOGAN

**SECOND READING**

MARK 9:30-37

<sup>30</sup>They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

**Who Is the Greatest?**

<sup>33</sup>Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

**SERMON**

"PAYING ATTENTION"

REV. ALISON PETERS

\* **HYMN #174**

COME AND SEEK THE WAYS OF WISDOM

"MADELEINE"

**FAREWELL MILESTONE**

**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**

GROSSO CONCERTO FOR STRINGS IN B FLAT  
SICILIANA  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

G.F. HANDEL (1685-1759)

\* **DOXOLOGY #607**

PRaise GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

"OLD HUNDRETH"

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune god, whom we adore. Amen.

## 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 #301

## LET US BUILD A HOUSE

## "TWO OAKS"

\* BENEDICTION

\* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION #745

NOW GO IN JOY

“JUNKANOO”

Now go in joy to spread the Word till all people have heard: God embraces all!  
Follow, then, the disciples' call: tend your neighbors with loving care in daily work and prayer.  
God's own grace empower your spirit. Amen!

## POSTLUDE

MARCH IN A MAJOR

ALEXANDRE GUILMANT (1837-1911)

JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

\* 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. Alison Peters
Liturgist.....	Sharon Squires
Organist.....	Judith Brown
Musicians.....	Nancy Hodges, Piano
Audio/Video Technicians.....	Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Usher.....	David Stickler

**WELCOME REV. ALISON PETERS- MEET & GREET:** Following worship today, please join us in the Gathering Place for a reception welcoming our new Pastor Rev. Alison Peters and her husband, Mitchell. Refreshments will be provided.

## 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 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:** The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of their parents, William and Bertha Workman, and Ernest and Sylvia Jarrell, by Bill and Amy Workman. 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 September 5, 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	\$134,511.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$135,432.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (921.00)

**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**

Thank you to our church family and friends for all the cards and letters that you have sent to Carlotta and I. We greatly appreciate it. -Bill and Carlotta Shaffer

**FAITH FORMATION**  
**RULING ELDERS: JOSH GILHART & KATIE ROSS**

**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**

**INTERFAITH COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION BOX:** The Interfaith Community Food Pantry is an all-volunteer emergency food resource for people who live in Cumberland, Maryland. The pantry provides nonperishable food for local individuals in need. The Food Pantry collection box is located in the side entrance of the church. Please consider

dropping off any nonperishable food items such as canned meats, tuna, soup, vegetables, cereal, crackers, and peanut butter. The Mission Committee thanks our congregation for its faithful support of the Interfaith Community Food Panty.

**PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING:** On World Communion Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will have the opportunity to give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. This special offering provides light to those in the shadows and guides us all into the ways of peace. We come together to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and around the world.

**How is the Offering distributed?**

25% of the Offering stays in our congregation where it will be used to help the Family Crisis Resource Center. 25% will go to the Baltimore Presbytery to unite congregations to support peacemaking in our region. The remaining 50% is remitted to the Presbyterian Mission Agency that is involved in multiple international and national programs to promote peace.

## **WORSHIP & MUSIC**

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

**PLANNING FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>:** The Worship and Music Committee will be setting the communion table on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> with breads of the world set on cloth from around the globe. Please look through your linen closets and cedar chests for fabrics you have collected or been passed down to you from travels around the globe and loan them to us for that day. We will layer the communion table with them and plexiglass will protect them from spills and crumbs. Label your fabrics with your name on a piece of tape so we can be sure to return them to you the following week. If you have any interesting baskets that we can use to hold various breads consider loaning them for a few days, also labeled with your name. Please drop off your fabrics and baskets in the volunteer office by Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** As a directive from the Presbytery: For the time being, mask will now be REQUIRED at all church functions regardless of vaccination status.