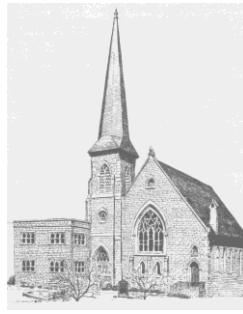


SERVICE OF FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 11:00 AM



OPENING VOLUNTARY

GYMNOPIEDIE NO. 1
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

ERIK SATIE (1866-1925)
ARR. JENNIFER THOMAS

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

LÁGRIMA
ZACH DODGE, GUITAR

FRANCISCO TÁRREGA

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF THE DAY

-BASED ON PSALM 1

If it had not been God who was on our side,
the troubles of our world would have swallowed us whole.

If it had not been God who was on our side,
the sorrows of our times would have swept us away.

Are any among us suffering?
Come and pray.

Are any among us cheerful?
Come sing songs of praise.

Are any among us sick?
Come and ask for healing.

Our help is in our God,
the One who made heaven and earth.

Call upon God, creator and rescuer.
God is on our side.

Let us pray...

Ever present God, we know of your abiding presence and we thank you for your faithfulness. Be with us in these moments of worship, as we gather together to be strengthened in our faith. Renew us from within, and help us to find refreshment and rest and peace for our souls. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN #336

WE GATHER TOGETHER

"KREMSER"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, you know our lives are just an illusion when we do not dwell in your favor. Our acts are simply vapor when we do not obey your will. We boast of our good deeds, and flaunt righteous behavior, but they are conceived in arrogance and born of conceit. Forgive our deception and the damage it causes.

By your mercy forgive us, and through Christ make us free. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* SONG RESPONSE #469

LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING

"CHILDREN PRAYING"

Lord, listen to your children praying. Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

PSALM 124:1-8

¹ If it had not been the LORD who was on our side —let Israel now say—

² if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,

³ then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;

⁴ then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;

⁵ then over us would have gone the raging waters.

⁶ Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

⁸ Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

ANTHEM

WHEN WE ARE TESTED (HYMN#783)

"ANGELS OF HEALING"

ZACH DODGE, GUITAR

SECOND READING

JAMES 5:13-20

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters,^[a] if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's^[a] soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

SERMON

"SOME KIND OF PRAYER"

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #543

GOD, BE THE LOVE TO SEARCH AND KEEP ME

"GREEN TYLER"

MISSION IN A MINUTE

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

SICILIANO

JOHN STANLEY (1713-1786)

JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

* 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 #700

I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME

"I'M GONNA LIVE"

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION #745

NOW GO IN JOY

"JUNKANOO"

INTRODUCTION - JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

VERSE 1 - MIKAYLA AND ZACH DODGE

VERSE 1 - CONGREGATION

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

TRUMPET VOLUNTARY IN C

ANONYMOUS

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.....Katie Ross
Organist.....Judith Brown
Musicians.....Zach Dodge, Guitar
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Usher.....Buck and Jane Belt

PASTOR ALISON'S AVAILABILITY: Pastor Alison is available when requested or informed of a need. If you are aware of someone in need of a visit or phone call, please call or text her to let her know. *[Fridays are generally her day off and she will respond when she is available.]*

Ways to contact Pastor Alison:

call, text, or email:

814-715-1681 / revalisonpeters@gmail.com

To help with scheduling, please reach out to the Church Office:

Brittany Jackson: 301-777-3700 firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com

OFFICE HOURS UPDATE: For the time being, due to bus transportation Covid guidelines with Allegany County Public Schools, Brittany will be in the office daily from 8:30AM -3:00 PM. She can be reached via email or on her cell phone from 3:00-4:00 PM if needed.

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 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: 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 September 19, 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	\$139,883.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$142,956.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (3,073.00)

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

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 Pantry.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: On World Communion Sunday, October 3rd, we will have the opportunity to give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. This special offering enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. Thank you for your participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

25% of the Offering stays 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.

Visit pcusa.org/peace-global/resources for more information.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: SHARON KAZARY & BUCK BELT

PLANNING FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 3RD: The Worship and Music Committee will be setting the communion table on Sunday, October 3rd 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 30th. 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.