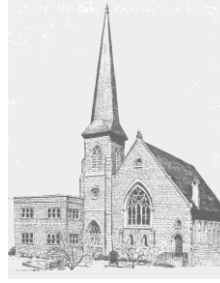


# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 17, 2021

11:00 AM



## OPENING VOLUNTARY

FOR HE SHALL GIVE HIS ANGELS TO WATCH OVER THEE ("ELIJAH") FELIX MENDELSSOHN (1809-1847)  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

For He shall give his angels to watch over thee;  
That they guard and keep thee in all the ways thou goest  
In their hands they shall lift and bear thee  
lest thy foot shouldst stumble against a stone and dash thee.  
They shall lift and bear thee.

11:00 AM

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT *HYMN#209*

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN (VERSE 1)  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

"LOVE UNKNOWN"

*(The congregation is invited to sing along.)*

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

Listen! God is speaking to us today!

**Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

God calls to us in the chaos of storms or the calm of nighttime.

**Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

Jesus calls us to take our place among his disciples.

**Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

The Holy Spirit calls us to respond with confidence and praise.

**And so we respond: Bless the Lord!**

Let us pray -

Divine Source of love and life, we come before you in joy and with humbleness of heart. Prepare us in mind, body, and spirit for the truth that will encounter us today. Open us, through the Holy Spirit, to live our faith in word and deed, becoming more fully the people you have made and called us to be. Amen.

### \* HYMN #320

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN EVERY AGE

"WAREHAM"

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, We confess that love is not yet perfected in us. We crave what is not ours and ponder how to get it. We speak more than we listen and we sow division more than peace. We have failed to pursue justice to its fullest extent, and put roadblocks on the path to healing for all. We have neither loved our neighbors or ourselves in the way that we ought. Forgive us these shortcomings. Forgive the ways we still ask for the positions of honor and the head seat at the table. We openly admit to these failings and their weight on our spirits. In your mercy, Lord, forgive us and turn our hearts toward true repentance. Amen.

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* SONG RESPONSE #71

SURELY, IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME (VERSE 1)

"FIRST SONG"

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

PSALM 104:1-9, 24, 35C

<sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty,  
<sup>2</sup> wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, <sup>3</sup> you set the beams of your<sup>[a]</sup> chambers  
on the waters, you make the clouds your<sup>[b]</sup> chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, <sup>4</sup> you make the winds  
your<sup>[c]</sup> messengers,  
fire and flame your<sup>[d]</sup> ministers. <sup>5</sup> You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. <sup>6</sup> You cover it with  
the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. <sup>7</sup> At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your  
thunder they take to flight. <sup>8</sup> They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys to the place that you appointed for  
them.  
<sup>9</sup> You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.  
<sup>24</sup> O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.  
<sup>35</sup> Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

ANTHEM

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL  
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

BLISS  
ARR. BY WALTERS  
QUOTING "CLAIRE DE LUNE" BY DEBUSSY

SECOND READING

MARK 10:35-45

<sup>35</sup> James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us  
whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, "Grant  
us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you  
are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" <sup>39</sup> They  
replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I  
am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for  
whom it has been prepared."  
<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup> So Jesus called them and said to them, "You  
know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants  
over them. <sup>43</sup> But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and  
whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to  
give his life a ransom for many."

SERMON

"SEATING CHARTS"

REV. ALISON PETERS

\* HYMN #727

WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT

"THE SERVANT SONG"

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

BLESS THE LORD  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

TAIZE

\* DOXOLOGY #36

FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION (VERSE 1)

"AR HYDY NOS"

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 #732 REJOICE IN GOD'S SAINTS "OLD 104TH"

\* BENEDICTION

\* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION #540 FAREWELL, GOOD FRIENDS! "SHALOM, CHAVERIM"  
(Sung the first time in Hebrew and the second time in English.)

POSTLUDE ALLEGRO (TRUMPET CONCERTO") F.J. HAYDN (1732-1809)  
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..... Buck Belt  
Organist..... Judith Brown  
Musician..... Nancy Hodges, Piano  
Audio/Video Technicians..... Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
Usher..... Charlene Lelinski and Kathy Dowell

**Music Notes**

The music for this morning is based on the Lectionary. "For He Shall Give His Angels To Watch Over Thee" is a double quartet from the magnificent oratorio "Elijah" by Felix Mendelssohn. I have arranged it for organ solo but as you follow the text know that the theme for this beautiful choral piece also translates well to the organ alone. Although taken directly from Proverbs and I Kings, this text reflects each Scripture passage from Isaiah, Psalm 91, Hebrews and Mark. "Bless the Lord" is a direct reflection of Psalm 104 and can be found in our hymnal #544.

**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

**OUR STAFF**

Teaching Elder/Pastor..... Rev. Alison Peters  
Director of Music Ministries ..... Judith Brown  
Executive Administrative Assistant..... Brittany Jackson  
Sexton..... Zach Dodge  
Sound Tech/Security..... Joe Aurigemma  
Audio/Video Technician..... Eric Ringler

# SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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

**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](mailto:revalisonpeters@gmail.com)

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

Brittany Jackson: 301-777-3700 [firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## **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](https://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 October 3, 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	\$156,237.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$150,480.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 5,756.00

## MISSION

RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & JUDY STERN

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)** is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church. PDA enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic event. Nationally, PDA is helping communities recovering from the effects of Hurricane Ida, North Carolina flooding, and Colorado wildfires. Globally, PDA has a lasting relationship with Haiti helping with earthquake recovery, hurricanes and political upheaval. PDA offers support for Afghan refugees. The Mission Committee encourages everyone to visit the PDA website, [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org), to learn more about PDA's commitment to helping communities struggling with catastrophic events.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: SHARON KAZARY & BUCK BELT

**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.