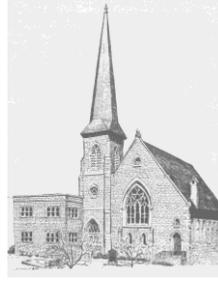


# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

OCTOBER 24, 2021

11:00 AM



OPENING VOLUNTARY

LAUDATE DOMINUM (PRAISE YE THE LORD)  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

FROM "SOLEMN VESPER"  
W.A. MOZART (1756-1791)

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *HYMN#621*

I WILL CALL UPON THE LORD  
REV. ALISON PETERS AND CONGREGATION  
(*The congregation is invited to sing along.*)

"I WILL CALL"

\* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF THE DAY

-BASED ON PSALM 34

My soul makes its boast in the Lord  
**Let the humble hear and be glad.**  
O magnify the Lord with me,  
**Let us exalt God's name together.**  
When I sought you, O God, you answered me.  
**You delivered me from all my fears.**  
O taste and see that the Lord is good!  
**Happy are those who take refuge in the Lord, our God.**

Let us pray -

Merciful God, your love extends to all corners of the planet and we give you praise. You seek to restore all people to your wholeness. You fill the hungry with good things and you offer release to the captives. Your kindness follows wherever we go. We are your grateful people and we worship you alone. Be with us this day, Amen.

\* HYMN #366

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

"HYFRYDOL"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, our thoughts and deeds too often do not reflect the grace you show us. Our speech and actions too often do not proclaim your salvation. Forgive us, Lord, for the sins that we bear both as individuals and as your Church. Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. Our teacher, let us see again!  
Give us the courage to take heart in your grace.  
Give us the strength to get up.  
Give us the wisdom to hear your calling.  
Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. Even now as we confess our sins in silence...  
(*Silence for personal prayer and reflection.*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* SUNG RESPONSE #71

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

"FIRST SONG"

A TIME FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

HEBREWS 7:23-28

<sup>23</sup> Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup> but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup> Consequently he is able for all time to save<sup>[al]</sup> those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup> For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup> Unlike the other<sup>[bl]</sup> high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup> For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

### ANTHEM

O TASTE AND SEE

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS (1872-1958)

MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO; ZACH DODGE, BARITONE; BRENDA LUGER, FLUTE

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is;

Blest is the one that trusteth in him.

### SECOND READING

MARK 10:46-52

<sup>46</sup> They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup> Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher,<sup>[al]</sup> let me see again." <sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

### SERMON

"CLARITY"

REV. ALISON PETERS

### \* HYMN #418

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING

"SOFTLY AND TENDERLY"

### 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

CORNET VOLUNTARY

GEORG BERG (18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY)

JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

### \* 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 #22

GOD OF THE SPARROW

"ROEDER"

### \* BENEDICTION

### \* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION #540

FAREWELL, GOOD FRIENDS!

"SHALOM, CHAVERIM"

*(Sung the first time in Hebrew and the second time in English.)*

\* 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.....Hans Killius  
Organist.....Judith Brown  
Musician..... Mikayla Dodge, Soprano; Zach Dodge, Baritone; Brenda Luger, Flute  
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
Usher.....Amy and Bill Workman

### Music Notes

The music for this Sunday is based on the Lectionary. The Prelude is a choral movement from "Solemn Vespers" of W.A. Mozart and is translated as "Praise the Lord, all nations, all people." The Anthem is the exact text from the Psalm for the Day, Psalm 34, vs. 8 and is a gem of a simple exquisite statement from the English 20<sup>th</sup> Century giant Ralph Vaughan Williams. Originally composed for 4 voices and a vocal soloist, this arrangement this morning will feature 2 singers with a flute solo and organ accompaniment.

### 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

#### 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

**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](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 for the blessing of **Mary Alice Burkett in honor of her 1st birthday on 10/15/21 by her grandmother, Linda Mellon.** 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 17, 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	\$162,399.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$158,004.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 4,395.00

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

RULING ELDERS: JAN LAYMAN & MIKAYLA DODGE

**HALLOWEEN WALK-THRU:** All families are invited to attend our walk-thru event on **Sunday, October 31st** from **2:00 – 4:00 PM**. Come take a spooky picture in our photo booth, grab a craft bag, and make sure to get your candy! Costumes are encouraged and pets are welcome!

**CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED!** Help us provide treat bags for our community during our Walk-Thru Halloween Event on October 31st. We will be welcoming the children from the Learning Tree and Churches of Washington Street for a fun outdoor event! **Donations of candy should be dropped off in the Volunteer Office at the church by Friday the 29th.**

## 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.

**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY:** November 7th we will have a time of remembrance for All-Saints Sunday. If you have lost someone close to you this past year, please email their name and date of death to Brittany Jackson [firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com) for inclusion in our Litany of Remembrance.

**THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE:** The Churches of Washington Street will be holding a Thanksgiving Eve Service at **7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 24th** at **Emmanuel Parish**. Join us as we give thanks together!