

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT:  
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 3, 2021 11:00 AM



OPENING VOLUNTARY

AGINCOURT HYMN  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

15<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY ARR. BY J BROWN

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT HYMN #618 (VERSE 1)

O LOVE, HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD, HOW HIGH

“DEO GRATIAS”

\* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER OF THE DAY

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Lord, thank you for the gift of this new day.**

This day may be filled with joys and questions,

**We celebrate the world.**

This day may be filled with challenges and tears.

**We welcome our discomfort - for we know that you, Lord, will be with us through it all. Praise the Lord!**

Prayer:

Holy One - we gather this day to bear witness to your love and know that you are present in our midst. Along with our siblings at every welcome table we proclaim your grace abounding. Help us to celebrate this joyful feast and join in the powerful story of your redemptive love for the entire world. Amen.

\* HYMN #803

MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED

“RESIGNATION”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

*(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

EPHESIANS 4:17-32

<sup>17</sup>Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. <sup>18</sup>They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. <sup>19</sup>They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. <sup>20</sup>That is not the way you learned Christ! <sup>21</sup>For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. <sup>22</sup>You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, <sup>23</sup>and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, <sup>24</sup>and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

#### Rules for the New Life

<sup>25</sup>So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up,<sup>[a]</sup> as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.<sup>[b]</sup>

#### ANTHEM

SOUND OVER ALL WATERS

PAUL HALLEY (1952 -)

MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO; JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

Sound over all waters reach out from all lands  
The chorus of voices, the clasping of hands;  
Sing hymns that were sung by the stars of the morn,  
Sing songs of the angels when Jesus was born;  
With glad jubilations bring hope to the nations:  
The dark night is ending and dawn has begun.  
Arise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun.  
All speech flows to music, all hearts beat as one.  
The dark night is ending and dawn has begun.  
  
Blow, bugles of battle, the marches of peace.  
East, west, north and south,  
Let the long quarrels cease:  
Sing the song of great joy that the angels began,  
Sing of glory to God and of good will to man!  
Joining in chorus, the heavens bend o'er us;  
The dark night is ending and dawn has begun.  
Arise, hope of the ages, arise like the sun.  
All speech flows to music, all hearts beat as one.  
The dark night is ending and dawn has begun.

#### SECOND READING

ROMANS 12:1-18

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual<sup>[b]</sup> worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world,<sup>[c]</sup> but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.<sup>[d]</sup>

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

## Marks of the True Christian

<sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup>love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.<sup>[e]</sup> <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly;<sup>[f]</sup> do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup>Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

SERMON

“PART OF THE WHOLE”

REV. ALISON PETERS

\* HYMN #506

LOOK WHO GATHERS AT CHRIST'S TABLE

“COPELAND”

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

EAT THIS BREAD  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

TAIZE  
ARR. JUDITH BROWN

\* DOXOLOGY #36

FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION (VERSE 1)

“LOBE DEN HERREN”

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and for ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER SUPPER

Lord of all - we thank you for the opportunity to remember as we share in the ordinary things of our lives. When we eat our daily bread, rice, tortilla, or potato, we remember how you shared what you had with your friends, breaking yourself open. When we drink from the fruits of our harvest, we are reminded of how you continually bless us with your teachings; our chipped and well-used cups overflow. We give unending thanks. Amen.

\* HYMN #306 BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS "DENNIS"

\* BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE TRUMPET TUNE IN D MAJOR MARC-ANTOINE CHARPENTIER (1634-1704) 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.....Josh Gilhart
Organist.....Judith Brown
Musician.....Mikayla Dodge, Soprano
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Usher.....Bob and Sharon Kazary

Worship & Notes

The Lord's Table is layered for World Communion Sunday with fabrics from our global travels. The breads represent the different shapes, sizes, and colors of God's people. Today we celebrate communion in spirit with Christians around the world. Thank you to all who contributed to the symbolic beauty of the table.

This 1989 version of the Lord's Prayer comes from the New Zealand Prayer Book and reflects the rich earth-based spirituality of the Maori and Polynesian cultures.

Today we welcome back our former Interim Pastor, Dr. Robert Gamble, to worship with us. Rev. Gamble is the director of This Child Here, (www.thischildhere.org), a validated ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

This Child Here trains foster families in Ukraine who take children from orphanages; runs group therapy sessions for the children of soldiers; visits and supports single parent families of the rural poor; and teaches teens and adults Peacemaking skills with the methodology of The Alternatives to Violence Project.

Robert is free after worship to chat in the fellowship hall or to go to lunch.

The music for this World Communion Sunday brings together a real mix of musical styles from different ages and countries. In addition to the various countries, the texts associated with these pieces all emphasize the worldwide fellowship of believers .

The Prelude and Introit are taken from a British early 15th Century folk song, "Deo Gratias" (also called the Agincourt Song). The original text recounts the Battle of Agincourt, in which the English army led by Henry V of England defeated Charles VI of France. The present text ("O Love, How Deep) is a reduction of a 23-stanza Latin text and was translated by Benjamin Webb in 1854. The tune is very bold. Sing heartily!

The Anthem is a 1994 work of Paul Halley, a Grammy Award-winning Canadian composer, choral conductor and organist. Currently, he is the Director of Music of The University of King's College Chapel Choir and of the Cathedral Church of

All Saints in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He was for many years Organist at The Cathedral Church of St, John the Divine in NYC and a part of the Paul Winter Consort. This solo was dedicated to Coretta Scott King, and was sung in her honor on the occasion of her preaching at the Cathedral in New York. The text, by John Greenleaf Whittier, embodies Mrs. King's steadfast vision and hope for mankind: "The dark night is ending and dawn has begun."

"Eat This Bread" is a meditative Communion chant from the International community of Taize, physically located in France. Marc-Antoine Charpentier was a French Baroque composer during the reign of Louis XIV. The Postlude is an organ arrangement of his most famous work, the main theme from his "Te Deum," and is still used today as a fanfare during television broadcasts.

### **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

**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 worshipping 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 September 26, 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	\$140,962.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$146,718.00
Over/(Under)	\$( 5,756.00)

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

## **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:** Today, 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. 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.

## **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.