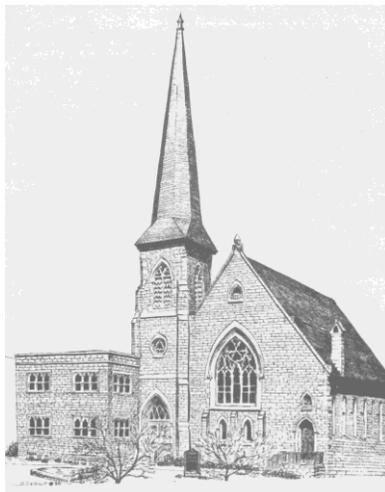


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JANUARY 30, 2022

11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY *HERZLICH, LIEB HAB ICH DICH, O HERR (LORD, THEE I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART)*
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN JOHANN FRIEDRICH ALBERTI (1642-1710)

11:00 AM CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT O WALY, WALY ENGLISH MELODY ARR JUSTIN MCCARTHY
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN
Reflective Text:

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Thank you, God, for gathering us.

Remind us again of your love.

The good news of the gospel is this:

the God of all creation came to dwell among us,

but we crucified this revelation of sacrificial love.

God went to the depths to gather us all.

In Christ we are drawn again to the presence of God.

This is good news for all who hear.

Let us pray -

O God, in the midst of the cacophony of voices that crush our spirit and deny our calling, voices that say, "Who do you think you are?" we come to hear your voice of affirmation; we come to hear your voice calling us to be and do what you have called us to be and do. Let this time of worship quiet our fears, soothe our bruised souls, and energize us for ministry in and with your beloved world. Let faith abide. Let hope abide. Let love abide— here in this sanctuary, here in our community, here in our world, but most of all, here in us. Amen.

(Pastor Alison will be singing the verses, we invite you to hum along and reflect on the lyrics.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of incredible patience, we must confess that our love is not always what we might hope it would be. We focus so much on ourselves, the needs of others pale in significance. Too often, we find ourselves rejoicing in the miseries of others, believing they must have done something to deserve what comes their way. We continually push our families and friends away from us, simply by insisting that everything be done our way.

Faithful Deliverer of our foolish lives, forgive us and have mercy on us. As you rescue us from ourselves, may we become your people. As you touch us with faith, may we be witnesses to the world of your dreams. As you pour out hope upon us, may we be your compassion to those who hurt. As you drench us with your love which comes to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, may we be made whole. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE #576

LORD, HAVE MERCY

“SINGAPURA”

PASSING OF THE PEACE AND CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

We recognize how important we are to each other - as we worship, we pass the peace of Christ from our seats and wave to those who are joining us via Livestream. We belong to each other and are stronger together.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

PSALM 71:1-6

In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

²In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.

³Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

⁵For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

⁶Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother’s womb. My praise is continually of you.

ANTHEM

DOWN TO THE RIVER TO PRAY

APPALACHIAN SONG, ARR. THE DODGES

MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO; ZACH DODGE, BARITONE

SECOND READING

JEREMIAH 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.”

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

SERMON

“YOUNGINS”

REV. ALISON PETERS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

(Please place all tithes and offerings as well as any orange prayer request cards in the offering plate.)

OFFERTORY

O PERFECT LOVE
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

J. BARNBY ARR. SHARON WILSON

Reflective Text:

O perfect Love, all human thought transcending,
Lowly we knell in prayer before Thy throne.
That theirs may be the love which knows no ending,
When thou forevermore dost join in one.

* DOXOLOGY #608

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

"PRAISE GOD(HOPSON)"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 #722

LORD, SPEAK TO ME THAT I MAY SPEAK

"CANONBURY"

(Pastor Alison will be singing the verses, we invite you to hum along and reflect on the lyrics.)

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION

A CHORAL AMEN
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

JOHN RUTTER ARR. JBROWN

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION

(All members are encouraged to stay; visitors are welcome.)

* 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
Organist.....Judith Brown
Musicians.....Mikayla Dodge, Soprano and Zach Dodge, Baritone
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....David Stickler and John Mullan

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION of First Presbyterian church of Cumberland, Maryland is called by the Session for **today**.

The purposes of the meeting are:

- To hear the Annual Report of the Session
- To elect an Auditor to the Auditing Committee
- To elect a new class of Ruling Elders
- To elect a 2022 Congregational Nominating Committee
- To receive the 2022 Budget
- To elect Officers of the Corporation
- To conduct any other business properly coming before the Congregation-Corporation

-By Order of the Session

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

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 January 23, 2022
Total 2022 Pledges Promised	\$202,976.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 31,100.00
<u>2021 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$171,876.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 10,688.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 13,221.00
Over/(Under)	\$(2,533.00)

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2022 are now available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you do not see a box with your name on it, please contact the church office.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

RULING ELDERS: BOB COURTNEY & EVAN SWANGER

FPC SNOW POLICY

Sunday School — The Pastor and Co-Chairs of the Faith Formation committee will monitor the forecast and come to a decision by Friday evening. If Sunday School is canceled, announcements will be sent out via email, Facebook, and, if possible, text message.

Worship — Worship will be canceled only in the most extreme weather conditions. If indicated, the Pastor and the Co-chairs of the Worship & Music and Buildings & Grounds committees will consult and make a decision. If worship is canceled, announcements will be made on radio stations including WCBC 1270 AM (and on their website Snow Watch list) and by e-mail to church members Facebook, and the church website.

FAITH FORMATION
RULING ELDERS: JOSH GILHART & KATIE ROSS

THESE DAYS DEVOTIONALS: While we will no longer be able to provide the "These Days" Devotional via email each month, we would like to continue providing the devotional in a physical form. If you enjoyed reading the devotional each month and would like to continue receiving it as a physical copy, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate.

Name _____ Phone or Email _____

WORSHIP & MUSIC
RULING ELDERS: SHARON KAZARY & BUCK BELT

COVID-19 UPDATE: The Worship and Music Committee and Staff are closely monitoring the rise in COVID-19 cases as a result of the Omicron variant.

To care for our members, we are putting a few extra precautions in place to keep our community safe:

- We will continue to mask in our buildings: we recommend using N-95, KN-95, or medical-grade masks if you have them
- We will continue to spread out our seating by family units in our sanctuary
- We will return to humming during the hymns

Please stay home and worship online if you are not feeling well.

RULING ELDER NOMINEES (CLASS OF 2023)

SUSAN MILLS: Susan and her husband, Joe joined First Presbyterian 26 years ago. She has previously served on session as the co-chair of the Christian Education Committee, taught Sunday School (with Joe) to various ages of youth, assisted with youth group meetings, participated in the "sandwich making" of the Summer Lunchbox program and served as an mentor for Confirmation. Currently, she is a member of the choir and enjoys being a part of our fantastic music ministry. Both of her children (Sean and Marisa) were baptized in this church and "raised" by the loving members of this church. Susan enjoys practicing yoga, swimming and competitive games of scrabble.

RULING ELDER NOMINEES (CLASS OF 2024)

BRENDA LUGER: Brenda joined the Cumberland First Presbyterian Church in March of 1977 and has been involved in various aspects of the church since that time. She has sung in the choir, rung with the handbells and tooted the flute as a soloist, in duets, and with groups. In the early 1980s, Brenda served as Youth Group Leader for several years. She has been an usher, liturgist, and a participant in a variety of Bible studies. She was an English teacher and then a school counselor with the Allegany County Public Schools for 39 years before retiring on July 1, 2021. Brenda's favorite forms of entertainment include music, swimming, and baseball. She resides in Frostburg, but spends quite a bit of time with my mom, Betty, in Bel Air. Brenda looks forward to this new adventure in my church life.

RULING ELDER NOMINEES (CLASS OF 2025)

CARL "BUCK" BELT: Buck has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since 1961. He graduated from VA Tech in 1968 where he met his wife Jane, and they married in 1969. They have two daughters, Eleanor and husband, Dave Madden, parents of Quinn and Griffin; Meredith and husband, Jeremy Irons, parents of Bryson and Brennan. Buck first served in session in the Class of 1979 and has served three terms since that class. He chaired or co-chaired our Stewardship Campaigns from 1981 thru 2017 in addition to several Capital Campaigns during this same period. Buck believes he has been blessed by God and is inspired to give back to the Church through active participation in spiritual leadership on session.

MICHAEL LEVITAS: Michael Levitas became a member of First Presbyterian Church in 1993, joining with his wife Cathy and sons Daniel and Mathew. Mike and the two boys were baptized that day. Mike has served on Session in the past, and has been a long-time member of the Worship and Music Committee. He enjoyed being able to watch our services virtually when that was necessary, but is much happier participating in worship in person with our congregation. Mike is a pediatrician and lives in LaVale with Cathy and Mike's elderly mother. Their three boys are young adults living out of town. He enjoys walking and hiking with Cathy in our beautiful region of the country.

CAROLYN MATHEWS: Carolyn Mathews is a lifelong Presbyterian who moved to this community from PA in 1979 and joined First Presbyterian Church in 1985. Over the years she has been actively involved in many areas of our church including the search committees for our music directors and our pastors. For many years she taught the middle school (6-8th grades) Sunday School class and led activities in the Wednesday afternoon Youth Club of the 1990's. Carolyn was ordained an elder in 2005 and has actively served on the Worship and Music Committee since then. She has been a choir member and enjoys being a ringer of a few Joy Bells. Carolyn and her husband Tom, an active and lifelong member of Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Parish, have 3 adult children who live and work away from Cumberland. Carolyn and Tom like to travel and visit with their children and grandchildren. Carolyn retired from the Maryland Park Service in June 2013. Her 30 year career as a park ranger culminated with eight years as the manager of the Deep Creek Lake Recreation Area. Retirement has brought more time to bike, hike, bird, paddle, fish, read, relax, camp, travel and knit as well as continued involvement in environmental education opportunities for anyone interested in exploring, appreciating and learning in God's great outdoors.

EVAN SWANGER: Evan began attending First Presbyterian Church in 2018 and joined as a member in January, 2019. Since joining, he has played in the handbell choir, served on the Building and Grounds Committee and became co-chair of the committee in 2020. He lives in Hyndman, PA, where he enjoys cycling, woodworking and working on motorcycles.

**Your Answer to....
"What's For Dinner?"**

First Presbyterian Church in Cumberland is selling homemade soups to help fund the Annual weeklong July Mission Trip to South Dakota, for the children of the Yankton (Ihanktonwan) Sioux Tribe.



If you're interested in volunteering or learning more about the Dakota Learning Camp go to baltimoredakotalearningcamps.org or email Robin at rbissell444@gmail.com.

Please pay for and pick up your soups, chili, and stews on Sunday, February 13th from 12:15-1:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church 11 Washington Street Cumberland, Maryland

**Please place your order by Monday, February 7th
Contact the church office to place your order today at 301-777-3700
or email your form to firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com**

Make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church and write "Dakota" on the memo line.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

	# of Quarts	X \$10	# of Pints	X \$6	
Beef Stew					
White Chicken Chili					
Traditional Red Chili					
Vegetarian Vegetable					
Chicken Tortilla Soup					
TOTAL Soups					Total soups \$
Caporales Rolls	# Rolls	X 0.50	Total Rolls \$		Total Pre-Order Soup plus rolls \$
Other Baked Goods can be bought at time of pick up					
TOTAL					

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Special thanks to Caporales Bakery and Berry Plastics for your donations!!!**