



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

11:00 AM

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*HOW LOVELY IS YOUR DWELLING*

FELIX MENDELSSOHN (1810-1847)

JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

Reflective Text: How lovely is your dwelling,

O Lord of heaven and earth!

My soul, athirst, is longing to come to the house of God.

The sparrow has found a home,

The swallow found a nest where she may lay her young

Within your holy place.

How joyful they who dwell there to praise you evermore.

JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

11:00 AM

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

*NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES*

"NOEL NOUVELET"

JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

Reflective Text:

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,

Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain.

Love lives again, that with the dead has been;

Love is come again like wheat arising green.

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

Blessed are those who are poor,  
**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are those who are hungry,  
**for they will be filled.**

Blessed are those who weep,  
**for they will laugh.**

Blessed are those who are hated,  
**for they will rejoice and leap with joy.**

Blessed are those who are in the margins,  
**for they have a special place in God's heart.**

Let us pray -

God of all Goodness and Mercy, carry us gently in your heart that we may be stirred to follow your Word. Bless this worship that we might love you with all of our hearts, minds, bodies, and strength. Amen.

### \* HYMN #386

COME, WORSHIP GOD

"O QUANTA QUALIA"

(Zach and Mikayla Dodge will be singing the verses, we invite you to hum along and reflect on the lyrics.)

### CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, when we trust in you, we are like trees planted by water, sending out our roots into the streams. But when we fail to trust in you, we are like shrubs in the desert, parched and fragile. Forgive us for the moments when we've trusted everything but you and your steadfast mercy. Gift us with the courage to follow you and trust in your providence. Amen.

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### RESPONSE #576

LORD, HAVE MERCY

“SINGAPURA”

MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO; ZACH DODGE, GUITAR

## 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 1

- <sup>1</sup>Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;  
<sup>2</sup>but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.  
<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.  
<sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
<sup>6</sup>for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

### ANTHEM

BLESSED ARE THEY

JOHN LEAVITT

MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO; ZACH DODGE, BARITONE; JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

Blessed are they, Happy are they, Blessed are they of God.  
Happy are those who are poor for they shall be blessed of God.  
Who gently will lead them, Who gladly will feed them;  
Their home is the heart of God.  
And blessed are those with sorrow and woe:  
God's comfort and joy will o'erflow.  
The meek and the lowly, blessed and holy;  
Great is their gift from God.  
Happy are those who love peace,  
For they are the children of God.  
Whose light does shine through them  
Whose truth will be in them;  
Their life is the life of God.  
The world will now hate them,  
It hates Him before them;  
their crown is the love of God.  
Blessed are those who are poor;  
Happy are those who do mourn;  
Blessed are those who are meek;  
Happy are those whose hearts yearn;  
Blessed are those who show grace;  
Happy are those who are pure;  
Blessed are those who seek peace,  
Happy are those who know God.

SECOND READING

LUKE 6:17-26

<sup>17</sup> He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you<sup>al</sup> on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

SERMON

"A SERMON THAT BLESSES"

REV. ALISON PETERS

\* HYMN #299

YOU SERVANTS OF GOD, YOUR MASTER PROCLAIM

"HANOVER"

*(Zach and Mikayla Dodge will be singing the verses, we invite you to hum along and reflect on the lyrics.)*

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

ALLEGRO IN C  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY ENGLISH

\* DOXOLOGY #608

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

"PRAISE GOD (HOPSON)"

*(Zach and Mikayla Dodge will be singing and we invite you to hum along and reflect on the lyrics.)*

**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 #852

WHEN THE LORD REDEEMS THE VERY LEAST

"I'LL FLY AWAY"

*(Zach and Mikayla Dodge will be singing the verses, we invite you to hum along and reflect on the lyrics.)*

\* BENEDICTION

\* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION

INSTRUMENTAL "AMEN"

POSTLUDE

CON SPIRITO IN C  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

ANONYMOUS

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\* 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
Musicians.....	Mikayla Dodge, Soprano; Zach Dodge, Baritone
Audio/Video Technicians.....	Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....	Buck and Jane Belt

## 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 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:** The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in memory of Janet Hendershot by Aaron Hendrickson. 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**

<b>ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:</b>	<b>as of February 6, 2022</b>
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	\$ 23,423.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 19,831.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 3,591.00

**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.

**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.