



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 13, 2022

11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WONDROUS LOVE
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

SOUTHERN FOLK HYMN
ARR. DAVID N. JOHNSON

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

UBI CARITAS

TAIZE

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Where charity and love are found, God is there.
Your love, O Jesus Christ, has gathered us together.
Let us love one another as God has loved us.

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

If God is a hen,
we are under God's wing.
If God is a table,
we each have a seat.
If God is a house,
we are safe from the storm.
If God is a party,
we're invited to dance.
If God is a melody,
our names are the lyrics.
If this is God's house,
then all are welcomed. All are loved. All belong. Let us worship Holy god.

Let us pray -

Holy God, this life of ours is full to the brim. Our days are overflowing with things to do, schedules and notifications, assignments and deadlines. We wake up feeling behind, we go to sleep worrying about tomorrow, and we know—there has to be more than this. So we pray: bend down and show us the way. Leave breadcrumbs in the street. Point us toward awe and wonder. Guide us to intimacy and trust. Gift us with laughter that will make us cry and hope that will make us feel alive. We want a new kind of full to the brim. Show us the way. We are listening for your cues. Gratefully we pray, amen.

* HYMN #35

PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

“LOBE DEN HERREN”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When the Pharisees tried to stop Jesus, Jesus said,
“I will keep on.” I will keep on healing. I will keep on teaching. I will keep on preaching. I will keep on flipping the tables of injustice. I will keep on treating every person like a child of God. I will keep on believing that this world can change. I will keep on and keep on and keep on until God's promised day.
Forgive us, God, for the times when we stop. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE #551

LORD, HAVE MERCY

“LAND OF REST”

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.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

-BASED ON PSALM 27

The Lord is my light. The Lord surrounds me like a warm, familiar quilt, in layers of grace. Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the sturdy foundation and the roof over my head. I am not afraid.
When the world is at its worst— when grief clings to my bones, when fear eats at my confidence,
when loneliness moves into my house— God sets the table,
turns on the lights, and invites me to dance.
So even though there are days that feel like too much to bear, I know—I am not alone.
So I ask the Lord, I seek and I pray— let me live in your house all of my days. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

FIRST READING

PSALM 27

- ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
²When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.
³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.
⁴One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.
⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.
⁶Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!
⁸“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!” Your face, LORD, do I seek.
⁹Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!
¹⁰If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up.
¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
¹²Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.
¹³I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.
¹⁴Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

ANTHEM

FOR I AM PERSUADED

MARK SCHWEITZER

MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO; THE SANCTUARY CHOIR
For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life,
Nor angels, nor things present, nor things to come,
Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature
Shall be able to separate us from the love of God.
And who will separate us from the love of Christ?
God’s spirit dwells within us, the Spirit is Life.

SECOND READING

LUKE 13:31-35

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

SERMON

"FULL TO THE BRIM: UNDER GOD'S WING"

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #282

COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE

"DOWN AMPNEY"

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

SUSAN MILLS (CLASS OF 2023), BRENDA LUGER (CLASS OF 2024)

CARL BELT, MICHAEL LEVITAS, CAROLYN MATHEWS AND EVAN SWNAGER (CLASS OF 2025)

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE AND STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION

DECLARATION

WELCOME

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

"NICEA" ARR. DOUGLAS E. WAGNER

THE JOYBELLS; JULIE COURTNEY, DIRECTOR; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

* DOXOLOGY #606

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

"OLD HUNDRETH"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* 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 #440

JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

"ABERYSTWTH"

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION

SPIRIT

JOHN WIMBER

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR, THE CONGREGATION, AND BRENDA LUGER, FLUTE

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love,
Let him fill your life and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you and his Spirit,
like a dove, will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

* 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
Director of Music Ministries.....	Judith Brown
Director of the JoyBells.....	Julie Courtney
Musicians.....	The Sanctuary Choir; The JoyBells; Mikayla Dodge, Soprano; Brenda Luger, Flute
Audio/Video Technicians.....	Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....	Carolyn Mathews and Cindy Corley

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

Bulletin Artwork: *"Under God's Wing" by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity - Inspired by Psalm 27 - Acrylic on raw canvas with digital drawing*

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

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 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 March 6, 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	\$ 36,698.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 33,053.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 3,644.00

ORGAN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: We are raising money to replace our organ’s 50-year-old console with a new solid-state relay and control system. The upgrade will provide numerous benefits: we will no longer worry about the organ’s reliability, wiring in the console will be brought up to code, the new control system will reduce the number of moving parts in the console and will be less susceptible to changes in temperature and humidity, the new control system will have numerous levels of memory so that each organist will have many preset combinations available, and the new control system will have the ability to record, store and playback performances. Session has approved this project, and Buck and Jane Belt are offering to match the first \$15,000 of gifts received from members and friends of First Presbyterian Church. All gifts are welcome. You can make a one-time gift or pay in four installments over the next 12 months. Pledge Cards can be found in your pews this morning and can be dropped in the offering plate or placed in the church office.

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOSH GILHART & KATIE ROSS

NEW SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITY: Don’t walk the Christian journey solo! Gain new friends and meet others who would like to travel their Christian journey together with other single Christians. Let’s have lunch after church on Sunday, March 20 at Café Mark to discuss the possibilities. Weather permitting, we will meet at the front of the church and walk to lunch together.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: SHARON KAZARY & BUCK BELT

COVID-19 UPDATE: The Worship and Music Committee met last Sunday. Dr. Levitas reviewed the latest Covid data, indicating still-high, but steadily decreasing rates of Covid illness in our region. He felt that it is appropriate to ease up on our recent precautions. Local hospitalization rates are much lower, indicating that risk of serious illness is decreasing.

Therefore, we will now allow singing in church, but still while wearing masks, for both the choir and our congregation members. The liturgist may now return to the chancel. Both the pastor and liturgist will be masked, but should unmask when speaking at the microphone. Time for Children may also resume. Our committee voted unanimously for these changes.

Holy Week Services

*Palm/Passion Sunday, April 10th:

10:15 AM Churches on the Hill Gathering on Washington Street

11:00 AM Traditional Service at First Presbyterian

*Easter Egg Blessing Milestone at 1:30 PM at First Presbyterian Church - all families are invited to attend!

*Maundy Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 PM at First Presbyterian

*Good Friday Walking Stations of the Cross, April 15th at 12:00 PM
beginning at The Shrine of Saints Peter & Paul

*Easter Sunday, April 17th:

Sunrise Service at Rocky Gap at 7:00 AM

Traditional Service in the Sanctuary of First Presbyterian at 11:00 AM

**First Presbyterian Church
Invites you to an
Easter Egg
Blessing Milestone
April 10, 2022 at 1:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall**



**A Milestones Ministry Moment for young children,
grandchildren, their families and friends!**

Activities include:

Light lunch, egg coloring, egg hunting, and Easter storytelling.

Please RSVP to Brittany by Wednesday, April 6th.

WORLD ARTISTS EXPERIENCES (WAE) will be hosting Italian pianist/composer/conductor **Federico Longo** this afternoon at 3:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church, Washington St., Cumberland with his original composition, "Notte di Luce" (Night of Light). . .a story told with live piano, violin, electronic keyboard, and recorded narration with dance video . Lyric introduction by Mezzo-soprano Mariella Guarnera who will sing works by Bach, Saint-Saëns, Werther, and Webber.

EASTER FLOWERS 2022

If you would like to purchase flowers for the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please indicate below whether you wish to take your flowers home afterward, or if you wish them to be given to one of our in-home or nursing care members. Please indicate your selection and total below. **Orders are due by Sunday, April 3rd.**

	Price Each	Quantity	Total
Lily	\$7.00	_____	\$ _____
Tulips	\$7.00	_____	\$ _____
Hyacinths	\$7.00	_____	\$ _____
Chrysanthemums	\$7.00	_____	\$ _____
	Total	_____	\$ _____

My floral gift is in honor/memory of: _____

Given to the Glory of God by: _____

Please indicate: I would like to take my flowers home _____ I would like to donate the flowers _____

Easter Music 2022

You can also celebrate Easter by contributing to the Special Music Fund. This fund is separate from the budget and is used to pay guest musicians who provide special music during worship on holidays and throughout the year.

Note: Special Music contributions may also be given any time of the year.

Special Music Contribution _____ \$ _____

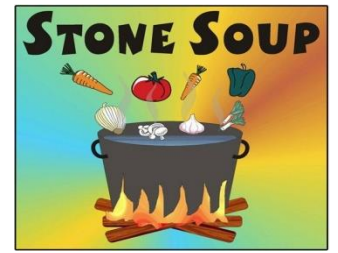
My Special Music gift is in honor/memory of: _____

Given to the Glory of God by: _____

Checks for music should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church and the form returned to the church no later than **Sunday, April 3rd** if you want your dedication listed in the bulletin.

Learning Tree Stone Soup

In keeping with the spirit of the folk tale of Stone Soup, we will be collecting food items from our Learning Tree families and making the Learning Tree version of Stone Soup. We will be reading the story and discussing the importance of how our little effort makes a big result when it's done together.



The kids will be making the soup on Monday the 14th and Tuesday the 15th of March. **There will be quarts of soup available for purchase on Wednesday, March 16th and Thursday, March 17th.** It's a great way to share what the kids have learned with the whole family. There will be a vegetable and vegetable beef option.

Soup will be \$10/quart.

Name: _____

Number of quarts _____

Beef _____

Vegetable _____



You're Invited.....

Today following worship

For the dedication of the Dakota Learning Camp/
Janet L. Hendershot Room ceremony and luncheon.

*Featuring.....*Special Music; Ribbon Cutting; Dakota Camp information and memories of Janet.

We invite you to the Fellowship Hall to join Janet's family and our Dakota camp volunteers for this very special event!