

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 17, 2022

11:00 AM



OPENING VOLUNTARY

SPRING

ANTONIO VIVALDI (1678-1741)

I. ALLEGRO, III. DANZA PASTORALE

PETR SKOPEK, RACHEL WHITE, VIOLINS; JAYLON HEYES-KELLER, VIOLA; EDWARD CHO, CELLO; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

HYMN TO JOY

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

This day is not like any other day.

Today we slow down.

Today we take it all in. Today we rest in good news.

This day is not like any other day.

Today we are singing.

Today we are full to the brim. Today joy cannot be contained.

This day is not like any other day.

Today the stone was rolled away. Today the women saw the empty grave. Today we know—death does not win.

This day is not like any other day.

Alleluia! Amen.

Let us pray:

Holy God, we so often long for more. We want more than the hamster wheel life of to-do lists and errands, meal prep and alarm clocks. We want more than comparison and competition. We want more than certainty that drowns out curiosity. We want more than fear that leads to violence. We want a life that is teeming with alleluias. We want a life overcrowded with hope. We want a life congested with good news. We want a life jam-packed with forgiveness. We want a life bursting with laughter. We want a life so full that the stone just has to be rolled away.

So today we pray— break the dam. Dust the cobwebs from our ears. Clear space in our minds to hear you clearly. Speak to us as only you can. It's what we long for. We long for you. Gratefully we pray, amen.

* HYMN #232

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

"EASTER HYMN"

PETR SKOPEK, RACHEL WHITE, VIOLINS; JAYLON HEYES-KELLER, VIOLA; EDWARD CHO, CELLO; BART LAY, TIMPANI; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of new life, we are a mixed bag. We want to be full to the brim with hope and joy, but often we overflow with comparison and doubt. We want to embody the resurrection, but often we'd rather stay the same than to begin again. We want to have the courage to be like the women on that Easter morning— to run and speak truth, but often we are weary of courage and uncertain of our own voices. Forgive us for all the ways we remain unchanged. Break into our hearts. Overflow here. With hope we pray, amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

RESPONSE #551

LORD, HAVE MERCY

“LAND OF REST”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

We believe in a God who can astound us—

a God who created the mountains, the stars on a summer night, and the green of Ireland.

We believe in Jesus, whose example changes us— an example of love for those on the fringes, healing for the sick, and welcome for the lonely.

We believe that Jesus was abandoned by his friends, wounded, mocked, and killed by the state.

And in a garden, three days later, we believe that life began again— the stone was rolled back, as death lost its sting.

Ever since that day, we believe the Spirit has been inviting us into an expansive life—

a life not measured by wealth or accolades, but a life full to the brim with joy, overflowing with laughter, saturated in hope, and decorated with good news.

Death has lost its sting.

We believe, and are set free. Thanks be to God, amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

² Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.”

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”

¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸ The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.^[a]

ANTHEM

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

HEINRICH SCHUTZ (1585-1672)

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR; PETR SKOPEK, RACHEL WHITE, VIOLINS; JAYLON HEYES-KELLER, VIOLA; EDWARD CHO, CELLO; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

Sing to the Lord, all the earth,
 Make a joyful noise!
 Serve the Lord with gladness.
 Come before Him with singing.
 Know that the Lord is our God.
 He is God. The Lord our God has made us, and not we ourselves.
 And we are his, the sheep of His pasture.
 Enter His gates with thanksgiving, enter into His courts with praise!
 With praise and with thanksgiving.
 Thank Him! Bless Him! Give thanks to Him and bless His name.
 For the Lord is good, and His love is everlasting,
 And His truth to all generations.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son,
 And to the Holy Ghost;
 Now and forever, forevermore.
 Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 24:1-12

24 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

SERMON*"AN EXPANSIVE LIFE"*

REV. ALISON PETERS

*** HYMN #226***THERE IN GOD'S GARDEN**"SHADES MOUNTAIN"*

PETR SKOPEK, RACHEL WHITE, VIOLINS; JAYLON HEYES-KELLER, VIOLA; EDWARD CHO, CELLO; BART LAY, TIMPANI; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

Verse 1 - WOMEN ONLY Congregation and Choir

Verse 2 - Congregation and Choir

Verse 3 - MEN ONLY Congregation and Choir

Verse 4 - Choir

Verse 5 - Congregation and Choir

INVITATION TO OFFERING*(Please place all tithes and offerings as well as any orange prayer request cards in the offering plate.)***OFFERTORY SOLO***I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVETH (MESSIAH)*

G.F. HANDEL (1685-1759)

MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO; PETR SKOPEK, VIOLIN; EDWARD CHO, CELLO; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

I know that my redeemer liveth,
 and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth,
 And though worms destroy this body,
 Yet in my flesh shall I see God.
 For now is Christ risen from the dead,
 The first-fruits of them that sleep.
 Job 19:25-26; I Corinthians 25:20

* DOXOLOGY #240

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS(VERSE 4)
THE CONGREGATION, JOYBELLS, STRINGS AND ORGAN
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give praise to his name.
Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Give praise to his name.

“ALLELUIA No. 1”

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER SUPPER

Holy and Abundant God, we are so grateful for this table that you set for us over and over. Help us to continue to find our strength in this place to tell the good news of Resurrection. Give us the energy to run and tell, “Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!” Amen!

* HYMN #233

THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

“LANCASHIRE”

PETR SKOPEK, RACHEL WHITE, VIOLINS; JAYLON HEYES-KELLER, VIOLA; EDWARD CHO, CELLO; BART LAY, TIMPANI; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION

7 FOLD AMEN
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

PETER LUTKIN (1858-1931)

POSTLUDE

HALLELUJAH (MESSIAH)

G.F. HANDEL (1685-1759)

THE CONGREGATION AND THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

PETR SKOPEK, RACHEL WHITE, VIOLINS; JAYLON HEYES-KELLER, VIOLA; EDWARD CHO, CELLO; BART LAY, TIMPANI; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

(If you would like to sing the Hallelujah Chorus with the choir,

please come to the front of the Sanctuary during the Benediction Response)

* 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.....Buck Belt
Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown
Director of the JoyBells.....Julie Courtney
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir; The Joybells; Judith Brown, Organ; Mikayla Dodge, Soprano
.....Petr Skopek, Rachel White, Violins; Jaylon Heyes-Keller, Viola; Edward Cho, Cello; Bart Lay, Timpani
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Buck and Jane Belt

Bulletin Artwork: "Prepared" by Hannah Garrity - Inspired by Luke 24:1-12 - Paper lace

MASK POLICY UPDATE: At the March session meeting, Session decided that masks will now be optional throughout the building and in worship. However, masks will still be required for choir members and aerosol producing instrumentalists when making music during worship.

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

Carolyn Mathews

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Carl Belt & Gary Hendrickson

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Bob Courtney & Evan Swanger

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

Mikayla Dodge & Susan Mills

FAITH FORMATION

Josh Gilhart & Katie Ross

MISSION

Aaron Hendrickson & Brenda Luger

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Sharon Kazary & Mike Levitas

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: CARL BELT

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of April 10, 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	\$ 52,418.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 49,608.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 2,809.00

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.