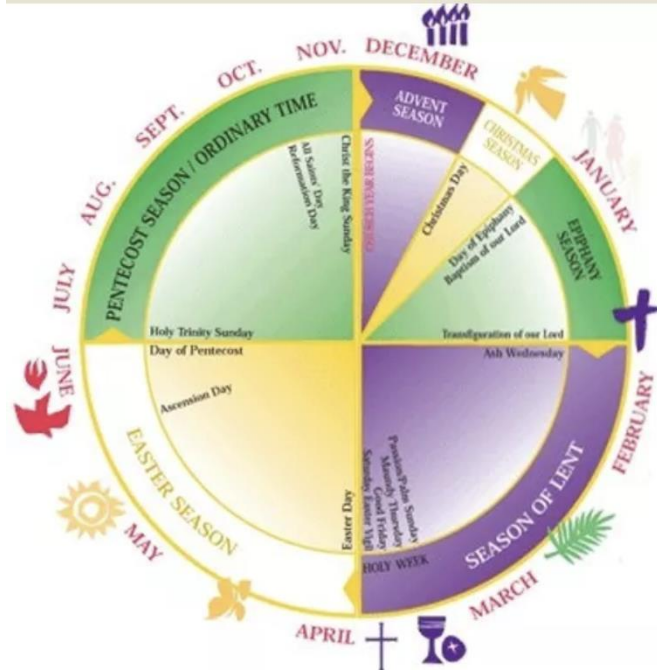


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

APRIL 24, 2022 11:00 AM

ADVENT

OPENING VOLUNTARY

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS (ADVENT)
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

MARK HAYES

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS

INTROIT

JOY TO THE WORLD (CHRISTMAS)
THE JOY BELLS, THE PSALM 150 BAND; JULIE COURTNEY, DIRECTOR

ARR. CHRIS KELLERMEYER

EPIPHANY

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Arise! Shine!

God's light has come to reveal The Way in this New Year.

Arise! Shine!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Arise! Shine!

God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

Arise! Shine!

Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn. Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Let us pray:

Almighty and ever-living God, who when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan the Holy Spirit descended solemnly declaring him your beloved Son; grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

ORDINARY TIME

* HYMN #375

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

“HANSON PLACE”

LENT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord God, we bow our heads before you in humble confession of the wrongs we have done, as well as the acts of love and mercy we have left undone. We have bent the truth to serve our own purposes. We have been slow to apologize and swift to condemn. We have refused to make allowances for others while demanding others make allowances for us. We have coveted things we do not need. We have spoken more than we have listened, getting carried away by our own self-importance. We have been slow to serve, quick to demand service of others. We arrogantly imagine we can manage the lives of other people when we have not yet learned to manage our own with righteousness. Forgive us, we pray as we offer ourselves to you in silent confession...

(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

EASTER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being. For as all die in Adam, so also all will be made alive in Christ. Alleluia!

ANTHEM

NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES (EASTER)

“NOEL NOUVELET”

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

(The text can be found in our hymnal, #247)

PENTECOST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

ACTS 2:1-41

TRINITY SUNDAY

SERMON

"THE SEASONS OF THE CHURCH"

REV. ALISON PETERS

ORDINARY TIME

* HYMN #686

GOD OF OUR LIFE

"SANDON"

INSTALLATION OF GARY HENDRICKSON

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE AND STATEMENT ON INSTALLATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

WELCOME

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY SOLO

PASTORALE
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

PHILIP HAYES (1738-1797)

* DOXOLOGY #609

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

"LASST UNS ERFRUEN"

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH 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.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

* HYMN #275

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

"EIN' FESTE BURG"

ORDINARY TIME

* BENEDICTION

CHRIST THE KING

* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION

JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'ER THE SUN
THE CONGREGATION AND SANCTUARY CHOIR

"DUKE STREET"

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

POSTLUDE

IMPROVISATION ON "DUKE STREET"
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.....	Kim Mills
Director of Music Ministries.....	Judith Brown
Director of the JoyBells.....	Julie Courtney
Musicians.....	The Sanctuary Choir, The Joybells and The Psalm 150 Band
Audio/Video Technicians.....	Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....	Rick and Robin Bissell

MUSIC NOTES

The Psalm 150 Band's second performance is an arrangement of two Christmas hymns, *Joy to the World* and *'Twas In The Moon Of Wintertime* based around the theme of the *Joy To The World* Fanfare by John Behnk (used with permission), with the concept by Julie Courtney and arranged by Chris Kellermeyer. Participants include JoyBell ringers Tammy Rankin, Nancy Hodges, Carolyn Mathews, Brenda Luger, Renee Kiddy, Julie Courtney, Evan Swanger, Richard Harris and Robert Courtney. Instrumentals include Judie Brown, Zach and Mikayla Dodge, Mark Gauthier, Samuel Kellermeyer, Bob Kazary, and Otto Ross. Director is Chris Kellermeyer. There may be other instrumentalists joining in the fun as Psalm 150 says: "Praise Him with lute... harp... tambourine... strings... pipe... cymbals... Let everything that breathes Praise the Lord!"

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 worshiping and serving our Lord, Jesus Christ. We welcome and encourage worshippers 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 17, 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	\$ 53,563.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 52,915.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 647.00

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.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

RULING ELDERS: BOB COURTNEY & EVAN SWANGER

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY: The Building and Grounds Committee invites you to attend the Spring Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 7th from 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM.