



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT:

HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 3, 2022

11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

NUN BITTEN WIE DEN HEILIGEN GEIST

DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE (1637-1707)

JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

Now do we pray unto the Holy Ghost
For the true faith of all things the most,
That He may defend us when life is ending,
As from exile home we are wending.

Kyrieleis!

Thou precious Light, be Thou within us shone,
Teach us Jesus Christ to know alone,
That we may abide in the Lord who bought us,
Who to our true homeland hath brought us.

Kyrieleis!

Thou sweetest Love, Thy favor to us grant,
Give to us Thy love's bright burning brand,
That with hearts united we love each other,
Of one mind, at peace with each brother.

Kyrieleis!

Thou highest Comforter in ev'ry need,
Help us of our death be unafraid,
That e'en then our courage may never fail us,
When the Foe at last shall assail us.

Kyrieleis!

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

TO MY PRECIOUS LORD

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

To my precious Lord I bring my flask of fragrant oil;
Kneeling down, I kiss his feet, anoint them with the oil.
Jesus who for my sake walked the road to Calvary,
With each step has marked the imprint of his love for me.

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

May we find courage here—

courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith.

May we find hope here—

hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.

May we find truth here—

truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in ancient stories.

May we find all that we seek.

And in our seeking, may we know God. Amen.

Let us pray -

Holy God, sometimes our waking is a prayer. Sometimes the song we have stuck in our head, rumbling around on repeat, is a prayer. Sometimes the way we talk to the children and the way we hug the dog is a prayer.

Sometimes the way we take our phone out to get a picture of the sunset or of the people we love—that is a prayer.

Other times, prayer is moments like this— heads lowered, hearts quiet for just a moment. And in all of it, we trust you to hear us. Help us to hear you in return. Gratefully we pray, amen.

* HYMN #463

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

“FOUNDATION”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus of Nazareth, we admit that often we tuck our faith into our pockets, hiding in a place of comfort rather than proudly declaring: yes we are Christian, yes we believe, yes this faith has changed me. We are so afraid of offending others or embarrassing ourselves that we have established rules: no faith at the dinner table, no faith in politics, no faith with strangers. Forgive us for whispering when we could be singing. Forgive us for staying quiet when we could be part of rewriting the narrative. We want to be brave. We want to pour out perfume over your feet. These things 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

I believe in beauty—beauty pulled into being by our Creator, beauty that catches our breath, beauty that turns us toward awe.

I believe in courage— courage to believe, courage to stand up for the people we love, courage to love without hesitation.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who prays for us when we cannot, who is brave for us when we are not.

I believe in Jesus Christ who stood up for Mary, who quieted the voice of critique, who welcomed every bid for relationship.

I believe in God.

I believe in God who believes in us. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 43:16-21

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,

¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,

²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR; BRENDA LUGER, RENEE KIDDY, HANDBELLS

What wondrous love is this, O my soul
That caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing
Who is the great "I am,"
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free I'll sing on,
I'll sing and joyful be, and thro' eternity
I'll sing on.

SECOND READING

JOHN 12:1-8

12 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

SERMON

"FULL TO THE BRIM: BRAZEN ACTS OF BEAUTY"

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #201

A PROPHET-WOMAN BROKE A JAR

"HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING"

MISSION IN A MINUTE

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY TRIO

DO NOT BE AFRAID

PHILIP STOPFORD (1977 -)

LAUREL PLITNIK, SOPRANO; MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO; ZACH DODGE, BARITONE

Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by your name.

You are mine.

When you walk through the waters I'll be with you;

You will never sink beneath the waves.

When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your sideWhen you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.You are mine, O my child, I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love.Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by your name.
You are mine, You are mine.

* 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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER SUPPER

Holy One, you have poured out so much for us. You encourage us to live a life of risk and extravagant love. We see your example at this table and are called to take it out to the world. Use us in this season to share your grace and peace to those you have placed in our path. Send us forth and strengthen us for service. Amen.

* HYMN #634

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

“TO GOD BE THE GLORY”

* 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.

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

* 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
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir; Mikayla Dodge, Soprano; Zach Dodge, Baritone
..... Renee Kiddy, Handbells; Brenda Luger, Flute & Handbells; Laurel Plitnik, Soprano
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Cathy & Mike Levitas

A Congregational Meeting is called by the Session for today, immediately following the worship service for the purpose of electing Gary Hendrickson to the class of 2023 to serve on the Administration and Finance committee. Please plan to attend.

Bulletin Artwork: "Brazen Beauty" by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity - Inspired by John 12:1-8 - Acrylic on raw canvas with digital drawing

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

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 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: The flowers in the sanctuary are given to Glory of God in Honor of Laura Beth Strunk in celebration of her birthday by her grandmother, Sandra Burton. 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 March 27, 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	\$ 41,993.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 42,969.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (976.00)

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.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & BRENDA LUGER

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Next Sunday, our congregation will be contributing to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Approximately 1/3 of the proceeds of this offering will help fund the Self Development of People, a program of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Grant money from One Great Hour of Sharing helps oppressed, disadvantaged people achieve self-sufficiency. Please consider giving generously to this offering.

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 1:00 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.

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 next 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 next Sunday, April 3rd if you want your dedication listed in the bulletin.

