

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER  
ASSISTANCE**

**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022

11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

MEDLEY OF INTERNATIONAL WORSHIP SONGS

GLORIA (ARGENTINA)

Glory to God on high,  
And on earth peace to the people  
in whom God is well pleased.

SENHOR, TEMPIE DADE DE NOS (BRAZIL)

Lord our God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord our God, have mercy on us.

SARA SHRISTE (NEPAL)

You are author and Lord of creation;  
You are maker of life and of living.  
And from deep in our hearts, wonder and love  
Inspire our worship and praise.  
Hallelujah Amen.

HALLE, HALLE, HALLE (CARIBBEAN)

Hallelujah!

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

WE ALL ARE ONE IN MISSION

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

We all are one in mission,  
We all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission compels us from above  
To plan and work together that all may know God's love.

ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN

\* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"  
And I said, "Here I am, send me!"  
And he said, "Go..."

Lord of Hosts, you have sent us, we have said we'll go. Please give us the courage to stand for you, to break the chains of injustice, and proclaim your Good News.

Let us pray:

Dear God, We pray that we as a church pay careful attention to ourselves and to all the flock. Your Holy Spirit has made us overseers, to care for the church of God, which You obtained with Your own blood. Lord, we pray that we each see it as our divine duty to look after Your people. Let us be good shepherds to one another: tending to, guiding and (spiritually) feeding one another, Amen.

\* HYMN #761

CALLED AS PARTNERS IN CHRIST'S SERVICE

"BEECHER"

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we use a lot of words, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and form groups of folks just like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most.

Forgive us, God of love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness. Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God. Amen.

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

RESPONSE #231

CHRIST HAS RISEN WHILE EARTH SLUMBERS (Verse 1)

"SUO GAN"

Christ has risen while earth slumber; Christ has risen where hope died,  
as he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied.

Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer;  
let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here!

## 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.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

## ANTHEM

HE CAME DOWN (CAMEROON)

EDITED AND ARRANGED BY JOHN BELL

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

He came down that we may have love;  
He came down that we may have peace;  
He came down that we may have joy;  
Hallelujah, forevermore.

## SECOND READING

ACTS 4:32-35

<sup>2</sup>All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all <sup>34</sup>that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales <sup>35</sup>and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

MISSION REFLECTIONS

UNION RESCUE MISSION SERVICE PROJECT

AARON HENDERICKSON

FAITH RESPONSE

BRENDA LUGER

\* HYMN #727

WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT

"THE SERVANT SONG"

FAITH RESPONSE

THE DAKOTA LEARNING CAMPS

ROBIN BISSELL

FAITH RESPONSE

PEB PAKISTAN SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

BRENDA LUGER

PRAYER

\* HYMN #69

I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY

"HERE I AM (SCHUTTE)"

ORGAN CAMPAIGN UPDATE

KATHY GETTY

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

HYMN OF PROMISE  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

NATALIE SLEETH

\* DOXOLOGY #231

CHRIST HAS RISEN WHILE EARTH SLUMBERS (Verse 2)

"SUO GAN"

Christ has risen for the people whom he died to love and save;  
Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace his grave.  
Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room.  
He whose word inspired creation can't be silenced by the tomb.

\* 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.

\* HYMN #767

TOGETHER WE SERVE

"SAN ANSELMO"

\* BENEDICTION

\* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION# 231 CHRIST HAS RISEN WHILE EARTH SLUMBERS (Verse 3)

"SUO GAN"

Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change  
all whose lives are messed and mangled, all who find religion strange.  
Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been:  
evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.

POSTLUDE

TRUMPET VOLUNTARY  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

JOHN BENNETT (18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY)

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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

Liturgist.....Josh Gilhart  
Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown  
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir  
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
Ushers.....Jeff and Kathy Getty

## 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 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](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:** 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 & GARY HENDRICKSON

<b>ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:</b>	<b>as of May 8, 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	\$ 66,393.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 62,837.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 3,555.00

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

RULING ELDERS: BOB COURTNEY & EVAN SWANGER

The building and grounds committee are looking to find homes for two older upright Hamilton pianos that are currently located in the large bell choir room upstairs in the church. The pianos are in decent shape and would need to be transported to a new location and tuned. We would charge just a minimal amount for each piano. Please respond to the church office and let Brittany know of any interest and she will contact the committee. Thankyou from Building and Grounds Committee