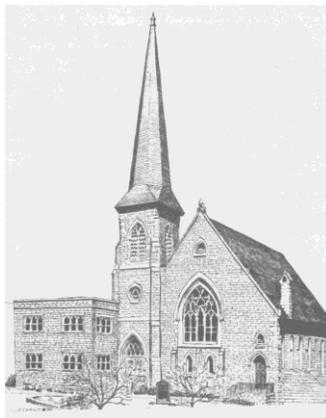


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET

CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MAY 22, 2022

11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

PEACEFUL DAWN
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

JANE LESLIE

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

DONA NOBIS PACEM
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR
Grant us peace

SIM SHALOM

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

We come this morning full of ourselves:

Our concerns, our plans, our opinions, our schedules.

In this moment, help us empty our minds of the relentless 'I' and make space for you.

Enable us to put down our priorities; to set aside our assumptions and schemes.

Open our hearts to recognize your love in action in our lives.

Reassure us of your divine vision, and let us rest in your unending care.

Let us pray -

Lord, open our hearts to receive your word. The glory of the Lord is a light.

Open our eyes to see where you are leading. Help us to walk by your light.

Help us to shine in dark places. Use us as beacons of hope, speakers of kindness, and, practitioners of justice.

Lord, you left us your peace. You gave it to us. Help us draw on your peace when we feel troubled. Help us to be calm in the midst of chaos. Help us to mediate in conflict. Help us to use our hands to build peace for others.

The glory of the Lord is a light. Shine brightly on us this day, as we seek to praise you. Amen.

* HYMN #12

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

"ST. DENIO"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church: we have not done your will; we have broken your law. Jesus said: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" and "you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

We have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

PSALM 148:1-14

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights!
² Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his host!
³ Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!
⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.
⁶ And he established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.^[a]
⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
⁹ Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
¹⁰ Beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
¹² Young men and maidens together, old men and children!
¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.
¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him.
Praise the LORD!

ANTHEM

IF YE LOVE ME

THOMAS TALLIS (CIRCA 1505-1585)

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
And I will pray the Father
and He shall give me another Comforter.
That he may abide with you forever.
E'en the Spirit of Truth.

SECOND READING

JOHN 14:15-21

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you for ever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you.
¹⁸ “I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

SERMON

“POWERED UP”

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #366

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

“HYFRYDOL”

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

FOR I AM PERSUADED

CARLISLE FLOYD (1926-2021)

MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life,
Nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present,
Nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature
Shall be able to separate me from the love of God.

May the Lord bless you and keep you,
May the Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And give you peace. And give you peace.

* 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 #450

BE THOU MY VISION

“SLANE”

* 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

VOLUNTARY IN C

18TH CENTURY ENGLAND

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.....Robin Bissell
Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir, Mikayla Dodge, Soprano
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers..... John Mullan and Sharon Squires

OUR STAFF

Teaching Elder/Pastor.....Rev. Alison Peters
Director of Music MinistriesJudith 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 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. **Nursery care is provided during worship for all children 4 years of age and younger!**

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

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of May 15, 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	\$ 68,598.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 66,144.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 2,453.00

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

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & BRENDA LUGER

PENTECOST OFFERING: On Sunday, June 5th we will have the opportunity to donate to the Pentecost offering.

This offering helps youth begin life with a solid foundation of faith.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By giving to the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come – children, youth, and young adults. Forty per cent of this offering remains with our local YMCA Feeding Program. Please give to the Pentecost Offering on June 5, 2022.

CHURCHES OF WASHINGTON STREET OPPORTUNITIES

PAINT N SIP - Friday, June 3rd from 6:00 -8:00 PM at Emmanuel Parish

Are you looking to try your hand at painting? Come join us for a paint n sip. Cost is \$30 and refreshments will be provided. **RSVP by May 31st** to emmanuelparish03@gmail.com if you are interested.

GOD'S ABUNDANT TABLE - Friday, June 10th from 6:00-9:00 PM in Pastor Alison's Yard

We are blessed to live in God's abundant creation, so how do we do our part to care for it? Join us for a sustainable community meal under the stars and hear from a local farmer.

Please bring your own chair, plate, silverware, cup and a side dish sourced as locally as possible if you are able.

We will provide a main dish, water, and tea. **RSVP by June 6th**. Rain Date TBD

ALTOONA CURVE GAME - Sunday, June 19th (Father's Day) at 1:00 PM

Watch the Altoona Curve play the Erie SeaWolves with your faith family.

Tickets are \$28 per person and include a picnic of chicken, ribs, burgers, hot dogs, and sides.

RSVP by June 1st to emmanuelparish03@gmail.com