

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



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

MAY 8, 2022

11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

BECKONING  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

ARR. J. BROWN

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

SHEPHERD ME, O GOD  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR AND ALISON PETERS, SOPRANO  
Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.  
God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want;  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love;  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.  
Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul;  
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth;  
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.

"SHEPHERD ME"

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters, and refreshes us

**The Shepherd shows us the way we should go, to bring God glory.**

Though all manner of evil befall us, we will not be afraid,

**the Great Shepherd of our souls is with us.**

We are never away from the love and mercy of our Lord,

**and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Let us pray -

Holy One, we long to dwell here in your house, so we come as we are. You call us to trust in your provision, so we relinquish our control. May our worship and our witness reveal the depth of our faith and lead us into the truth. May that truth send us out to do your work in the Lord. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Master, Savior, Shepherd, Messiah, and Lord—we know you by many names. Your presence fills our lives—all that we are and all that we have comes from you; all that you do declares your love for us. Yet when trouble comes, when adversity plagues us, we wonder where you are; we even wonder who you are. How quickly we forget that you are always with us. Dispel our gloom and despair. Change our darkness into dazzling light. Spread your table before us, and feed us from your hand. Lead us in the paths of righteousness, through 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.*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

PSALM 23

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;  
<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.  
<sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

ANTHEM

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

HOWARD GOODALL

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want,  
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leadeth me besides the still waters.  
If I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.  
For You are with me, You will comfort me.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SECOND READING

ACTS 9:36-43

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get

up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

SERMON

"A WOMAN'S WORK"

REV. ALISON PETERS

\* HYMN #36

FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION

"AR HYDY NOS"

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

ALLEGRO  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

THOMAS THORLEY (18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY)

\* 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 #324

FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN

"NYLAND"

\* 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

SPIRITOSO IN C  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

ANONYMOUS 18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY

\* 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.....Katie Ross  
Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown  
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir; Rev. Alison Peters, Soprano  
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
Ushers.....Kathy Dowell and Sharon Squires

## 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 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](http://www.fpc-cumberland.org) and [www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland](http://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 this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of our mothers, Jane Adams and Audrey Mills, by Phil and Kim Mills. 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 1, 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	\$ 63,563.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 59,530.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 4,122.00

**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

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

**MOUNTAINSIDE BAROQUE** will be hosting concerts on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM at Emmanuel Episcopal Parish and on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM at the Shrine of SS. Peter & Paul. Saturday they will present *Mozart to Beethoven: Violin and Foretepiano* and Sunday they will present *The Heavens Laugh: Festive Bach*.