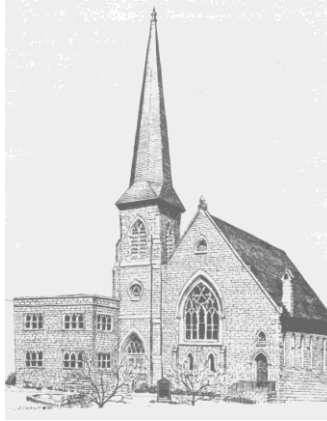


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET

CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: JUNE 19, 2022 10:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*JESUS, I COME*  
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

ROBERT THYGERSON

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*JESUS, WE ARE HERE*  
NANCY HODGES, PIANO  
Jesus, We are here.  
Jesus, We are here.  
Jesus, We are here.  
Jesus, We are here.  
We are here for you.  
We are here for you.

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

As the deer pants for streams of water,  
so we long for you, O God.  
**We thirst for you, the living God.**  
**When can we come and stand in your presence?**

Through each day,  
the Lord pours his unfailing love upon us,  
**Through each night**  
**we sing his songs,**  
**praying to the God who gives us life.**

Send out your light and your truth, O God.  
Let them guide us to Your holy mountain,  
to the place where you live.  
**Then we will go to the altar of God,**  
**to God—the source of all our joy.**

Let us pray -

Holy God, You are greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still and know that You are God. O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life, breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm. O still, small voice, speak to us this hour that we might become makers of Your peace in our homes, in our communities, in our world. We pray all this in the name of the One who calmed the raging sea. Amen.

\* HYMN #472

KUM BA YAH

"KUM BA YAH"

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy help us to see that the earthly things we strive for are shadows, but you are substance. Lord, we acknowledge that we are more prone to resent than to forgive, more ready to manipulate than to serve, more ready to fear than to love. Forgive us Lord and make our hearts passionate for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

RESPONSE #286

BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD (Verse 2)

"TRENTHAM"

Breathe on me, Breath of God; until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

## 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

1 KINGS 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15A

19 Ahab told Jez'ebel all that Eli'jah had done, and how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup>Then Jez'ebel sent a messenger to Eli'jah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." <sup>3</sup>Then he was afraid, and he arose and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. <sup>4</sup>But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree; and he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I am no better than my fathers."

<sup>8</sup>And he arose, and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. <sup>9</sup>And there he came to a cave, and lodged there; and behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Eli'jah?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the people of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thy altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." <sup>11</sup>And he said, "Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. <sup>13</sup>And when Eli'jah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Eli'jah?" <sup>14</sup>He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the people of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thy altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup>And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, you shall anoint Haz'ael to be king over Syria;

## ANTHEM

## MEDLEY OF

THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD  
O, PRAISE THE GRACIOUS POWER

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL, ARR. COSTEN  
TOEGER-DORAN

MEMBERS OF THE JOYBELLS AND NANCY HODGES, PIANO

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;

O praise gracious power that tumbles walls of fear and gathers in one house of faith all strangers far and near:

O praise inclusive love, encircling every race, Oblivious to gender, wealth, to social rank or place

There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

## SECOND READING

LUKE 8:26 - 39

<sup>26</sup>Then they arrived at the country of the Ger'asenes,<sup>[a]</sup> which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>And as he stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons; for a long time he had worn no clothes, and he lived not in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beseech you, do not torment me." <sup>29</sup>For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him; he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters, but he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the desert.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now a large herd of swine was feeding there on the hillside; and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them leave. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>And those who had seen it told them how he who had been possessed with demons was healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Ger'asenes<sup>[b]</sup> asked him to depart from them; for they were seized with great fear; so he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but he sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

## SERMON

JOSH GILHART

## \* HYMN #320

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN EVERY AGE

"WAREHAM"

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

## OFFERTORY

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS  
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

ARR. CE WALZ

## \* DOXOLOGY #647

GIVE THANKS

"GIVE THANKS"

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. Give Son.  
And now let the weak say, We are strong";

let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

## \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH 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.

\* BENEDICTION

\* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION# 306   BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS (Verse 1)

"SUO GAN"

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

POSTLUDE

EPILOGUE IN "TRURO"

LANI SMITH

NANCY HODGES, PIANO

\* 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..... Josh Gilhart  
Liturgist.....Wesley Mason  
Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown  
Guest Pianist.....Nancy Hodges  
Musicians..... Member of the JoyBells  
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
Ushers.....David Stickler & Bob Courtney

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. **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:** The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Pastor and Mrs. William A. Eisenberger and their children Frances, Dan and William, by their family.** 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 June 12, 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	\$83,513.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$79,373.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 4,139.00

**PIPE ORGAN NEWS:** Our Pipe Organ is down, however the problem is not related to the Organ Console Project under contract with Lewis & Hitchcock. The 5 HP electric motor which powers our rotary wind bellows failed on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> while Nancy Hodges was practicing. Under supervision of Bob Courtney and Belt Construction Personnel, the 450 lb. motor was removed and delivered to IM Motors of Fort Ashby, WV for repairs. This motor was last repaired in 1985 and we hope this repair will last another 40 years.

Progress continues on our Organ Console Rebuild Project as Judie Brown, our Director of Music/Organist, spent much of May fine tuning the specifications and controls desired to make our new organ console very functional and user friendly. All of these specifications were sent to Syndyne Corporation of California who will build our sound-state relay and control system and engrave our draw knobs and control plates.

The organ console cabinet is being modified for the new controls and will be re-finished in July, by Ballen Furniture Services of Beltsville, MD. It is anticipated all components will be installed in the console cabinet in August, with installation of the new console taking place in September.

Our Organ Campaign ended on May 31<sup>st</sup> and we are excited to report that \$93,100 was raised. All funds remaining after completing the organ console rebuild and organ repairs will be added to the Organ Endowment Fund to be used for yearly maintenance and tuning of the organ. We are most grateful for the overwhelming support from our congregation and friends of First Church who supported this campaign. We are especially thankful to Kathy Getty for her leadership of this campaign.

Again, thank you for your generous support of this campaign.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH**  
**RULING ELDERS: MIKAYLA DODGE & SUSAN MILLS**

**SIGHTS & SOUNDS TRIP:** The trip to Sight and Sound Theatre will be September 24th for a matinee show at 3:00 PM. Tickets are \$85 per person. We currently still have some tickets available; please contact Mikayla Dodge at [mikaylaedodge@yahoo.com](mailto:mikaylaedodge@yahoo.com) or the church office if you would like to attend this trip. **Please make your payment out to First Presbyterian Church and turn it in to the church office by Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> to ensure your ticket.** If you have any questions, feel free to email Mikayla Dodge.