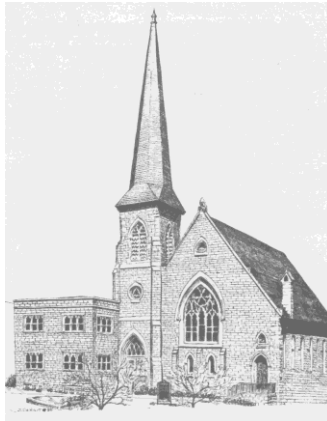


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET

CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY JUNE 26, 2022 10:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

AIR
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

SAMUEL WESLEY (1766-1837)

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT #392

JESUS, WE ARE HERE
Jesus, we are here.
Jesus, we are here.
Jesus, we are here
We are here for you.
(Congregation sings twice.)

"JESUS, TAWA PANO"

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God is a God who calls.

We have gathered to worship and to hear that call.

God is a God who equips.

We are here to worship and to be shaped into the body of Christ.

God is a God who sends.

We are here to worship so that we can carry that spirit of worship out into the world where we live.

God is a God who blesses.

We are here to worship and to request a double share of that blessing together.

Let us pray -

God of power, without your love we can do nothing. Give us a double share of your spirit so that we can work together, across the world, to bring about the end of poverty for all. Teach us to follow the examples of the prophets, to speak clearly alongside the poor and to work tirelessly for the good of all people. Through your Son Jesus Christ who brought healing and love to the whole world.

Amen.

* HYMN #308

O GOD IN WHOM ALL LIFE BEGINS

"NOEL"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, We struggle to manifest the fruits of the Spirit, but often find ourselves bound by works of the flesh. We know the whole law is summed up in the single commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. Yet we create fences

around ourselves to keep neighbors outside and tell ourselves we have no responsibility. Even in our own backyard we “bite and devour” one another. We wish it were different. When Jesus calls us to follow him, we find every excuse to instead go home or to the workplace to finish something more important first. Yet we yearn to be more centered on You. Help us to begin now in our true confession. 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

PSALM 77:1-2, 11-20

I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me.

²In the day of my trouble I seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying;
my soul refuses to be comforted.

¹¹I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD; yea, I will remember thy wonders of old.

¹²I will meditate on all thy work, and muse on thy mighty deeds.

¹³Thy way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?

¹⁴Thou art the God who workest wonders, who hast manifested thy might among the peoples.

¹⁵Thou didst with thy arm redeem thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. *Selah*

¹⁶When the waters saw thee, O God, when the waters saw thee, they were afraid, yea, the deep trembled.

¹⁷The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder; thy arrows flashed on every side.

¹⁸The crash of thy thunder was in the whirlwind; thy lightnings lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

¹⁹Thy way was through the sea, thy path through the great waters; yet thy footprints were unseen.

²⁰Thou didst lead thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

SOLO

SONG WITHOUT WORDS OPUS 30, NO. 7 IN EB MAJOR
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

FELIX MENDELSSOHN (1809-1847)

SECOND READING

GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25

⁵For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another take heed that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you would. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are plain: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, party spirit, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

SERMON

“THE SWEETEST FRUIT”

REV. ALISON PETERS

* **HYMN #688**

SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCENT UPON MY HEART

“MORECAMBE”

IHANKTONWAN LEARNING CAMP COMMISSIONING

RICK & ROBIN BISSELL, DESTINY CLAYWELL, KARTER CLAYWELL, JONATHAN COLEMAN, DIANA FRITTS, TYLER GAHR, CYNTHIA HARRIS,
AARON HENDRICKSON, DEANNIA MCCLLOUD, MARY RACEY, CARRIE WATSON, DIANE WELLINGS, AND SYLVIA WILLIAMS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

LARGO
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

HENRY HERON (18TH CENTURY ENGLISH)

* 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.
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.

* HYMN #623

I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER

"PEACE LIKE A RIVER"

* 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

ALLEGRO MODERATO
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

WILLIAM HINE (1687-1730)

* 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.....Hans Killius
Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....John & Deb Mullan

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

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Carolyn Mathews

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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: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God in appreciation of the blessing of her grandson, James Burkett, on his fifth birthday (June 30), by Linda Mellon 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 June 12, 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	\$77,458.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$76,066.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 1,391.00

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 4th 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 31st 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 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 3rd to ensure your ticket.** If you have any questions, feel free to email Mikayla Dodge.

FAITH FORMATION
RULING ELDERS: JOSH GILHART & KATIE ROSS

GUEST SPEAKER: Join us on July 30th at 4:00 PM for an Evening discussing the Psalms with Pittsburgh Theological Seminary professor and author, Rev. Dr. Jerome Creach. Dinner will be provided and childcare can be available if requested in advance.

Please RSVP using the QR Code below or by calling the church office.

