

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION PENTECOST SUNDAY

JUNE 5, 2022

10:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

MEDLEY OF SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD & BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD
NANCY HODGES, ORGAN

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10:00 AM

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

HOLY SPIRIT, COME TO US
NANCY HODGES, ORGAN AND JULIE COURTNEY, SOLOIST

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* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Wind of the Spirit, breathe new life into us!

Blazing Flame of the Spirit, burn away our fears!

Comforting Presence of the Spirit, heal our wounds.

Let us be prepared to worship and praise you, O Holy Spirit.

Spirit of God, come upon us this day and fill us with your love!

Make us people who will proclaim God's good news in all we do!

Let us pray -

Holy God, who comes to us in breath, visits us from the throne of heaven, and sets us aflame with amazement and joy, you open our paths to new visions and guide our feet deeper into your wisdom. Give us faith to trust your presence, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* HYMN #282

COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE

"DOWN AMPNEY"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of power and gentleness, You know our prayers before we speak them. Yet in our asking, prepare us to receive the gift of grace. Open our eyes to Your Spirit and Your healing presence. Help us to forsake all that separates us from You and from our neighbor.

We confess whatever has wounded us or brought injury to others- praying that we and they may receive mercy and know healing. Empower us to become ministers of Your grace, and in so doing become Your church. Meet with compassion the confessions we offer as we seek to be made new. 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

GENESIS 11:1-9

11 Now the whole earth had one language and few words. ²And as men migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. ⁴Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.” ⁵And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the sons of men had built. ⁶And the LORD said, “Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; and nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down, and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.” ⁸So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused^[a] the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

ANTHEM

WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN

TRADITIONAL

I’LL FLY AWAY

ZACH DODGE, BASS; BOB KAZARY, GUITAR; OTTO ROSS, BANJO

SECOND READING

ACTS 2:1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and wondered, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Par’thians and Medes and E’lamites and residents of Mesopota’mia, Judea and Cappado’cia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phryg’ia and Pamphyl’ia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyre’ne, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day; ¹⁶but this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸yea, and on my menservants and my maidservants in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth beneath, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰the sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the day of the Lord comes,

the great and manifest day. ²¹And it shall be that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

SERMON

“BACK TO IT”

REV. ALISON PETERS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

AS THE WIND SONG

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NANCY HODGES, ORGAN AND JULIE COURTNEY, WIND CHIMES

As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze, so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the heart made strangely warm, as the voice within the storm, so it is with the Spirit of God.
Never seen, ever know where this wind has blown bringing life, bringing power to the world,
as the dancing tongues of fire, as the soul’s most deep desire, so it is with the Spirit of God.

As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that’s born again, so it is with the Spirit of God,
as the green in the spring, as a kite on a string, so it is with Spirit of God,
making worlds that are new, making peace come true,
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world, as the rising of the yeast,
as the wine at the feast, so it is with the Spirit of God.

* 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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER SUPPER

Holy God, For this time of remembrance, we give our thanks and praise. For the compassion and hope we have experienced here, we are truly grateful. For the life we have been invited to share, we offer our lives with joy and trust. For these sacred moments lodged in simple gifts and our open hearts, may we never be the same. Thank You, Lord, for remembering us and helping us to remember You. Amen.

* HYMN #41

O WORSHIP THE KING, ALL GLORIOUS ABOVE

“LYONS”

* 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

EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL, ARR. JONES

* 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
 Guest Organist.....Nancy Hodges
 Musicians..... Julie Courtney, Soloist and Wind Chimes; Zach Dodge, Bass; Bob Kazary, Guitar; Otto Ross, Banjo
 Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
 Ushers.....Mike & Cathy Levitas

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 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 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 loving memory of **Eugene D. Munro and Bernice L. Munro, 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

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of May 29, 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	\$74,168.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$72,759.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 1,408.00

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.

Today is the Cumberland Pride Festival: To show our support, First Presbyterian Church will have a table set up out front with some freebies for those walking past our doors. We invite everyone to grab a bracelet or sticker to show your support for our Siblings in Christ. The march will be happening downtown, but we encourage you to show support this day and always!

The Cumberland Pride Festival will be held at Canal Place and all are welcome to attend! If anyone would like to meet and walk down to Canal Place together, please stay for our First Sunday gathering and we can proceed down together.

FAITH FORMATION
RULING ELDERS: JOSH GILHART & KATIE ROSS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held June 13th- June 16th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church from 5:30-7:30 PM. The theme will be "The Parable of the Sower". Several local churches are coming together again this year to host vacation bible school. Volunteers are needed for various jobs. If you would like to serve as a volunteer, contact the church office to add your name to the volunteer list.

If you would like to register a child, contact Katie Ross to complete a registration form. We will only be taking the first 40 participants that register so be sure to complete your forms as soon as possible.

The Faith Formation Committee asks if any of you could:

- Bring donations of greeting cards to use for a craft where the children will cut designs from them to make their own cards.
- Begin planting seeds of any type in small containers as soon as possible so that when VBS begins, we will have plants to give to children. The theme for the week comes from the scripture: The Parable of the Sower Mark 4:1-9.
- Bring smooth stones (not too large/not too small) for the children to paint on. If you can bring any of these things, let Katie Ross know.

MISSION
RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & BRENDA LUGER

PENTECOST OFFERING: TODAY we have the opportunity to donate to the Pentecost offering.

This offering helps youth begin life with a strong start.

At Pentecost, we celebrate that God offers more than we can plan. Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering connect with God's hope and future, supporting ministries with children, youth and young adults by building a life of faith. Through the Young Adult Volunteer program, Presbyterian Youth and Triennium, the "Educate a Child, Transform the World" initiative, as well as our local YMCA feeding program, we join in ministries that connect young people with one another and with caring communities, helping them shape a life and a future beyond even the one we could plan. Please give generously because, when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

SEEKING HOST FOR UPCOMING VISITOR: Our church will host a young Czech visitor, Hannah Slámová, from July 19-25. She is coming officially from the Ecumenical Church of Czech Brethren (ECCB) to attend a youth conference at Montreat, NC. She will also visit PC(USA) churches in Pittsburgh, New York, Annapolis, and Atlanta.

Georgene McKenzie and Linda Smith know her family from trips to the Czech Republic. Hannah will have travel and medical insurance, and an emergency information form. She is 16 years old, is very good with both children and the elderly, is very musical, and enjoys the outdoors. Please contact Georgene or Linda if you are interested in hosting Hannah during her stay.

CHURCHES OF WASHINGTON STREET OPPORTUNITY

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 tomorrow, June 6th**. Rain Date TBD