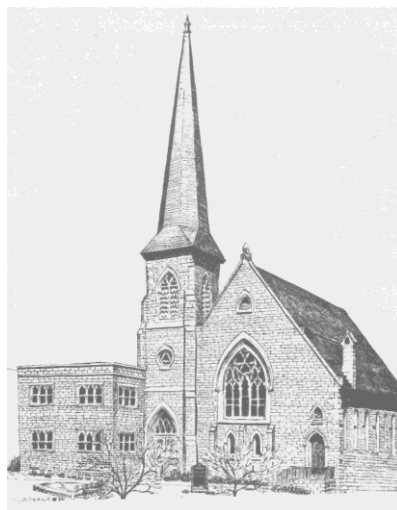


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET

CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORDS DAY JULY 10, 2022 10:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

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JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

JAMES COX BECKEL (1811 - ?)
AMERICAN CHURCH VOLUNTARIES, 1856

10:00 AM

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT #392

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

"JESUS, TAWA PANO"

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God welcomes us in

We share a wide welcome.

God listens when we speak

We share a chance to truly hear.

God knows we are human

We share the truth of forgiveness and mercy.

God offers the greatest love of all

We share the promise and embrace the blessing.

Let us pray -

Holy One, As we sing and pray, as we listen and reflect, as we learn and meditate, draw close - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Surround us with your love, that we might glorify your name, in these next few minutes and in all that is to come. Amen.

* HYMN #803

MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED

"RESIGNATION"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal and Glorious God, Your grace calls us toward growth and service in You. Yet today we acknowledge the many times we have forgotten Your mercy and rejected Your love. Forgive us when we sin against You Through our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us when we neglect to think, speak, and do as You desire. Renew and restore us, O God. Help us to run the race You put before us with perseverance, patience, and passion. 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 82:1-8

God has taken his place in the divine council; in the midst of the gods he holds judgment:

²“How long will you judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?*Selah*

³Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute.

⁴Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

⁵They have neither knowledge nor understanding, they walk about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶I say, “You are gods, sons of the Most High, all of you;

⁷nevertheless, you shall die like men, and fall like any prince.”

⁸Arise, O God, judge the earth; for to thee belong all the nations!

SOLO

IN THE GARDEN

C. AUSTIN MILES (1868-1946)

ALISON PETERS, SOPRANO

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear falling on my ear, The Son of God discloses. REFRAIN

REFRAIN And He walks with me and He talks with me and He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there, None other has ever known.

He speaks and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing. REFRAIN

I'd stay in the garden with Him tho' the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go, thro' the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling. REFRAIN

SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ at Colos'sae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love which you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—so among yourselves, from the day you heard and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷as you learned it from Ep'aphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹And so, from the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰to lead a life worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified

us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

SERMON

"GROWING SEASON"

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #792

THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD

"BALM OF GILEAD"

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

PRESTO

JOHN CHRISTOPHER MOLLER (? - 1803)

JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

* 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 #724

O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED

"ANGEL'S STORY"

* BENEDICTION

*(We will be forming a large circle around the sanctuary as we sing the Benediction Response this morning.
As you are able, move into the aisles and spread out during the musical introduction.)*

* RESPONSE AFTER BENEEDICTION# 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

FUGUE IN D MAJOR

WILLIAM SELBY (1738-1798)

JUDITH BROWN, 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..... Rev. Alison Peters
Liturgist.....Carolyn Mathews
Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Kathy Dowell and John 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

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 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 are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Franz Lettner, Ralph and Ellen Brand, Dorothy Ross, Robert Ross, Louise Ross and Olive Wilson by Otto and Katie Ross. 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 July 3, 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	\$93,808.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$89,295.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 4,512.00

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.



WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: SHARON KAZARY & MIKE LEVITAS

HOME COMMUNION: If you are an ordained elder in the Presbyterian Church and wish to help serve home communion, please call or e-mail Brittany and give her your name and contact information.

We would like to begin serving home communion again this fall. There will be a training session in August.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY, JULY (10)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MONDAY, JULY (11)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

4:45 AM ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING IN THE PARLOR

TUESDAY, JULY (12)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

5:00 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY (13)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

THURSDAY, JULY (14)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, JULY (15)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, JULY (16)

SUNDAY, JULY (17)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY