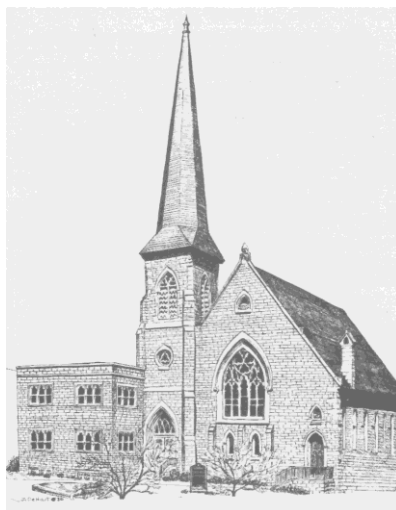


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET

CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORDS DAY JULY 17, 2022 10:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

VARIATIONS ON "JESUS, NAME OF WONDROUS LOVE"
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

"UNIVERSITY COLLEGE"
ARR. BY DAVID N. JOHNSON

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT #698

TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM
(Congregation singing)
Take, O take me as I am;
summon what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

"TAKE ME AS I AM"

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Maker of heaven and earth.

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

Let us pray -

God of beauty and harmony, remind us again of the sweet melodies you place in our hearts. Let the rhythms echo through our minds and let it move us to love you more deeply than before. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

RESPONSE #187

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US (Verse 3)

“TRENTHAM”

You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blesses Jesus, early let us turn to you.

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.*

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 96:1-13

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!
² Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.
³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!
⁴ For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.
⁵ For all the gods of the peoples are idols; but the LORD made the heavens.
⁶ Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
⁸ Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!
⁹ Worship the LORD in holy array; tremble before him, all the earth!

¹⁰ Say among the nations, “The LORD reigns! Yea, the world is established, it shall never be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.”
¹¹ Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
¹² let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy
¹³ before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

THE HISTORY OF “COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE”

* **HYMN #282**

COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE

“DOWN AMPNEY”

Come down, O Love Divine;
seek out this soul of mine,
and visit it with your own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near;
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming.
And let your glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling.
For none can guess God’s grace,
till Love creates a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

SCRIPTURE READING

EPHESIANS 1:7

⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace

THE HISTORY OF “*AMAZING GRACE*”

* HYMN #649

AMAZING GRACE, *HOW SWEET THE SOUND*

“AMAZING GRACE”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,

we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 28:19

¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

THE HISTORY OF “*BE THOU MY VISION*”

* HYMN #450

BE THOU MY VISION

“SLANE”

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 45:18

¹⁸For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it a chaos, he formed it to be inhabited!): "I am the LORD, and there is no other.

THE HISTORY OF "HOW GREAT THOU ART"

* HYMN #625

HOW GREAT THOU ART

"HOW GREAT THOU ART"

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

(Refrain)

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin:

(Refrain)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

(Refrain)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

VARIATIONS ON "FATHER, WE THANK THEE"

"RENDEZA DIEU"

JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

ARR. BY DAVID N. JOHNSON

* DOXOLOGY #643

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD (Verse 3)

"GIVE THANKS"

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore

* 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.

WHY WE SING AND THE HISTORY OF "HERE I AM, LORD"

* HYMN #69

HERE I AM, LORD

"HERE I AM (SCHUTTE)"

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord.
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
(Refrain)

*** 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 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

VARIATIONS ON “LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE”
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

“PICARDY”
ARR. BY DAVID N. JOHNSON

* 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

Liturgist.....Sharon Kazary
Readers.....Julie Courtney, Cathy Levitas and Carolyn Mathews
Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Jeff and Kathy Getty

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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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 memory of former member and elder, Jan Lander, who passed away on Sunday, July 10th, by Betty and Brenda Luger. 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 10, 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	\$96,808.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$92,602.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 4,050.00

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.

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.



HELP NEEDED! Emmanuel Episcopal is seeking helpers on Wednesday mornings as they prepare lunches for the Summer Lunchbox program. If you are interested in helping, please call Jakki Rogers at 301-724-7565.

MISSION
RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & BRENDA LUGER

CZECH VISITOR: Hana Slamová (16 year old) from Czech Republic will be visiting us from July 19th-25th. Hana is an official delegate from the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren here to attend the Youth Conference in Montreat, NC. She will be visiting us and other ECCB Partnerships churches in Pittsburgh, Annapolis, NYC, and Atlanta, prior to the conference.

Amy and Bill Workman, Alison Peters, Carolyn Mathews, Renee Kiddy, Georgene McKenzie, and Linda Smith will serve as hosts and guides during the week.

Hana will worship with us and sing a selection of songs during the July 24th service. Afterward, all are welcome to join her in the Fellowship Hall for a light brunch, and to see a PowerPoint presentation.

Please put this reservation slip in the offering plate, or call the church office by Friday July 22, if you plan to attend Hana's presentation after worship on July 24th.

NAME: _____

I/We will attend the light brunch after church on July 24th for Hana Slamová.

of people attending: _____

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 (17)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MONDAY, JULY (18)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, JULY (19)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, JULY (20)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

THURSDAY, JULY (21)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, JULY (22)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, JULY (23)

SUNDAY, JULY (24)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY