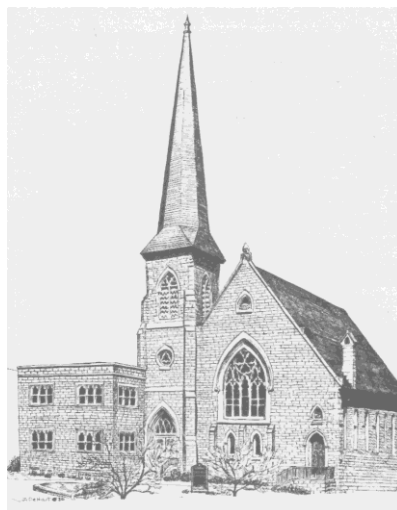


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET

CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORDS DAY JULY 24, 2022 10:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

AUS FLUGELN DES GESANGES (ON WINGS OF SONG)
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

FELIX MENDELSSOHN (1809-1847)

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

MIGHTY GOD
HANA SLAMOVA, SOPRANO

ECCB HYMNAL

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

We gather to give thanks to You, O Lord,
We offer our hearts!
We will sing Your praises before all creation,
We will rejoice in your steadfast love.
You have created us O Lord, and made us for Yourself.
In You we become everything You have made us to be!

Let us pray -

Holy One, we continue to learn more about you and grow into our faith. Help us this day to wait on you with reverent and believing hearts. Help us to jump into action where you are guiding. Help us to trust in your great love. Be present as we worship not only this hour but with every part of our lives. Amen.

* HYMN #331

GOD OF THE AGES, WHOSE ALMIGHTY HAND

"NATIONAL HYMN"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, when we tread a path to your door we find it open and welcoming. When we make requests of you, even the most difficult, selfish or presumptuous, you give according to your grace and goodness. Forgive what is twisted or dangerous in us when we make our requests and demands. Restore us with the surprise of your willingness. Teach us to offer ourselves in return to those who make requests of us. 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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**SCRIPTURE READING**

COLOSSIANS 2:6-19

⁶As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one makes a prey of you by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fulness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fulness of life in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²and you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴having canceled the bond which stood against us with its legal demands; this he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the principalities and powers and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in him.

¹⁶Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a sabbath. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Let no one disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, taking his stand on visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

SOLO

SILENT WORSHIP

G. F. HANDEL (1685-1759)

HANA SLAMOVA, SOPRANO

SECOND READING

LUKE 11:1-13

¹¹He was praying in a certain place, and when he ceased, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread; ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive every one who is indebted to us; and lead us not into temptation." ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

SERMON

"LEARNING"

REV. ALISON PETERS

*** HYMN #465**

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

"CONVERSE"

**GREETINGS FROM THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF CZECH BRETHREN
& INVITATION TO LEARN MORE**

HANA SLAMOVA

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY SOLO

YOUR ANGEL WALKS WITH ME
HANA SLAMOVA, SOPRANO

ECCB HYMNAL

* DOXOLOGY #643

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD (VS.3)

“NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT”

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.

* HYMN #

OLD RUGGED CROSS

“THE OLD RUGGED CROSS”

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,
 2. O that old rug - ged cross, so de - spised by the world,
 3. In that old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
 4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,

the em - blem of suf - fering and shame;
 has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
 a won - drous beau - ty I see,
 its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;

and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
 for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove
 for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
 then he'll call me some day to my home far a - way,

for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

Refrain

So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross,
 cross, the old rug - ged cross,
 till my tro - phies at last I lay down;
 I will cling to the old rug - ged cross,
 cross, the old rug - ged cross,
 and ex - change it some day for a crown.

*** 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 BLESSED 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 IN D
 JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

18TH CENTURY ENGLISH VOLUNTARY

* 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.....Wesley Mason
 Guest Speaker..... Hana Slamova, Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren Delegate
 Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown
 Musician..... Hana Slamova, Soprano
 Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
 Ushers.....David Stickler & Brenda Luger

Today we welcome Hana Slamová (16 year old) from Czech Republic. 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.

To learn more from Hana, join us today after worship in the Fellowship Hall for a light brunch and a PowerPoint presentation.

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

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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 memory of former member and lifetime friend of FPC, Beverly Wilson, 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 17, 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	\$100,353.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$95,909.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 4,613.00

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 next Saturday, 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.

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 (24)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MONDAY, JULY (25)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, JULY (26)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
9:00AM STEWARDS OF CHILDREN TRAINING IN THE GATHERING PLACE

WEDNESDAY, JULY (27)

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

THURSDAY, JULY (28)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, JULY (29)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, JULY (30)

4:00 PM AN EVENING DISCUSSING THE PSALMS WITH REV. DR. JEROME CREACH

SUNDAY, JULY (31)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY