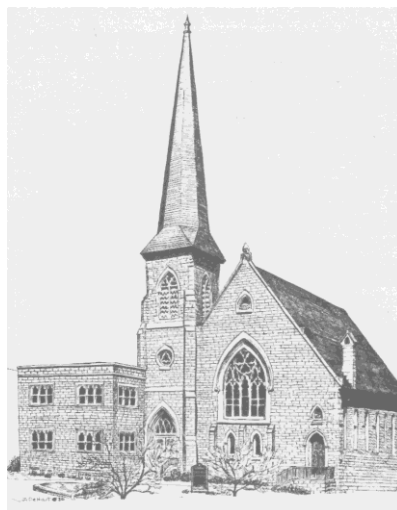


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET

CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORDS DAY JULY 31, 2022 10:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

TRUMPET VOLUNTARY IN C
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

SIMON STUBLEY (DIED 1754)

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

TAKE ME, TAKE ME AS I AM
Take me, take me as I am,
Summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (repeat)

(CONGREGATIONAL)

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits.

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

People: who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O God, giver of life and health,
your Son Jesus Christ has called us
to hunger and thirst to see right prevail.
Refresh us with your grace,
that we may not be weary in well-doing;
for the sake of him who meets all our needs,
Jesus Christ our Savior,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

* HYMN #611

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

"HYMN TO JOY"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

(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

PSALM 49

Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
² both low and high, rich and poor together!
³ My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
⁴ I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the lyre.
⁵ Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,
⁶ men who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?
⁷ Truly no man can ransom himself, or give to God the price of his life,
⁸ for the ransom of his life is costly, and can never suffice,
⁹ that he should continue to live on for ever, and never see the Pit.
¹⁰ Yea, he shall see that even the wise die, the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to others.
¹¹ Their graves are their homes for ever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own.
¹² Man cannot abide in his pomp, he is like the beasts that perish.
¹³ This is the fate of those who have foolish confidence, the end of those who are pleased with their portion. *Selah*
¹⁴ Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; Death shall be their shepherd; straight to the grave they descend, and their form shall waste away; Sheol shall be their home.
¹⁵ But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me. *Selah*
¹⁶ Be not afraid when one becomes rich, when the glory of his house increases.
¹⁷ For when he dies he will carry nothing away; his glory will not go down after him.
¹⁸ Though, while he lives, he counts himself happy, and though a man gets praise when he does well for himself,
¹⁹ he will go to the generation of his fathers, who will never more see the light.
²⁰ Man cannot abide in his pomp, he is like the beasts that perish.

SOLO

SIMPLE GIFTS

ARR. BY RICKY LOMBARD

BRENDA LUGER, FLUTE; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

SECOND READING

LUKE 12:13-21

¹³ One of the multitude said to him, “Teacher, bid my brother divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or divider over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods.’ ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

SERMON

"A RANSOM FOR LIFE"

REV. DR. JEROME CREACH

* HYMN #847

OUR HOPE, OUR LIFE

"O WALY WALY"

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY SOLO

PANIS ANGELICUS

CESAR FRANCK (1822-1890)

BRENDA LUGER, FLUTE; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

* 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 #462

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

"HANKEY"

* 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

TOCCATA

JOHANN PACHELBEL (1653-1706)

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. Dr. Jerome Creach
Liturgist.....Rev. Alison Peters
Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown
Musician..... Brenda Luger, Flute
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Sharon Squires and Kathy Dowell

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

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 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 Rex Burton, on the two-year anniversary of his passing on August 2, by Sandra Burton and in memory of William Henry Courtney, his life well-lived and well-loved, by his wife and children, Alleine Courtney, Robert & Julie Courtney, Charles & Michele Courtney, and Kimberly & Michael McKay. 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 24, 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	\$102,508.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$99,216.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 3,291.00

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

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 (31)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MONDAY, AUGUST (1)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
1:00 PM RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

TUESDAY, AUGUST (2)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:00 PM MISSION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST (3)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:15 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

THURSDAY, AUGUST (4)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:30 PM CATHEDRAL MEETS COMMONS

FRIDAY, AUGUST (5)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, AUGUST (6)

SUNDAY, AUGUST (7)

10:00 AM SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION