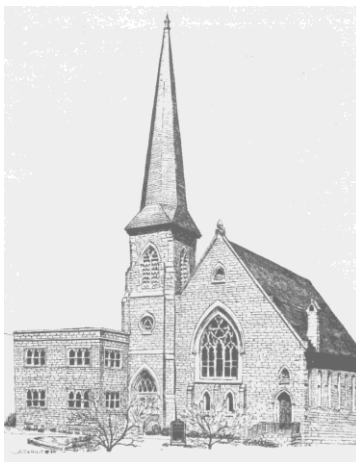


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET

CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY AUGUST 21, 2022 10:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE*  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL  
ARR. RANDA KIRSHBAUM

10:00 AM

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*WE ARE YOUR PEOPLE*  
ALISON PETERS, SOPRANO

BRIAN WREN & JOHN W. WILSON

We are Your people, Lord, by Your grace,  
You dare to make us Christ to our  
neighbors of every nation and race.  
Lord, as we minister in different ways,  
May all we're doing show that You're living  
Meeting your love with our praise.

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

The Lord does acts of righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

**Let us offer ourselves to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted.**

For the Lord will lead us –

**Praise the Lord!**

The Lord forgives all our sins,

**The Lord heals all our diseases,**

The Lord redeems us from the pit,

**We are crowned with faithful love and compassion, abounding goodness.**

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in faithful love.

**Praise the Lord!**

Let us pray -

**Holy One, set us free from whatever holds us back. Make us open and receptive to the messages you whisper or shout in our direction. Speak and let us listen so that we can be empowered to live and move and have our being in you. Amen.**

\* HYMN #275

*A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD*

“EIN' FESTE BURG”

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you are a consuming fire and judge of all, promising us a place in your kingdom that cannot be shaken, but determined to shake loose and remove all that is fleeting and impermanent by the powerful voice of Jesus. We confess that we cling to the familiar, fleshly nature, and sometimes find freedom more fearful than fear itself. Forgive our sins and our stubborn resistance to your will, and help us release our grip on those things that are of no avail and have no place in your eternal realm. 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.*

### BACKPACK BLESSING

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 71:1-6

<sup>1</sup> In thee, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!

<sup>2</sup> In thy righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline thy ear to me, and save me!

<sup>3</sup> Be thou to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for thou art my rock and my fortress.

<sup>4</sup> Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.

<sup>5</sup> For thou, O Lord, art my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

<sup>6</sup> Upon thee I have leaned from my birth; thou art he who took me from my mother's womb.

My praise is continually of thee.

### SOLO

I'LL FLY AWAY

ALBERT E. BRUMLEY

ALISON PETERS, SOPRANO

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away  
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away  
When I die, Hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away

When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.  
When I die, Hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days and then I'll fly away.  
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.  
When I die, Hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.

### SECOND READING

LUKE 13:10-17

<sup>10</sup> Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And there was a woman who had had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. <sup>12</sup> And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." <sup>13</sup> And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. <sup>14</sup> But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the

sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his ass from the manger, and lead it away to water it? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

SERMON

"OUTSIDE CRITICS"

REV. ALISON PETERS

\* HYMN #508

LOVE LIFTED ME

"ROEDER"

1. I was sink-ing deep in sin, Far from the peace-ful shore, Ver-y  
 2. All my heart to Him I give; Ev-er to Him I'll cling, In His  
 3. Souls in dan-ger, look a-bove; Je-sus com-plete-ly saves; He will

deep-ly stained with-in, Sink-ing to rise no more; But the Mas-ter  
 bless-ed pres-ence live, Ev-er His prais-es sing, Love so might-y  
 lift you by His love Out of the an-gry waves. He's the Mas-ter

of the sea Heard my de-spair-ing cry, From the wa-ters lift-ed me-  
 and so true Mer-its my soul's best songs; Faith-ful, lov-ing ser-vice, too,  
 of the sea, Bil-lows His will o-bey; He your Sav-ior wants to be-

*Refrain*

Now safe am I  
 To Him be-longs. Love lift-ed me! Love lift-ed me!  
 Be saved to-day. Love lift-ed e-ven me! Love lift-ed e-ven me!

When noth-ing else could help, Love lift-ed me! Love lift-ed me!

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

WERE YOU THERE?

SPIRITUAL ARR. JOAN DIXON

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



## 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](http://www.fpc-cumberland.org) and [www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland](http://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:** 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**

<b>ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:</b>	<b>as of August 14, 2022</b>
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	\$114,058.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$109,138.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 4,919.00

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH**  
**RULING ELDERS: MIKAYLA DODGE & SUSAN MILLS**

† Rolfe Singerman will be in Devlin Manor until the end of August. If anyone would like to send him a card, please use the address below:

Devlin Manor, Room 215A  
10301 Christie Rd NE  
Cumberland, MD 21502

**MISSION**  
**RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & BRENDA LUGER**

**A LETTER FROM THE PARENTS OF JANA SLAMOVA'S:** We are sending, via this short email, sincere thanks to Cumberland church and community who arranged for Hana's wonderful stay. We still do not have her back home so to hear everything she experienced, what she saw and who she met, but the time is approaching when she will tell us when showing the photos after her arrival.

Summer holiday is going on unstopably, and the schoolchildren, of whom we have three at home, still have almost a month ahead before going back to school. We are very happy that Hana had the opportunity to stay with you - in a short phone call she told us how nicely you treated her during the stay in Cumberland, giving her the best experience of Cumberland and hosting generously.

We hope to have the opportunity to meet many of you from Cumberland at our ECCB-PCUSA conference next July in Olomouc.

Best, Lucie and Petr

**WORSHIP & MUSIC**  
**RULING ELDERS: SHARON KAZARY & MIKE LEVITAS**

**HOME & GARDEN BOUNTY:** Next Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, our congregation will be celebrating our summer garden bounty. Please bring examples of your produce to church. We are hoping to decorate the sanctuary with our own fruits, vegetables, and flowers. Following the service, depending on the volume of vegetables and flowers, we could donate our produce to the Union Rescue Mission.

**HOME COMMUNION TRAINING:** On Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> following worship, we will have a training for 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.

## COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

**HOLY EXPERIMENT BRAINSTORM - AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>:** Join us immediately after worship **today** to think together about exciting new or continued ministries we could engage in as a congregation.

A group called 'Cathedral Meets Commons' has been engaging in this visioning process and wants your input!

We will be finished by 1:00 PM and provide a light lunch. Contact the church office to RSVP or use the signup genius link provided in the bulletin e-blast.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

#### MONDAY, AUGUST (22)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST (23)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST (24)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST (25)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST (26)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST (27)

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST (28)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY