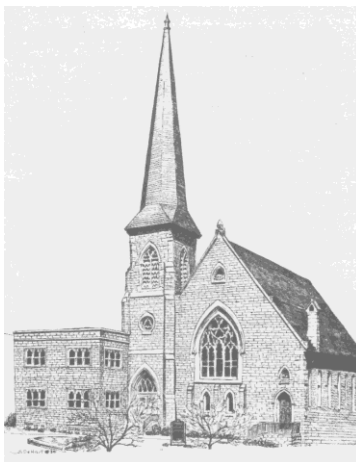


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET

CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY AUGUST 28, 2022 10:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

SOLEMN PROCESSION
AMY ARMIENTO, PIANO

DENES AGAY

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

Sing with joy to God, our strength!
Shout aloud to the God of Jacob!
For the Lord is our God, who has delivered us.
God has opened wide our mouths,
We are filled with good things!
Let us worship!

Let us pray -

God of welcome, we are a people who are known and loved as we are. From that place of acceptance, we are learning how to be more like you. Help us to embrace your unwavering welcome to open up the table and get to know our neighbors. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN #49

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

"LEON"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, with you as our helper, we have nothing to fear from anyone. Yet, we confess, we have allowed worry to open the door to sin and discontent, idolatry and the love of money, the neglect of strangers, and the failure to share. Forgive us, O God, for we thirst for you. Grant us the consistency of obedient faith in Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday, today, and forever, that we may praise you continually with the fruit of lips that confess your name. 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 81:1, 10-16

Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

¹⁰ I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

¹¹ "But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would have none of me.

¹² So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.

¹³ O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!

¹⁴ I would soon subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their foes.

¹⁵ Those who hate the LORD would cringe toward him, and their fate would last for ever.

¹⁶ I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

SOLO

GIFT OF LOVE
AMY ARMIENTO, PIANO

TRADITIONAL
SETTING BY JOHN CARTER

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 13:1-16

Let mutual affection continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. 4 Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." 6 So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. 9 Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by regulations about food, which have not benefited those who observe them. 10 We have an altar from which those who officiate in the tent have no right to eat. 11 For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. 12 Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the city gate in order to sanctify the people by his own blood. 13 Let us then go to him outside the camp and bear the abuse he endured. 14 For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. 15 Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

SERMON

"AN OPEN TABLE"

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #836

ABIDE WITH ME

"EVENTIDE"

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

ARIOSO
AMY ARMIENTO, PIANO

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

* 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 #14

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

"DIX"

* BENEDICTION

* 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

PSALM XVIII
AMY ARMIENTO, PIANO

BENEDETTO MARCELLO

* 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.....Katie Ross
Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown
Guest Pianist.....Amy Armiento
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Bill and Ann Kellermeier

HOME & GARDEN BOUNTY: Today, our congregation is celebrating our summer garden bounty. Thank you to congregation members who brought in vegetables, fruits, or flowers from their gardens to display in our sanctuary this morning. These will be delivered to the Union Rescue Mission.

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 worshiping 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 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: 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 August 21, 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	\$116,008.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$112,445.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 3,562.00

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDERS: JOSH GILHART & KATIE ROSS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL RETURNS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH! Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM as we explore the Psalms and other lectionary scriptures together in our weekly adult Sunday School program. Learn, grow, and develop relationships with your sisters and brothers in Christ.

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

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: SHARON KAZARY & MIKE LEVITAS

FALL KICK-OFF PICNIC: Join us on Sunday, September 11th at Rocky Gap State Park for our Fall Kick-off worship service. The service begins at 11:00 AM at the White Pine pavilion which is located right across from the sunflower field on Pleasant Valley Road. Attendees should wear comfortable clothes for the weather, especially socks as fall mornings under pine trees can be rather cool on the feet. Bring chairs for personal comfort. Plan to stay for a picnic potluck lunch and social time together. **There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the hallway for people to sign up to bring food items,** and there will be outdoor activities such as; corn hole, giant bowling, and hula hoops. The Dodges will also play some music for the gathering afterwards.

HOME COMMUNION TRAINING: On **Sunday, September 18th** 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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY, AUGUST (28)

10:00 AM SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY
12:00 PM STEWARDS OF CHILDREN TRAINING

MONDAY, AUGUST (29)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
LEARNING TREE CLEANING DAY

TUESDAY, AUGUST (30)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
LEARNING TREE CLEANING DAY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST (31)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
LEARNING TREE PARENT CONFERENCES
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER (1)

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER (2)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER (3)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER (4)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

***Please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day.**