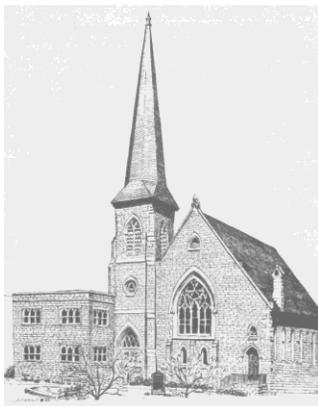


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET

CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

AUGUST 7, 2022

10:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

VARIATIONS ON 'SIMPLE GIFTS'
MARK STEINER, ORGAN

WILBUR HELD

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT #392

JESUS, WE ARE HERE
(The congregation is invited to sing along.)
Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here;
Jesus, we are here; we are here for you.
(repeat 1x)

"JESUS, TAWA PANO"

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Come, let us discuss this," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be as white as snow."

As we come before the Lord, we cleanse ourselves, to remove evil deeds from the Lord's sight.

What does the Lord ask as we approach?

**Learn to do what is good, seek justice, correct the oppressor, defend the rights of the orphan,
and plead the widow's cause.**

The Lord desires willing and obedient hearts.

Let us offer our hearts to the Lord!

Let us pray -

God - we want to be people of action who live lives worthy of the calling you have placed on our lives. Help us to be filled with the knowledge we desire and the things we need to get to work. Give us courage to act and energy to serve.

Let us begin this hour as we worship together! Amen.

* HYMN #442

JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA

"WOODWORTH"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, whom the prophets have said will endure solemn assemblies with iniquity, we have surely wearied you with the outward forms of empty worship, while our hands and hearts have remained unclean. We have failed to do justice, to defend, to plead and to comfort.

Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us thoroughly. Let no evil that we have done offend your eyes, and let no evil inclinations remain rooted in our hearts. Make us willing and obedient to your Word and Spirit, that we, and all your children who are in need, may enjoy the bounty of your great care. 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.
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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 50:1-8, 22-23

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

² Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

³ Our God comes, he does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, round about him a mighty tempest.

⁴ He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:

⁵ “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

⁶ The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge! *Selah*

⁷ “Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God.

⁸ I do not reprove you for your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are continually before me.

²² “Mark this, then, you who forget God, lest I rend, and there be none to deliver!

²³ He who brings thanksgiving as his sacrifice honors me to him who orders his way aright I will show the salvation of God!”

SOLO

MY SOUL CRIES OUT WITH A JOYFUL SHOUT

“STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN”

CAROLYN MATHEWS, GUITAR

SECOND READING

ISAIAH 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzzi’ah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezeki’ah, kings of Judah.

¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Give ear to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomor’rah!

¹¹ “What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of he-goats.

¹² “When you come to appear before me, who requires of you this trampling of my courts?

¹³ Bring no more vain offerings; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and the calling of assemblies— I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly.

¹⁴ Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵ When you spread forth your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶ Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil,

¹⁷ learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.

¹⁸ “Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

¹⁹ If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

²⁰ but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

SERMON

“TRYING TO CHANGE”

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #70

WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?

“MOON”

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY

HERE I AM, LORD
MARK STEINER, ORGAN

ROBERT BUCKLEY FARLEE

* 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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER SUPPER

Holy God, the gifts we found at this table leave us profoundly grateful. We know that you nourish and sustain us for the work ahead. Take us from this place, ready to serve. Lift us with your spirit and show us the places you need us to go. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

* HYMN #432

HOW CLEAR IS OUR VOCATION, LORD

“REPTON”

* 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

RONDEAU
MARK STEINER, ORGAN

HENRY PURCELL

* 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.....	Josh Gilhart
Director of Music Ministries.....	Judith Brown
Guest Organist.....	Mark Steiner
Musician.....	Carolyn Mathews, Guitar
Audio/Video Technicians.....	Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....	Buck and Jane Belt

MASK POLICY UPDATE: Due to the increasing positive Covid-19 cases in our area, we recommend that masks be worn while worshipping with us to help protect each other.

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

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: 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 31, 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	\$105,778.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$102,524.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 3,253.00

FAITH FORMATION
RULING ELDERS: JOSH GILHART & KATIE ROSS

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING: We invite all children and educators to join us for worship on **Sunday, August 21st** for our Back to School Blessing. Please bring your backpacks or briefcases for a special blessing and gift for the upcoming school year.

MISSION
RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & BRENDA LUGER

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 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.

HOLY EXPERIMENT BRAINSTORM - AUGUST 21ST: Join us immediately after worship on Sunday August 21st 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:

SUNDAY, AUGUST (7)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

MONDAY, AUGUST (8)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:45 PM ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING IN THE PARLOR

TUESDAY, AUGUST (9)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:00 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST (10)

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST (11)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, AUGUST (12)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, AUGUST (13)

SUNDAY, AUGUST (14)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY