

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 2, 2022

11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

LET THERE BE PEACE

JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

JASON TONIOLI

(reflective text)

When the world spins crazy,
spins wild and out of control
spins toward rage and hate and violence,
spins beyond our wisdom and nearly beyond our faith,
When the world spins in chaos as it does now among us...

We are glad for sobering roots that provide ballast in the storm.
So we thank you for our rootage in communities of faith,
for our many fathers and mothers who have believed and trusted as firm witnesses to us,
for their many stories of wonder, awe, and healing.

We are glad this night in this company
for the rootage of the text,
for the daring testimony,
for its deep commands,
for its exuberant tales.
Because we know that as we probe deep into this text...
clear to its bottom,
we will find you hiding there,
we will find you showing yourself there,
speaking as you do,
governing, healing, judging.

And when we meet you hiddenly,
we find the spin not so unnerving,
because from you the world again has a chance
for life and sense and wholeness.
We pray midst the spinning, not yet unnerved,
but waiting and watching and listening,
for you are the truth that contains all our spin. Amen.

"When the World Spins Crazy" by Walter Brueggemann.

Prayed at the Lay School of the Pentateuch on September 17, 2001.

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Sing to the Lord, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting!
 But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are without?
 Sing to the Lord, whose faithfulness renews us every morning!
 But how can we sing the Lord's song when so many are gone?
 Sing to the Lord, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!
 Let us remember the joy of the Lord, and sing a new song together!

Let us pray -

Almighty God, even as the drums of warfare beat on through the night, even as the cries of injustice linger in the morning, even as the hustle of busyness rumbles through the day, quiet our hearts. Still our thoughts. Join us in our worship. Remember us in your mercy as we try to remember you, through the proclamation of your good news, in story and in song, and through the hospitality of your gracious table. Welcome us again, one Lord, Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

* HYMN

JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD

“DUNEDIN”

1 O Love of God, how strong and true,
 2 (O wide-em - brac - ing, won - drous) Love,
 3 (We read thee best in him who) came
 4 (We read thy power to bless and) save.

e - ter - nal and yet ev - er new;
 we read thee in the sky a - bove;
 to bear for us the cross of shame,
 e'en in the dark - ness of the grave;

un - com - pre - hend - ed and un - bought,
 we read thee in the earth be - low,
 sent by the Fa - ther from on high,
 still more in re - sur - rec - tion light

be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
 in seas that swell and streams that flow.
 our life to live, our death to die.
 we read the full - ness of thy might.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God;
create in me a clean heart, Oh God, and renew a right spirit within me.

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

DANIEL 3:8-16

⁸Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. ⁹They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! ¹⁰You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, ¹¹and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. ¹²There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods, and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

¹³Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in, so they brought those men before the king. ¹⁴Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? ¹⁵Now if you are ready, when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you should fall down and worship the statue that I have made. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?"

¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter

ANTHEM

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN

MARK SCHWEIZER

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR; BRENDA LUGER, FLUTE

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Christ came from heaven's throne salvation to bestow,
But people scorned and none the longed for Christ would know.
But O my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need His life did spend!

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine:
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine;
This is my friend, whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

SECOND READING

LUKE 8:22-25

²²One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out, ²³and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And waking up, he rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵Then he said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were terrified and amazed and said to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water and they obey him?"

SERMON

"INVITE GOD IN OUR DIFFICULTIES"

VEDA GILL

* HYMN #340

THIS IS MY SONG

"FINLANDIA"

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY SOLO

O REST IN THE LORD

FELIX MENDELSSOHN (1809-1847)

MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN
O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,
And He shall give thee thy heart's desires.
Commit thy way unto Him and trust in Him
And fret not thyself because of evil doers.

* DOXOLOGY #648

THANKFUL HEARTS AND VOICES RAISE

"THANKFUL HEARTS"

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.

* 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 who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER SUPPER

Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saints witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

* HYMN #346

FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS

"ST. THOMAS (WADE)"

* 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

CORNET VOLUNTARY

HENRY HERON (18TH CENTURY)

JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

Join us immediately after worship for First Sunday Fellowship where we will learn more from our PEB Friends. All are welcome to stay for a light lunch and more time to learn about what is happening in Pakistan.

* 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

Guest Preacher.....Veda Gill
Liturgist.....Rev. Alison Peters
Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Brenda & Betty Luger

A NEIGHBORLY MASK POLICY: Masks may be worn as needed. We respect everyone's decision to protect their own health as needed. As good neighbors, we honor each individual's choice and will respect each other.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS - HELP NEEDED! Pastor Alison is looking for artists to help with this year's advent season theme. If you like to do art in any form, please email her for more information at revalisonpeters@gmail.com.

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 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 September 25, 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	\$129,598.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$128,982.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 616.00

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

PASTORAL CARE & EMERGENCY OUTREACH RESPONSE PLAN: If an emergency situation occurs and pastoral or congregational care is needed, contact Brittany at the church office. If Pastoral care is needed, Pastor Alison will be available by appointment.

If extra help is requested (meals, rides, grocery trips, etc.) or if someone will be in the hospital or home care for a while and would like cards, visitors, phone calls, Brittany will contact congregational care and outreach to assist. You can also request to be added to the prayer chain.

FAITH FORMATION
RULING ELDERS: JOSH GILHART & KATIE ROSS

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: 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.

WEEKEND RETREAT: Join Dr. Rosann Catalano on Friday, October 7th and Saturday, October 8th at Emmanuel Episcopal Church to learn more about the book of Job. More details to come.

THE FRANCISCAN WAY STUDY: Join Rev. Martha McGill & Rev. Alison Peters on **Thursday evenings at 5:30 PM (October 13th-November 17th)** in the Gathering Place at First Presbyterian Church for this 6 week study to learn more about spiritual practices for living with hope in a troubled world.

To RSVP for the Weekend Retreat or the Franciscan Way Study, fill out the form below and place in the offering plate.

Name: _____

I would like to attend:

Weekend Retreat _____
Franciscan Way Study _____

MISSION
RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & BRENDA LUGER

PEACE& GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: Today our congregation has the opportunity to contribute to the **Peace and Global Witness Offering**. This Offering draws Presbyterians together and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do peacemaking well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and provide nurturing reconciliation and stand in support of our global sisters and brothers, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.

A gift to this Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Our portion of the monies collected will go to help support a program here in Cumberland, to be determined after prayerful discussion. Our Baltimore Presbytery retains an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. This has been used for Dismantling Racism training in recent years. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

Please consider giving generously to this offering today. On your check, write to First Presbyterian Church, and in the memo line, write Peace & Global Witness Offering.

UNION RESCUE MISSION DONATIONS ACCEPTED: If you would like to give directly to the Union Rescue Mission during offering time, please denote this on your check or envelope and place it in the offering plate or mail to church. We will make sure your donation goes to where you want it to.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, OCTOBER (3)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
1:30 PM AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
7:00 PM CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL IN THE GATHERING PLACE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER (4)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:00 PM COMMUNITY CAFÉ MEETING IN THE GATHERING PLACE
6:00 PM MISSION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER (5)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
10:30 AM STAFF MEETING IN REV. PETERS OFFICE
6:30 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, OCTOBER (6)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
1:00 PM ELEVATOR INSPECTION
4:30 PM CATHEDRAL MEETS COMMONS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER (7)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER (8)

10:00 AM PEO MEETING IN THE PARLOR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER (9)

10:00 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY