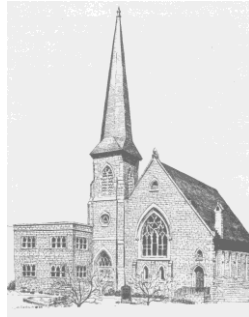


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

MORNING SONG  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

WYETH'S REPOSITORY OF SACRED MUSIC  
ARR. JUSTIN MCCARTHY

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN (PSALM 113)  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

"RISING SUN"

From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same,  
The name of the Lord shall be praised.  
So praise ye the Lord.

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

Let your compassion come speedily to meet us,  
**We have been brought low.**  
Help us, O God of our salvation;  
**Deliver us and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.**  
We come to you this day,  
**Now we worship!**

Let us pray -

Giver of every good and perfect gift, your steadfast love endures forever. You redeem the nations from distress and trouble. You gather your people from the corners of the earth. We enter your courts singing thanksgiving for the bountiful mercies you lavish upon us. Hear our glad praises and be pleased with our worship, for you are worthy of all honor and glory. Amen.

### \* HYMN #353

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

"SOLID ROCK"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you lead us by the cords of compassion. We seek your forgiveness through Christ's intercession. Fill us anew with your Holy Spirit, so that we may faithfully obey your will. When we are vengeful, purge our thoughts of resentment and anger. When we bear false witness, turn us from deceit to truthfulness. Cleanse us of selfish desires, and free us to respond to your holy Word. In righteousness remake us, and through Christ restore us. 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

PSALM 79:1-9

<sup>1</sup> O God, the nations have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

<sup>2</sup> They have given the bodies of your servants to the birds of the air for food, the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth.

<sup>3</sup> They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.

<sup>4</sup> We have become a taunt to our neighbors, mocked and derided by those around us.

<sup>5</sup> How long, O LORD? Will you be angry forever? Will your jealous wrath burn like fire?

<sup>6</sup> Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you and on the kingdoms that do not call on your name.

<sup>7</sup> For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation.

<sup>8</sup> Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors;  
let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low.

<sup>9</sup> Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name;  
deliver us and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

## ANTHEM

## YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

MARK BURROWS

BAILEY LLEWELLYN, MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO; ZACH DODGE, BARITONE;  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR AND CONGREGATION; JUDITH BROWN, PIANO  
*(Please join in song as indicated in BOLD below.)*

Am I welcome here? Am I safe to sing or laugh or shed a tear?  
Will I be loved the way I am? Will friends be near? Am I welcome here?

YOU are welcome here. You are safe to sing or laugh or shed a tear. We love you just the way you are, so have no fear.  
You are welcome here.

This is a place of peace and grace, where all God's children have a home.  
God's reign will come, God's will be done when all are loved and no one stands alone.

congregation

The image shows five staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'congregation' and contains the first measure of the melody. The second staff contains the lyrics 'All are wel - come here.' The third staff contains the lyrics 'All are safe to sing or laugh or shed a tear.' The fourth staff contains the lyrics 'God loves us just the way we are, so have no fear.' The fifth staff contains the lyrics 'All are wel - come here.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with a final cadence on the fifth staff.

All are wel - come here.  
All are safe to sing or laugh or shed a tear.  
God loves us just the way we are,  
so have no fear.  
All are wel - come here.

SECOND READING

1TIMOTHY 2:1-7

2 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

SERMON

"COVERING IT ALL"

REV. ALISON PETERS

\* HYMN #66

EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT

"PENTECOST"

PASTOR APPRECIATION PRESENTATION

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

TRADITIONAL SWEDISH MELODY

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR; BRENDA LUGER, FLUTE;

ARR. DAN FORREST

EVAN SWANGER, CELLO; HAND CHIMES; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

Children of the heavenly Father, safely in His bosom gather;

Nestling bird nor star in Heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish; in His holy courts they flourish;

From all evil things He spares them: In His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the His children sever,  
Unto them His grace He soweth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

\* 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

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 #697

TAKE MY LIFE

"HENDON"

\* 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

IMPROVISATION ON "NATIONAL HYMN"

JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

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\* 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  
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir; Brenda Luger, Flute  
.....Evan Swanger, Cello; Hand chimes; Bailey Llewellyn & Mikayla Dodge, Soprano; Zach Dodge, Baritone  
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
Ushers.....Jeff and Kathy Getty

**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.**

## 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](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:** The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of their parents, William and Bertha Workman, and Ernest and Sylvia Jarrell, by Bill and Amy Workman. The special vase of flowers in front of the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God in appreciation of Reverend Alison Peters and in celebration of her first year as our pastor. 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 11, 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 | \$124,471.00             |
| Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date | \$122,367.00             |
| Over/(Under)                         | \$ 2,103.00              |

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

**HIGHLANDER TO MEET!** After a two year hiatus, our senior social group will have our first meeting on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 noon at the Cumberland Country Club. Our dear member, Nancy Hodges has made arrangements for us and we are looking forward to getting everyone back together. If you need a ride, please call Jan Layman (301-724-2641) or Betty Richtmeyer (301-759-4108) and they will be happy to arrange someone to pick you up in the church parking lot. Hope to see you there!

**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.

**MEMBERS BOB & BETTY LANGE HAVE HAD A YEAR OF CELEBRATION:** Their family celebrated Betty's 100th birthday earlier this month and this year they celebrated 77 years of marriage!

They really miss FPC and would love to hear from those of us in the congregation, particularly those that remember them. Please use the contact information below to send a hello and well wishes to the Lange's.

**The email address:** [lange8053@gmail.com](mailto:lange8053@gmail.com)      **Telephone number:** 443 304 2868

**Their home address is:** 721 Maiden Choice Lane, Apt CW 313, Catonsville, MD. 21228

**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. Rasann Catalano on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>-November 17<sup>th</sup>) 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.

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**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      \_\_\_\_\_

For more information about the Faith Formation events listed above,  
use the QR Code below or visit the Faith Formation tab on our church's website"



## MISSION

RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & BRENDA LUGER

**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.

## WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: SHARON KAZARY & MIKE LEVITAS

**HOME COMMUNION TRAINING:** Today following worship, we will have a training for home communion.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

**JANE'S PLACE-TEDDY BEAR PICNIC:** Jane's Place invites you to attend their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Teddy Bear Picnic Awareness and Fundraising event on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM- 3:00 PM at the Canal Place. Admission to the event is free. Bring the family, a blanket and lawn chairs!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER (19)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
7:00 PM CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL IN THE GATHERING PLACE

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER (20)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER (21)

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, SEPTEMBER (22)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER (23)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER (24)

#### SIGHT & SOUNDS TRIP

10:00 AM PEO MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL  
11:00 AM JANE'S PLACE: TEDDY BEAR PICNIC AT THE CANAL PLACE

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER (25)

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