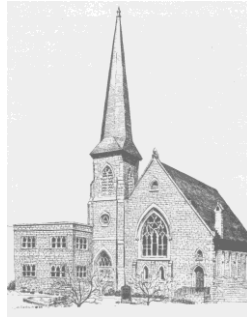


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

ON EAGLE'S WINGS  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

MICHAEL JONCAS  
ARR. MARK HAYES

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

WITHIN YOUR SHELTER, LOVING GOD  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

"ABBEY"

Within your shelter, loving God, my refuge and my tower,  
I safely walk by day and night beneath your guiding power.  
Your holy angels bear me up and keep my feet secure,  
Though fierce and angry foes assail, in you my way is sure.

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

You who live in the shelter of the Most High will say,

**"My God, in whom I trust."**

No evil shall befall those who make the Lord their refuge,

**The Most High will be our dwelling place.**

God will deliver those who love the Lord and call on God's name.

**When they call, God will answer, be with them in trouble, and show them salvation.**

Let us pray -

**O Holy Redeemer, your goodness goes before us, and the upright rejoice in your radiant splendor. Your touch turns deserts into pools of living water. As you embrace the land, its yield abounds. With wisdom you plant, we shall proclaim your splendor. We shall sing your praise without ceasing. Amen.**

### \* HYMN #41

O WORSHIP THE KING, ALL GLORIOUS ABOVE!

"LYONS"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace, we stand in need of your forgiveness. Desiring to be rich, we fall into temptation. Love of money ensnares us. Enough does not satisfy. The more we acquire, the greater our greed becomes. We become prosperous in our own eyes, and poor in your sight. Through Christ the giver of life, rescue us from self-destruction as we continue to learn your ways and walk in your love. 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 91:1-6, 14-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

<sup>2</sup>will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

<sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence;

<sup>4</sup>he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and defense.

<sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of the night or the arrow that flies by day

<sup>6</sup>or the pestilence that stalks in darkness or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

<sup>15</sup>When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.

<sup>16</sup>With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.

## ANTHEM

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL

MIKAIL M. IPPOLITOF-IVANOF

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits;

Bless thou the Lord and all that is within me bless His holy Name.

He is full of compassion and mercy, long suffering and great in goodness.

He will not always be chiding, nor keepeth He, His wrath forever. (Russian Liturgy)

## SECOND READING

1TIMOTHY 6:6-19

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

## SERMON

"NOT COLLECTORS"

REV. ALISON PETERS

## \* HYMN #716

GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING

"BEACH SPRING"

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

## OFFERTORY SOLO

IN PARADISUM "REQUIEM"

GABRIEL FAURE (1845-1924)

\* 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 #542

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

"GOD BE WITH YOU"

\* 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

POSTLUDE ON "WHEN ALL IS ENDED"

"YOGANANDA"

JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

(reflective text)

When all is ended, time and troubles past,
Shall all be mended, sin and death outcast?
In hope we sing, and hope to sing at last: Alleluia!

With all creation, pain and anger past,
Evil exhausted, love supreme at last,
Alive in God, we'll sing an unsurpassed Alleluia!

\* 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.....David Stickler
Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Sharon & Bob Kazary

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.

JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY AS WE CELEBRATE WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY: In celebration of World Communion, our friend Veda Javaid Gill from Presbyterian Education Board will be sharing the pulpit and the Lord's Table as we learn more about the work of PEB together. We look forward to welcoming her and Laurie Gift Harris at our First Sunday Fellowship immediately following worship. Please plan to stay and learn more.

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 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 worshipping 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:** 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 September 18, 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	\$127,381.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$125,674.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 1,706.00

## 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.

**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. Rosann 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**

**PEACE& GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING:** It is that time of year when our congregation contributes 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 on World Communion Sunday, October 2, 2022. On your check, write to First Presbyterian Church, and in the memo line, write Special 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, SEPTEMBER (26)

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

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER (27)

#### NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER (28)

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 (29)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER (30)

#### NO LEARNING TREE

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER (1)

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER (2)

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