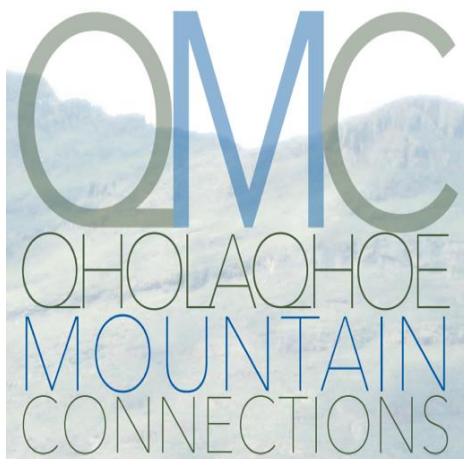
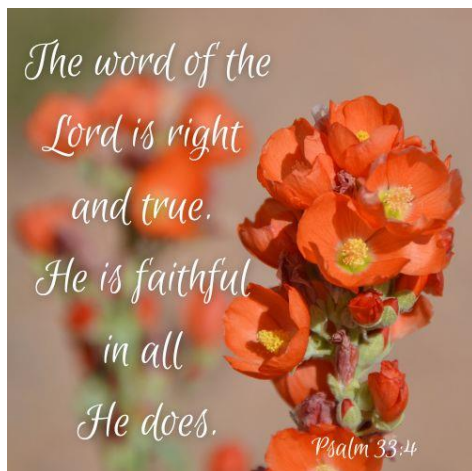


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY OCTOBER 23, 2022 11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

SANDRA EITHUN
AMERICAN FOLK HYMN

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

SPIRIT SONG
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

JOHN WIMBER

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Worship begins with God's initiative. God calls the church into being and calls us to worship in this time and place. Words from Scripture are thus spoken or sung to proclaim who God is and what God has done. This is the day that the Lord has made.

Response: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let Us Pray,

Eternal God, You are our Rock, You are the firm foundation for everything we build. You give gifts to your people for the good of the church. You equip and train your people to carry out the good works You have prepared for us in advance. Remind us that You are our loving ally, You are our fortress, You are our tower of strength and You are our rescuer. Everything we need is found in You. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

* HYMN

JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD
BRENDA LUGER, FLUTE

"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

Holy God, we open our hearts to You this day, and offer the truth of our lives:
 The fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us, the ignorance that hobbles us, the doubt that plagues us.
 Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places, see the world with new and gracious eyes,
 move to those places where love is needed, and have faith that You are with us.
 This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

RESPONSE #698

TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM

"TAKE ME AS I AM"

Take, O take me as I am; summon what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in 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

HEBREWS 10:24-25

SHARON SQUIRES

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another –and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

ANTHEM

LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
 THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

(Please see hymn#729, for the text.)

SECOND READING

MATTHEW 5:38-42

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ But I say to you, do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

* HYMN #726

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME (THE SUMMONS)

"KELVINGROVE"

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP:

"FOR THE WORD OF THE LORD IS RIGHT AND TRUE; HE IS FAITHFUL IN ALL HE DOES."-PSALM 33:4

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY SOLO

WE'VE A STORY TO TELL THE NATIONS
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

ARR. BY CRAIG CURRY

*We've a story to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right.
A story of truth and mercy, A story of peace and light. A story of peace and light.*

*Refrain: For the darkness shall turn dawning and the dawning to nobody bright;
And God's great kingdom shall come to earth, the kingdom of love and light.*

*We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
A song that shall conquer evil, And shatter the spear and sword. And shall shatter the spear and sword.*

*We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigns from above
Has sent us His Son to save us, And show us that God is love. And show us that God is love.*

* DOXOLOGY #716

GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING (VS. 1)

"BEACH SPRING"

**God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature's wonder,
Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise, thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

STEWARDSHIP SEASON - LITANY OF DEDICATION:

Leader: The word of the Lord is right and true.

People: God is faithful in everything!

Leader: The Lord loves righteousness and justice.

People: The earth is full of God's unfailing love!

Leader: We offer these gifts to the work God is doing.

People: We will trust in the promises of God. Amen!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH 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.

* HYMN #749

COME! LIVE IN THE LIGHT!

"WE ARE CALLED"

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION# 306 BLESSED 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

GOD OF ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

DAVID PAXTON

* 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

Mission Messengers.....Brenda Luger, Aaron Hendrickson, Georgene McKenzie, Lynn Minderman and Linda Smith
Liturgist.....Sharon Squires
Guest Pianists.....Nancy Hodges
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir & Brenda Luger, Flute
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Carolyn Mathews and John Mullan

THE MISSION COMMITTEE IS HONORED TO WELCOME LYNN MINDERMAN to First Presbyterian Church today. Lynn is QMC Co-founder and President; Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RCPV): Qholaqhoe, Lesotho 2007-2008; Teacher/administrator: Honeoye Falls Lima, Chatham and North Colonie Central School Districts [retired]. She lives in Honeoye Falls, NY with her husband, Douglas.

JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP TODAY for a reception in the Gathering Place. We will have an opportunity to speak with Lynn Minderman from QMountain and volunteers from the Dakota Learning Camp. We would love everyone to join us! - The Mission Committee

PASTOR ALISON'S AVAILABILITY: Pastor Alison is available when requested or informed of a need. If you are aware of someone in need of a visit or phone call, please call or text her to let her know. *[Fridays are generally her day off and she will respond when she is available.]*

Ways to contact Pastor Alison:

call, text, or email:

814-715-1681 / revalisonpeters@gmail.com

To help with scheduling, please reach out to the Church Office:

Brittany Jackson: 301-777-3700 firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com

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.

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM: If anyone is interested in helping with the visual advertisement of the church, please email the church office at firstpresbyteriansecretary@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: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God for the blessing of Mary Alice Burkett, in honor of her 2nd birthday on 10/15/22, by her grandmother, Linda Mellon. 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 October 16, 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	\$139,786.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$138,903.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 882.00

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.

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.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: SHARON KAZARY & BUCK BELT

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY: November 6th we will have a time of remembrance for All-Saints Sunday. If you have lost someone close to you this past year, please email their name and date of death to Brittany Jackson firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com for inclusion in our Litany of Remembrance.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE: The Churches of Washington Street will be holding a Thanksgiving Service at **6:00 PM on Tuesday, November 22nd at Emmanuel Parish.** Join us as we give thanks together!

CHURCHES ON THE HILL

NATURE'S GRACE - WALKS WITH THE GLORY OF GOD'S CREATION: Come and enjoy the fall beauty! Bob Adams and Jack Slocomb invite you to walk with them on **Sunday, October 30th at 12:30 PM** when we will gather at Canal Place for an amble along the TowPath to a grassy "sit spot" near the river. Naturalist Jack will answer questions about the fall flora and fauna and lead a relaxing Creation attunement experience.

Dress for the weather and bring water and a snack if you want. The total length of the walk will be about 4 ½ miles. But walk as far as you are comfortable.

It's not really the distance, it's what you see, hear, smell, and feel in the good company of fellow walkers during the time you are there.

Autumn is a compelling time of year in mountain Maryland – the many indescribable hues of trees, the northwesterly winds brushing over the landscape, bringing the nip of winter, everything going into rest, into repose, the silences. And much, much more. All great stuff to share mindfully and joyfully with friends on the Lord's day as the season moves forward through the autumn equinox.

We respectfully request that you turn your cell phones off during the walk. If you want to join, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the Sanctuary or call Brittany in the church office. For any questions, you can contact Jack at 301-707-9545 or Bob at 410-669-1953.



JOIN US FOR OUR TRUNK OR TREAT!

Saturday, October 29th

10:30 AM– 12:30 PM

First Presbyterian Church

TRUNK OR TREAT PARTICIPATION: If you would like to set up a car in the parking lot and participate in the event, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the entrance hallway!

CANDY DONATIONS: If you would like to donate candy for the event, feel free to drop all candy donations off to the church office by **Wednesday, October 26th.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, OCTOBER (24)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
1:00 PM TWR FIRE TEST

TUESDAY, OCTOBER (25)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER (26)

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER (27)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
12:15 PM POLLY EYLER MEMORIAL SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER (28) NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER (29)

10:30 AM TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT IN FPC PARKING LOT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER (30)

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