

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 6, 2022

11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

"TRYGARRE KAN INGEN VARA"
ARR. BY ROBERT A HOBBY

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

"WAITING"

* CALL TO WORSHIP (FROM PSALM 13) & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

We have trusted in the steadfast love of the Lord.

Therefore our hearts shall rejoice in your salvation.

And we will sing praises to the Lord;

For you have dealt bountifully with us.

Let us pray...

Eternal God, your provision for our needs is more generous than we are aware and your compassion is beyond our imagining. In this time of worship empower us to give every part of ourselves to your service so that our lives may offer to all the full reality of the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN #305

COME SING, O CHURCH, IN JOY!

"DARWALL'S 148TH"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess, O God, that too often we act as though you are a distant and disinterested deity. We gather without preparation as if meeting you requires nothing other than showing up. We worship without expectation of your presence. We show little gratitude for your bountiful gifts, nor are we as generous with others as you have been with us. Forgive our failure to act on the faith we declare. Re-center our lives in Christ's way so that we may more fully reflect your love and care for the whole world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Lifestream. We belong to each other and are stronger together.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 16:19-31

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.^[a] The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.^[b] ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

ANTHEM

LET SAINTS ON EARTH

AUSTIN C. LOVELACE

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Let saints on earth unite to sing with those to glory gone;
For all the servants of our King, In earth and heaven, are one.

One family we dwell in him, On Church above, beneath,
Though now divided by the stream, the narrow stream of death.

One army of the living God, to his command we bow;
Part of his house have crossed the flood, And part are crossing now.

Even now by faith we join our hands with those that went before,
And greet the blood redeemed bands on the eternal shore.

Then wake, my soul, stretch every nerve, And press with vigor on;
A heavenly rack demands thy zeal, and an immortal crown.

SECOND READING

JEREMIAH 32:6-15

⁶Jeremiah said, “The word of the LORD came to me: ⁷Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.’ ” ⁸Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, “Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.” Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

⁹And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out the silver to him, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the silver on scales. ¹¹Then I took the sealed deed of purchase containing the terms and conditions and the open copy, ¹²and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹³In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, ¹⁴“Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. ¹⁵For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.”

SERMON

"OF FIELDS AND DREAMS"

REV. WALT PETERS

* HYMN #325

BY ALL YOUR SAINTS STILL STRIVING

"KING'S LYNN"

ALL SAINTS PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE AND THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

*(Members of First Presbyterian Church are indicated by the asterisk *.)*

*ELVA BERRY- NOVEMBER 18, 2021
MARY ANN HOUSER- NOVEMBER 14, 2021
*WILLIAM COURTNEY- JANUARY 17, 2022
*MARGARET HARTSOCK- MARCH 19, 2022
JOHN ARTHUR ENNIS- MARCH 27, 2022
ALARIC CALVIN KIDDY- JUNE 19, 2022
JAN LANDER- JULY 10, 2022
KAREN KEISLING HART- JULY 14, 2022
NILFUFER HISIM GROVE- AUGUST 10, 2022
ANNA LEISLE BUDA- SEPTEMBER 1, 2022
STEPHEN SLOCOMB- OCTOBER 3, 2022
*POLLY EYLER- OCTOBER 16, 2022
MARY MEGIN SHOBE, OCTOBER 21, 2022
JEFFERY GILCHRIST

(As extras bells ring, please feel free to speak names of others you have lost this year.)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY SOLO

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER

MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO; JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

"HANSON PLACE"
ARR. W.F. SCHMIDT

Shall we gather at the river where bright angel feet have trod,
With it's crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

E'er we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down,
Grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease.
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

* 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!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer continues: "...with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:"

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of the
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer continues: "...gifts of the earth through which you bless us, and we offer ourselves in your service."

O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins
of the world; have mer - cy on us,
Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

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

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with the great multitude of the faithful—those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and

guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN #700

I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME

"I'M GONNA LIVE"

* 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 "SINE NOMINE"

JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

* 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.....Rev. Walt Peters
Liturgist.....Rev. Alison Peters
Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir & Mikayla Dodge, Soprano
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Carolyn Mathews & David Stickler

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 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 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 October 30, 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	\$144,266.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$145,518.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (1,292.00)

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

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

BRAYN LOHR ORGAN CONCERT: Join our former Director of Music Ministries, Bryan Lohr, as he presents an Organ Concert on **Sunday, November 13th at 4:00 PM** at Westmont Presbyterian Church (601 Luzerne St. Johnstown, PA 15905).

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER (7)

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER (8)

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER (9)

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, NOVEMBER (10)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:30 PM BEYOND THE BIRD BATH STUDY IN THE GATHERING PLACE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER (11)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER (12)

10:00 AM PEO MEETING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (13)

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