

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: DEDICATION SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

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JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

WILLIAM HINE (1687-1730)

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

O, GIVE THANKS AND SING  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR; BRENDA LUGER, FLUTE

FRENCH FOLK SONG  
ARR. HARRIET WILLOUGHBY

O give thanks and sing,  
Sing praise to God above!  
Thank Him for His mercy;  
Praise Him for His wonderful love!  
Alleluia!  
Sing alleluia to God above!  
Amen. Amen.

*(with gratitude and praise for our new organ console)*

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

Sing praise to God, for the Lord has done graciously.

**Let it be known in all the earth!**

Surely God is our salvation,

**For the Lord is our strength and has become our salvation!**

We come to acknowledge the goodness of the Lord

**We come and we worship God with gladness!**

Let us pray -

God of righteousness, truth, and justice, you judged your people according to the statutes delivered to Moses. We praise you for the mercy of Christ's intercession. In Christ's name, we gather and are assured of your presence. We bow in adoration and sing of your glory. Your word is proclaimed for our guidance and nurture. Look now with favor on our worship, as in Christ we seek to be faithful. Amen.

\* HYMN #612

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD

"KREMSER"

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We confess to each other and to You, our Creator, that we fall short of being what we have been created to be, what we have committed ourselves to be, disciples of the kingdom. We often seek out the easiest paths; paths of least involvement in places where we might be uncomfortable, or paths of self-centeredness. Forgive us for getting so caught up in the world's trappings and its false messages of hope that we lose sight of the hope of the kingdom, which brings healing and peace to a world in turmoil. In this time of worship may we resolve to become more kingdom-minded to be your peacemakers here and now. 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

PSALM 33:1-9, 18-22

- <sup>1</sup> Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.
- <sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.
- <sup>3</sup> Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- <sup>4</sup> For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- <sup>5</sup> He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
- <sup>6</sup> By the word of the LORD the heavens were made and all their host by the breath of his mouth.
- <sup>7</sup> He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses.
- <sup>8</sup> Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him,
- <sup>9</sup> for he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.
- <sup>18</sup> Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love,
- <sup>19</sup> to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine.
- <sup>20</sup> Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and shield.
- <sup>21</sup> Our heart is glad in him because we trust in his holy name.
- <sup>22</sup> Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

### ANTHEM

MEDITATION ON "ST. FLAVIAN"  
THE JOYBELLS

JASON W. KRUG

#### SCRIPTURE READING

ISAIAH 65:17-25

- <sup>17</sup> For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
- <sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating,  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight.
- <sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress.
- <sup>20</sup> No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime,  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
- <sup>21</sup> They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- <sup>22</sup> They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat,  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- <sup>23</sup> They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity,  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD— and their descendants as well.
- <sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

<sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

SERMON

"KEEPING OUR PROMISES"

REV. ALISON PETERS

\* HYMN #376

WHEN ALL IS ENDED

"YOGANDA"

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP:

ROBERT COURTNEY

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

INVITATION TO OFFERING & DEDICATION OF PLEDGES

*(As an act of commitment, please bring forward your pledge cards and place them in the basket on the communion table.  
You may also place all tithes and offerings as well as any orange prayer request cards in the offering plate.)*

OFFERTORY SOLO

SICILIANO  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

JOHN STANLEY (1713-1786)

\* 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. We dedicate ourselves and our gifts to God's service.**

Leader: May we be faithful.

**People: May our giving reflect our love. Amen.**

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 #757

TODAY WE ALL ARE CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES

"KINGSFOLD"

\* 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

TRUMPET VOLUNTARY  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

HENRY HERON (18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY)

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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.....	Mike Levitas
Director of Music Ministries.....	Judith Brown
Director of The JoyBells.....	Julie Courtney
Musicians.....	The Sanctuary Choir; The JoyBells; Brenda Luger, Flute
Audio/Video Technicians.....	Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....	Cindy Corley & Evan Swanger

**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](mailto:revalisonpeters@gmail.com)

To help with scheduling, please reach out to the Church Office:  
Brittany Jackson: 301-777-3700 [firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:firstpresbyteriansecretary@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](https://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 November 6, 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	\$153,483.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$148,825.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 4,657.00

**BUILDING & GROUNDS**  
**RULING ELDERS: BOB COURTNEY & EVAN SWANGER**

**FPC SNOW POLICY**

**Sunday School** – The Pastor and the Co-chairs of the Faith Formation and Buildings & Grounds committees will consult by phone and make a decision by 8:00 AM. If Sunday School is canceled, announcements will be made on radio stations including WCBC 1270 AM (and on their website Snow Watch list) and by e-mail to church members, Facebook, and the church website.

**Worship** – Worship will be canceled only in the most extreme weather conditions. If indicated, the Pastor and the Co-chairs of the Worship & Music and Buildings & Grounds committees will consult and make a decision. If worship is canceled, announcements will be made on radio stations including WCBC 1270 AM (and on their website Snow Watch list) and by e-mail to church members Facebook, and the church website.

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

**THE HIGHLANDER** will meet for lunch at Puccini's Restaurant on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. The Highlanders are a social group for our senior members that meet once a month, typically the third Thursday of every month, to fellowship with one another over lunch. Please contact Mary Gallion (301-759-3607), if you would like to come join them or if you have any questions.

**UPDATE ON THE SHAFFERS:** Bob and Carlotta Shaffer recently moved to live with their daughter in Elkton, MD. Please use the updated address below:

Bill & Carlotta Shaffer  
C/O Brenda McKenzie  
105 Rhett Court  
Elkton, MD 21921

**HANGING OF THE GREENS:** Join us on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> for our Hanging of the Greens event. We will begin the evening at 4:30 PM with pizza followed by the decorating of the church. Join us for an evening of Christmas cheer at our intergenerational gathering designed to prepare us for the birth of Christ.

**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.

**WORSHIP & MUSIC**  
**RULING ELDERS: SHARON KAZARY & MIKE LEVITAS**

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER (14)**

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
4:45 PM ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING IN THE PARLOR  
7:00 PM CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL IN THE GATHERING PLACE

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER (15)**

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
7:00 PM CHORAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER (16)**

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
LEARNING TREE: PANCAKES WITH POP  
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 (17)**

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
5:30 PM BEYOND THE BIRD-BATH STUDY IN THE GATHERING PLACE  
7:00 PM SESSION MEETING IN THE GATHERING PLACE

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER (18)**

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER (19)**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (20)**

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