

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 20, 2022

11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

"THANKFUL"

DAVID FOSTER, CAROLE SAGER

JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

"THANKFUL"

DAVID FOSTER, CAROLE SAGER

MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO; JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

Some days we forget to look around us.

Some days we can't see the joy that surrounds us.

So caught up inside ourselves, we take when we should give.

REFRAIN So for today we pray for what we know can be.

And on this day we hope for what we still can't see.

It's up to us to be the change.

And even though we all can still do more,

There's so much to be thankful for.

Look, beyond ourselves, there's so much sorrow.

It's way too late to say, "I'll cry tomorrow."

Each of us must find our truth: it's so long overdue.

REFRAIN

Even with our differences, there is a place we're all connected.

Each of us can find each other's light.

REFRAIN

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Come and worship Christ,

the visible image of the invisible God,

the firstborn of creation,

the eternal God the one through whom all things were created,

and in whom all things are held together.

This is our God!
Let's pray together.

Sovereign God, your rule and authority transcends all that we can imagine. You spoke all creation into existence and through Jesus you show us what a true king is, what true power is, and what your kingdom looks like. As we worship, inspire us so that we may become kingdom builders for you, following in the good news of Jesus Christ our king.
Amen.

* HYMN #630

FAIREST LORD JESUS

"CRUSADERS' HYMN"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In these moments, Remembering God, we bring to you all the ways we have not lived as your people: we stand by watching while those in need struggle to survive; we cast our lots with those who worship power and success; we offer insults rather than words of grace to those who care for us; we scoff at your words which call us to a different lifestyle.

Forgive us, God of Mercy, for not knowing what we do to you, to others, to ourselves.
Speak to us through Jesus Christ, our King and our Savior,
who bears words filled with your tender mercy and gracious hope.

(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 out 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

LUKE 23: 33-43

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, ^[d] "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

ANTHEM

PRAISE AND GLORY

GEORG PHILIPP TELEMANN

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Praise and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving,
honor, might and power
be unto our God forever and forevermore.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

COLOSSIANS 1:11-20

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

SERMON

"THY KINGDOM COME"

JOSH GILHART

* HYMN #624

I GREET THEE, WHO MY SURE REDEEMER ART

"TOULON"

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

THE EARTH IS THINE IN BEAUTY, LORD

DAVID N. JOHNSON

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR AND BRENDA LUGER, FLUTE

The earth is thine in beauty, Lord, and we who therein dwell;
The may we strive with one accord to guard and keep it well.
May we not take into our hands that which belongs to thee;
Nor reckon soil or sea or sands as ours alone to be.
May we who tend thy vineyard here esteem it as a trust,
And give it back to thee still fair, for give it back we must.
Amen.

* 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 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 #265

JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'ER THE SUN

"DUKE STREET"

* 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

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

SIEGFRIED KARG-ELERT

* 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..... Josh Gilhart
Liturgist..... Wesley Mason
Director of Music Ministries..... Judith Brown
Musicians..... The Sanctuary Choir; Mikayla Dodge, Soprano; Brenda Luger, Flute
Audio/Video Technicians..... Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers..... Rick & Robin Bissell

THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS: Please note that the church office will be open until noon on Wednesday, November 23rd and **CLOSED** on Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th, in observance of Thanksgiving.

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

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 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 are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of her mother, Phyllis "Perk" Smith, by Nancy Hodges. 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.

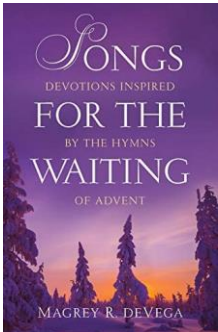
ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE
RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & GARY HENDRICKSON

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of November 13, 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	\$158,908.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$152,132.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 6,775.00

PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2023 are available in the pews and in the back of the sanctuary. Although they were dedicated during worship last week, you can make or update your pledge at any time. Envelopes are provided and you can place your pledge in the offering plate, or in the church office. If you need a pledge card mailed to you, please call Brittany Jackson at 301-777-3700.

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

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Join us on **Wednesday, November 30th** 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

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL: Through the words of moving Advent Hymns and the powerful words of Scripture, **Songs for the Waiting** will help readers reclaim a sense of the beautiful anticipation and preparation that is central to Advent. To request your copy, contact Joshua Gilhart or Brittany Jackson.

ADVENT FAITH & FUN: Join us on **Thursday December 8th from 5:00pm to 7:00 PM** for an evening of faith, fun, and fellowship. Enjoy a delicious dinner and test your knowledge with a fun game of Christmas Trivia.

Join in with songs together and go caroling with others. Children can help decorate Christmas cookies and dance to fun music. Help us fill gift bags for the Kensington residents and make Christmas ornaments. Get your Christmas cards ready with our Christmas selfie backdrop. We hope to see you there!

Please submit the tear-of sheet below to the church office if you plan to attend the Advent Faith & Fun Event.

Name: _____

Number of people attending _____

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 22nd** at **Emmanuel Parish**. Join us as we give thanks together!

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, NOVEMBER (21)

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER (22)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:00 PM JOINT THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE AT EMMANUEL

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER (23)

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, NOVEMBER (24)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER (25)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER (26)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (27)

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

Christmas Poinsettias 2022

If you wish to dedicate a Christmas poinsettia, please complete the tear-off sheet below and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office by Sunday, December 12th.

Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary for the 7:30PM Christmas Eve service. If you would like to take your poinsettia home, please do so after the service. If you do not wish to keep your poinsettia, please indicate below. Additional donations may also be made toward the Christmas flowers.

Please print names exactly as you wish them to appear in the bulletin and attach a check for \$6.00 for each poinsettia, marked "CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA".

Number of poinsettias: _____ at \$7.00 each **Total \$** _____

I will pick up my poinsettia:

I wish to donate my poinsettia:

Additional Contribution for Christmas flowers: \$ _____ **Total \$** _____

To the Glory of God in **Memory** or **Honor** (Please circle one) of: _____

By: _____

Please return your order no later than December 12th.

Christmas Music Offering 2022

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

TOTAL GIFT: \$ _____

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If you wish to dedicate Christmas Music in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete the tear-off sheet and place it in the offering plate, or return it to the church office.

Please print all the names exactly as you would like them to appear in the bulletin and attach a check designated "Christmas Music 2022" in the memo line. Proceeds from the Christmas Music Offering will be used to help defray the costs of seasonal guest musicians. **Please submit offering and dedication no later than Sunday, December 18th.**

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