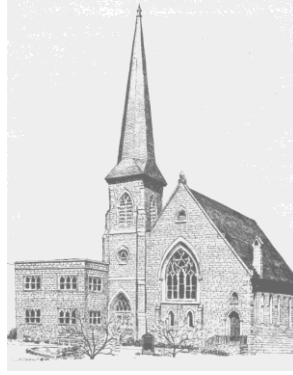


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: JANUARY 22, 2023 11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

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JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

WILLIAM WALOND (18TH CENTURY ENGLAND)

11:00 AM

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

TAIZE

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

The buzz of the world interrupts our lives and fills our ears

Call us into Your way of life, O God

The complaints of others settle in our mind and cloud our vision

Lead us into Your vision of life, O God

The cries of the poor, the oppressed and the outcast pierce our hearts

Guide us in Your example of living for others, O God

Fill our hearts, fill our eyes, fill our ears with Your love, O God

Let us be Your hands and feet in the world, O God. Let us worship You together.

Let us pray -

Holy God, you call us and name us. Your invitation is open and wide. Teach us once again where you are leading and how you ask us to follow. Let our worship refresh us for the work ahead and may we boldly listen to your voice.

Amen.

* HYMN #620

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

“LAUDA ANIMA”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, We are incredibly stubborn. We see that Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires.

Help us to change our focus. Help us to yearn for your presence.

Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviors that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Let us receive the blessings offered in creation through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

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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

FIRST READING

PSALM 27: 1, 4-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek: to live in the house of the LORD

all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

⁵For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

⁶Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.

⁹Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

ANTHEM

SPIRIT TRUTH, PURE LIGHT OF LOVE

ROBERT J. POWELL

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Spirit truth, pure light of love,

Guiding light of God above; Make your beacon ours;

inspire us to shine so all may know

The radiance of the Spirit's own revealing power.

Spirit wind, sweet song of love, stirring song of God above,

Make Your music ours; Excite us to sing so all may know

the anthem of the Spirit's own resounding power.

Spirit fire, fierce breath of love, Blazing breath of God above,

Make your passion ours; impel us to live so all may know

the fervor of the Spirit's own respondent power.

SECOND READING

MATTHEW 4:12-23

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—

¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of

people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called

them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news^[d] of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY SOLO

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

FRANCES ALLITSEN (1848-1912)

MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
Whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life;
Of whom then shall I be afraid?

* DOXOLOGY #648

THANK 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 #170

YOU WALK ALONG OUR SHORELINE

“WIE LIEBLICK IST DER MAIEN”

* 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

18TH CENTURY TRUMPET VOLUNTARY

HENRY HERON

JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

* 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.....	Josh Gilhart
Director of Music Ministries.....	Judith Brown
Musicians.....	The Sanctuary Choir
Audio/Video Technicians.....	Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....	John Mullan & Kathy Dowell

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION of First Presbyterian church of Cumberland, Maryland is called by the Session for **Sunday, January 29, 2023.**

The purposes of the meeting are:

- To hear the Annual Report of the Session
- To elect an Auditor to the Auditing Committee
- To elect a new class of Ruling Elders
- To elect a 2023 Congregational Nominating Committee
- To receive the 2023 Budget
- To elect Officers of the Corporation
- To approve the pastor's terms of Call
- To conduct any other business properly coming before the Congregation-Corporation

-By Order of the Session

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

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

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

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: 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.

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

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE
RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & GARY HENDRICKSON

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of January 15, 2023
Total 2023 Pledges Promised	\$219,970.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 13,282.00
<u>2023 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$206,688.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$12,410.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$11,693.00
Over/(Under)	\$716.00

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, JANUARY (23)

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY (24)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY (25)

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, JANUARY (26)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, JANUARY (27)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, JANUARY (28)

SUNDAY, JANUARY (29)

10:00 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATIONS

FAITH FORMATION
RULING ELDERS: JOSH GILHART & KATIE ROSS

The Faith Formation Committee invites you to join them on a trip to see **Jesus Christ Superstar** on Sunday, **April 2nd** at the Maryland Theater in Hagerstown. Tickets and transportation will be provided.

Please RSVP by February 12th so tickets can be purchased. You can RSVP online using the QR code or by tearing off the slip below and placing it in the offering plate.

*****PLEASE NOTE: This trip is dependent on ticket availability on February 13th*****

Jesus Christ Superstar

Name: _____ Number Attending: _____



RULING ELDER NOMINEES

SANDRA BURTON (CLASS OF 2026)

Sandra has lived in Cumberland since 1964. Her husband owned Burton's Men's Wear retail store, a family owned business. She has been a member of The First Presbyterian Church since 2013 and has served on session on Congregational Care once before.

Sandra is currently serving on the Worship and Music Committee. She serves on the Altar Guild making sure flowers are on the Altar each Sunday and pews are organized.

She has two children, one daughter and one son. She also has one granddaughter and a two year great grandson.

CINDY CORLEY (CLASS OF 2026)

Cindy has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for about 20 years. During that time, she has served on Session several times and is currently our Church Treasurer.

Cindy lives in Corriganville, MD and has been married for 38 years to Dave Corley. They have one son, David Corley. She works for Quarry Ridge Corp and works as a Tax Preparer for Ron and Ann's Tax Service. She is currently the bookkeeper for Learning Tree Nursery School.

MIKAYLA DODGE (CLASS OF 2026)

Mikayla Dodge has been a member of First Presbyterian Church for six years, a member of session and co-chair for the Congregational Care and Outreach Committee. Mikayla has been actively involved in singing with the FPC chorus for 11 years. Mikayla is very involved with the community. She enjoys making music with the Cumberland Choral Society, Co-Directing Allegany Acapella Harmony, performing in shows at both the Embassy and Cumberland Theatre, and volunteering to assist with local community events. Mikayla loves to spend time with her husband Zach, daughter Aria, and four cats!

SHARON KAZARY (CLASS OF 2026)

When Sharon was going into the 3rd grade, her family moved to Auburn in upstate New York. They began to attend the First Presbyterian Church where she sang in the Cherub Choir, the Carol Choir, and attended Sunday School. The associate pastor, Lyman Stuckey, became a close family friend. From that time on, Shaoron was involved in church worship and church activities. When she was beginning high school, her family moved to Big Flatts, New York. Once again, she was singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School, and worshipping in our sanctuary.

As a young mother, Sharon was asked to be an elder on the Session at First Presbyterian Church in Cumberland. Under the leadership of Rev. Phil Sorensen, she learned the details and responsibilities of serving as an elder in the Presbyterian Church. As an elder, Sharon was president of the Boys Group Home, a mission of the church.

In the early 80's, her family moved to LaVale where they became active members of the LaVale United Methodist. Sharon taught Sunday School, played in the Bell Choir, and became the church's Lay Leader.

Her family returned to Cumberland when her children were in high school, and they returned to the First Presbyterian Church. The Church Nominating Committee asked Sharon to become Clerk of Session. She worked with Rev. Morton Harris, and also began and ran the church's NAILS Mission Project.

Most recently, Sharon has served as an active elder under the direction of Rev. Jim Young and, finally, under our Rev. Alison Peters. Her chief responsibility has been to co-chair of the Worship and Music Committee.

As an adult, Sharon has raised two very nice children, served on the PTA, organized and lead Brownies and Girl Scout Troops, built several buildings on Greene Street, created and ran the Inn at Walnut Bottom B&B, which included the Haystack Mountain Art Workshops and Arthur's Restaurant. After they sold the Inn and the city of Cumberland assumed responsibility directing the NAILS project, She attended classes at the Baltimore Law School and became a mediator. Until Sharon retired, she was responsible for all of the estate clients in our law offices.

Sharon has been very happily married to Bob Kazary for 52 years. They enjoy living on their small farm in the New Germany area.

The current Church Nominating Committee has asked Sharon to extend my time as an active elder for a second term. She is proud of our Worship and Music Committee and would like to continue to be the co-chair.

ANN KELLERMEYER (CLASS OF 2026)

Ann was born in Keyser, West Virginia. Her father was a lawyer and her mother was a teacher. After graduating from Keyser High School, Ann attended West Virginia University where she met her husband, Bill. While furthering his training, Bill and Ann lived in Cleveland and Jacksonville, NC.

Their oldest son, Bill, was born in Cleveland and their two younger sons, Chris and Brian, were born in Cumberland. They live near Flintstone, where they enjoy birdwatching, gardening and caring for horses and grandchildren.

Ann has served on Session in the past, working on various committees, and looks forward to serving again as the Session discerns where God is leading us.

**Your Answer to....
“What’s For Dinner?”**

First Presbyterian Church is selling homemade soups and rolls to help fund the Annual Mission Trip to South Dakota. Will you please consider buying some?



Name: _____

Phone: _____

	# of Quarts	X \$10	# of Pints	X \$6	Cap Rolls	x \$1 for 2	Total \$ Owed
Beef Stew							
White Chicken Chili							
Traditional Red Chili							
Vegetarian Vegetable							
Chicken Tortilla Soup							
Rolls 2 for \$1							
TOTAL							

Please pay for and pick up your soups, chili, and stews on Sunday, February 12th after worship from 12:15-1:00 PM.

Please submit your orders to the church office by Sunday, February 5th.

Make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church and write “**Dakota**” on the memo line.