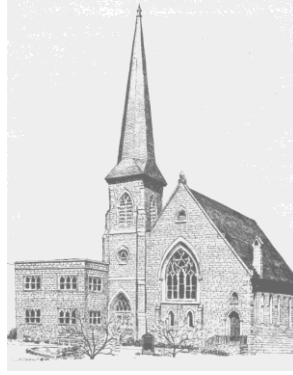


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: JANUARY 29, 2023 11:00 AM

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JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

SIMON STUBLEY

11:00 AM

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

BLEST ARE THEY
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad!

Blessed are you; Holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad!

Yours is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they who seek peace; They are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith; The glory of God is theirs.

Refrain

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

People of God, who do you come to worship?

We come to worship the one true God.

How will you worship?

Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice and love.

Come, you who belong to God. Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

Come and abide in God's tent and in God's heart, now and forever.

Let us pray -

Loving God, we come this morning seeking to abide in your presence. Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom, that we may know how to live as your people. Open our hearts to your spirit of truth, that we may love all your people with a love that speaks of justice, kindness, and radical grace. May this time of worship be authentic and pleasing to you. Amen.

* HYMN #419

LORD, WHO MAY DWELL WITHIN YOUR HOUSE

"RIDGEMOOR"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, far too often we desire to look wise in the eyes of the world. We have not spoken truth with our hearts. We have said and done hurtful things to our friends. We have forgotten our true identity, wandering into ways that are not yours. We have lost the path of true worship, focusing on form and words rather than deeds. We have forgotten what true discipleship is. And because of this, you have a quarrel with us. Forgive us and help us live into becoming the people you have created and called us to be: people of justice and love and truth and humility, and yes, even foolishness. May we be fools for Christ, embracing our true identity, even in the face of the world's scorn and decisions. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

RESPONSE #576

LORD, HAVE MERCY

“SINGAPURA”

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

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

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 15

¹ O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

² Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;

³ who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors;

⁴ in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the LORD;

who stand by their oath even to their hurt; ⁵ who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved

ANTHEM

CREATE IN ME, O GOD, A PURE HEART

JOHANNES BRAHMS

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Create in me, O God, a pure heart,

And grant anew, grant a right spirit within me.

SECOND READING

MICAH 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

³ “O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶ “With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

SERMON

“REQUIRED”

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #100

MY SOUL CRIES OUT WITH A JOYFUL SHOUT

“STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN”

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God.
The secret of the Lord is theirs; their soul is Christ's abode.
Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart,
And for His cradle and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.

* DOXOLOGY #648

THANKFUL 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 #372

O FOR A WORLD

"AZMON"

* 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.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION

(All members are encouraged to stay; visitors are welcome.)

* 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.....David Stickler
Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Brenda and Betty Luger

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

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 Ministries	Judith 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 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.

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 22, 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	\$13,540.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$15,593.00
Over/(Under)	(\$2,053.00)

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, JANUARY (30)

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY (31)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
12:30 PM AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY (1)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
10:30 AM STAFF MEETING IN REV. PETERS' OFFICE
5:15 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING
6:30 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY (2)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY (3)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY (4)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY (5)

10:00 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

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, Sharon 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.