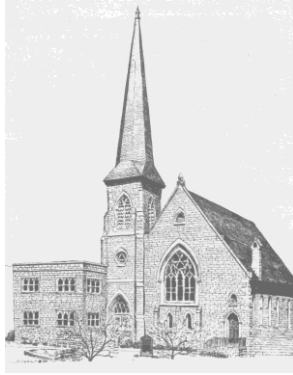


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 23, 2023

11:00 AM

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

SAMUEL SCHEIDT (1587-1654)  
FRIEDRICH WILHELM ZACHAU (1663-1712)

*Reflective text*

Christ lay to death in bondage,  
For all our sins surrendered; He is once more arisen.  
And hath us brought true life now; For this shall we joyful be,

11:00 AM

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

WE KNOW THAT CHRIST IS RAISED  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

"ENGELBERG"

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold,  
And our despair he turned to blazing joy  
Alleluia!  
A new creation comes to life and grows  
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.  
The universe, restored and whole, will sing:  
"Alleluia!"

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

We hear the voice of Jesus:

**Our hearts burn within us.**

We lift our voices to God

**And call on the name of the Lord!**

The risen Christ is here in this place:

**Alleluia! Let us worship!**

Let us pray -

Loving God, you ransomed us from futility by defeating the grave. We can hardly believe how precious we are to you!  
Holy Spirit, help us to believe this truth fully with our whole life: flesh, bone, and spirit. Amen.

### \* HYMN #838

STANDING ON THE PROMISES

"PROMISES"

### CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternally patient God, we ask again and again, “What should we do?” And again and again, you tell us, “Repent and return to me.” Yet we have not changed our ways. We fall into old habits, cling to our own ways, and take for granted the grace you have given us. Once again, we ask you for forgiveness. Show us the way forward and help us return, once again, to you. Amen.

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

## RESPONSE #441

HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION (VS.1)

“GOD IS SO GOOD”

Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God’s love.  
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.  
Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!  
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## PASSING OF THE PEACE AND CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

*Please stand and greet those in the pews near you. Send a wave to the camera for those joining online.*

*We recognize how important we are to each other; we belong to each other and are stronger together.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19

- <sup>1</sup> I love the LORD because he has heard my voice and my supplications.  
<sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.  
<sup>3</sup> The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.  
<sup>4</sup> Then I called on the name of the LORD, “O LORD, I pray, save my life!”  
<sup>12</sup> What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?  
<sup>13</sup> I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD;  
<sup>14</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.  
<sup>15</sup> Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.  
<sup>16</sup> O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.  
<sup>17</sup> I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.  
<sup>18</sup> I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,  
<sup>19</sup> in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

### ANTHEM

FOLLOWERS OF THE LAMB

SHAKER TUNE, ARR. C. MCCLURE

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Follower, Follower.

Brethren, aren’t you happy, O Brethren, aren’t you happy.

Ye followers of the Lamb.

O sisters, aren’t you happy, O sisters, aren’t you happy.

Ye followers of the Lamb

Sing on and dance on, followers of the Lamb,

Followers of Emmanuel.

### SECOND READING

ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

- <sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.  
<sup>36</sup> “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

\* HYMN #231

CHRIST HAS RISEN WHILE EARTH SLUMBERS

“SUO GAN”

MISSION IN A MINUTE

ALLEGANY LAW

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS ARISEN  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

SANTO DOMINGO

Alleluia! Christ is arisen,  
Bright is the dawning of the Lord's Day.  
Run, faithful women to the graveside,  
Marvel, the stone is rolled away!  
Hear from the angel, "He is risen!"  
Christ goes before you all the way!  
Rise, Magdalena, from your weeping;  
Christ stands before your very eyes.  
Quickly return to the disciples;  
Bear the good news: "He is alive!"

\* DOXOLOGY #658

GOD IS SO GOOD (VS.1)

“GOD IS SO GOOD”

God is so good; God is so good;  
God is so good; God's so good to me.

\* 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 #313

LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY

“LORD, MAKE US MORE HOLY”

\* BENEDICTION

\* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION #295

GO TO THE WORLD! (VS.4)

“SINE NOMINE”

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you till the age shall end,  
When all the hosts of glory cry “Amen!” Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

IMPROVISATION ON O FILII ET FILAE  
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..... Phil and Kim Mills

## 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

## 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](http://www.fpc-cumberland.org) and [www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland](http://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](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)

**MOUNTAINSIDE BAROQUE CONCERT:** Join Mountainside Baroque today, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 PM as they present “Hark, How the Songsters: Purcell’s Music for Court and Chapel” at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. (Our very own, Pastor Alison will be singing in the concert.) Included are Henry Purcell’s birthday ode for Queen Mary, “Come ye Sons of Art,” and the “Jubilate Deo” written for Westminster Abbey. Both works include music for the Baroque trumpet performed by Nashville resident **Kathryn Adduci, considered one of the best baroque trumpeters in the nation.** She will be joined by orchestra, soloists and choir in recreating this wonderful music. First half treats will be selections from his theatre music, including “King Arthur” and “The Fairy Queen.”

Audience members are invited to **come early around 3:30 PM to hear the pre-concert talk** designed to put the music in context. **Tickets for “Hark, How the Songsters” may be purchased online at the Mountainside website or in person at the Allegany Arts Council.**

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ-SPRING FLING:** Join the Community Café for a Spring Fling Brunch on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM- 2:00 PM at Lashbaugh’s West (210 W Main Street Frostburg, MD 21532). This event is free to attend and to participate in the raffle basket auction. If you would like to eat at the event, tickets can be purchased for \$30.00 via the church office and Rev. Alison Peters.

**THE CUMBERLAND CHORAL SOCIETY presents *ETERNAL LIGHT & HOPE* on FRIDAY, MAY 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM and SUNDAY, MAY 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church!**

The COVID pandemic has created a need, greater than ever, for community and human interaction in this recovery period. - We, as human beings, **MUST** connect with each other and the devastating isolation for the last 3 years has shown that more than ever. The act of singing and making **LIVE** music together again is an act of healing in today’s world and is drastically needed.

In our 83<sup>rd</sup> Season, our Spring concerts focus on three works from the 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries with this healing message, “Requiem” by Gabriel Faure, “Choose Love” by Kyle Pederson and “From Darkness to Light” by Ruth Watson Henderson. In addition to our community-based group of 35 singers and a tri-state area professional orchestra, we have engaged three guest professional artists-, Christopher Mooney, baritone, Larry Allen, guest organist and Christine Mazza, renowned harpist. We at CCS firmly believe to present our concerts as the composer originally intended and these additions complete that intent.

We hope you will be able to join us this Spring. For further information please contact Judie Brown at 240-522-5070 or [browjuda49@gmail.com](mailto:browjuda49@gmail.com)

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

### RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & CINDY CORLEY

<b>ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:</b>	<b>as of April 16, 2023</b>
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	\$61,269.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$62,390.00
Over/(Under)	\$(1,120.00)

# SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## CLERK OF SESSION

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Sharon Kazary & Mike Levitas

**GAMES!**

**FUN!**

**PRIZES!**

**MAY THE *FOURTH* BE WITH YOU  
AT THE GREATEST CARNIVAL IN  
THE GALAXY!**



**MAY 4, 2023**

**6-8 PM**



**WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL CUMBERLAND, MD**

**ADMISSION \$5.00**

**\*OPEN TO CHILDREN OF ALL AGES!**

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

**(\*STUDENTS WHO DO NOT ATTEND WMS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.)**

**SPECIAL GUEST PERFORMANCE BY  
THE DEMO TEAM FROM KICK MASTERS KARATE!**

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT:  
THE COMMUNITY CAFE**

**FOOD!**

**INFLATABLES!**

**FACE PAINTING & MORE!**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

### MONDAY, APRIL (24)

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

### TUESDAY, APRIL (25)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL (26)

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, APRIL (27)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
6:30 PM WASHINGTON STREET ASSOCIATION MEETING & LECTURE

### FRIDAY, APRIL (28)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

### SATURDAY, APRIL (29)

### SUNDAY, APRIL (30)

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