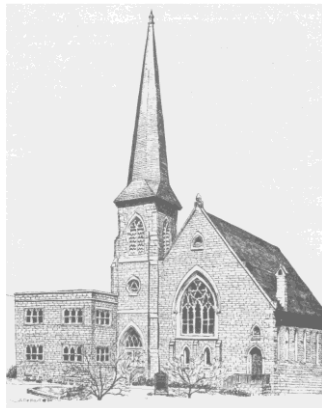


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JUNE 11, 2023

10:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

PSALM 127
MARK STEINER, ORGAN

EMMA LOU DIEMER

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Rejoice in the Lord, O you God's beloved;
Sing to God a new song!
For the word of the Lord is upright,
And all God's work is done in faithfulness.
Our God loves righteousness and justice;
The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

* HYMN #838

STANDING ON THE PROMISES

"PROMISES"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you are always drawing the circle of your love wider, but often we resist. You tell us that all people are your beloved, and we ask, "Why?" "Why them?" "Even them?!" We are quick to judge others rather than being grateful that we, too, are included in the fold. We prioritize the privileged, the powerful and the people who look and act right, but you extend grace first to the sinner, the outcast and the marginalized. Forgive us, O God. Transform us, that we may show mercy as you show mercy. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

RESPONSE #288

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

"LIVING GOD"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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 33:1-12

- ¹ Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.
- ² Praise the LORD with the lyre; make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.
- ³ Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
- ⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.
- ⁵ He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.
- ⁶ By the word of the LORD the heavens were made and all their host by the breath of his mouth.
- ⁷ He gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; he put the deeps in storehouses.
- ⁸ Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him,
- ⁹ for he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.
- ¹⁰ The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
- ¹¹ The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.
- ¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

ANTHEM

SECOND READING

GENESIS 12:1-9

12 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶ Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷ Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸ From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. ⁹ And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

SERMON

THE REV MARTHA N. MACGILL

* HYMN #684

FAITH BEGINS BY LETTING GO

"LUX PRIMA"

MISSION IN A MINUTE

ECCB

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

SIMPLE GIFT
MARK STEINER, ORGAN

WILBUR HELD

* DOXOLOGY #607

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSING FLOW

"OLD HUNDRETH"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* 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 #305

COME SING, O CHURCH, IN JOY!

"DARWALL'S 148TH"

* BENEDECTION

* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDECTION #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

PSALM XIX
MARK STEINER, ORGAN

BENEDETTO MARCELO

* 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. Martha N. Macgil
Liturgist.....	Cathy Levitas
Director of Music Ministries.....	Judith Brown
Organist.....	Mark Steiner
Audio/Video Technicians.....	Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....	Cindy Corley and Kathy Dowell

PRAYERS & SYMPATHY for Pastor Alison and family on the death of Alison’s father, Jerry Paden, on Tuesday, June 6th. In addition to our prayers and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Presbyterian Church for the Community Café in memory of Jerry Paden. Alison anticipates creating a memorial coffee station in his memory at the café. If you would like to contribute to the memorial, checks should be made payable to First Presbyterian Church with a note in the memo section directing the donation to the Community Café.

Join us TODAY following service!



The Mission Committee is sponsoring Sundae Sunday to raise funds for three of our church family who will be attending the Partnership Conference in the Czech Republic in July.

Come join our church family and friends after worship TODAY for ice cream sundaes with delicious toppings! Donations will be accepted. If you would like to donate, but are unable to attend on the 11th, checks can be placed in the offering plate and noted in the memo section: Czech Partnership Conference.

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

SUMMER RETREAT

WHAT GIFTS WOULD JESUS
SEE IN YOU?



JULY 22, 2023

11:30AM

AT PENN ALPS IN GRANTSVILLE

Save the date for a SPECIAL GATHERING at PENN ALPS where we will share fun, growth, fellowship all while exploring the spiritual gifts we all have. A buffet lunch will be provided by the Faith Formation Committee. After lunch Katie Ross will present an imaginative retelling of the Mary/Martha story which will include Lazarus.

Please RSVP to let us know you plan to attend by tearing off the slip below or using the QR Code

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____



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 & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of June 4, 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	\$85,303.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$89,688.00
Over/(Under)	\$(4,385.00)

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH
RULING ELDERS: MIKAYLA DODGE & LINDA MELLON

THE HIGHLANDERS WILL meet on Thursday, June 22nd at 11:30 AM at the Cumberland Country Club for lunch and fellowship. Please RSVP to Betty Richtmeyer or Jan Layman if you would like to attend.

FAITH FORMATION
RULING ELDERS: JOSH GILHART & ANN KELLERMEYER

CUMBERLAND AREA VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Where: St. Paul Lutheran in Cumberland

Dates: June 12-15

Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Ages: Age 5 through completion of 5th grade

All participating congregations are encouraged to donate the following items for crafts:

- bandaids of all shapes and sizes (2x2, 4x4, gauze) - for making individual first aid kits
- magazines of all sorts - for cutting out pictures and gluing or taping to poster boards
- boxes of popcorn - to use for a craft
- stickers of all kinds!
- journals for writing in (all shapes and sizes giving each child a choice) - these can be found online or in stores like Ollies at very reasonable prices

You can put any such donations in the volunteer office marked VBS (Vacation Bible School). Thank you in advance for any help you can give. For any questions contact Julie Courtney or Katie Ross.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & BRENDA LUGER



***Your generosity in donating clothes to the Possibility Shop was overwhelming, and greatly appreciated.
Thank You,
Mission Committee***

SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CLERK OF SESSION

Carolyn Mathews

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Carl Belt & Cindy Corley

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Bob Courtney & Evan Swanger

CONGREGATIONAL CARE & OUTREACH

Mikayla Dodge & Linda Mellon

FAITH FORMATION

Josh Gilhart & Ann Kellermeyer

MISSION

Aaron Hendrickson & Brenda Luger

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Sharon Kazary & Mike Levitas

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, JUNE (12)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:45 PM ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING IN THE PARLOR
5:30 PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST. PAUL'S

TUESDAY, JUNE (13)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:00 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING
5:30 PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST. PAUL'S

WEDNESDAY, JUNE (14)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
1:00 PM PROJECT CONNECT IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
5:30 PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST. PAUL'S
7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

THURSDAY, JUNE (15)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:30 PM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST. PAUL'S
6:00 PM SESSION MEETING AT REV. ALISON'S HOME

FRIDAY, JUNE (16)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, JUNE (17)

10:00 AM PEO MEETING

SUNDAY, JUNE (18)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
7:00 PM UNCLOBBER BOOK STUDY