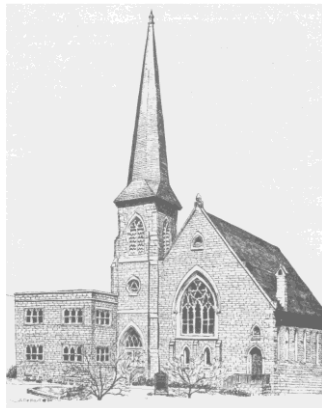


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JUNE 18, 2023

10:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

SONATA
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

QUIRINO GASPARINI (18TH CEN. ITALIAN)

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT # 392

JESUS, WE ARE HERE
(Congregational – sing 3 times)
Jesus, we are here;
Jesus, we are here;
Jesus, we are here;
We are here for you.

TAIZE

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

We come together in the sure knowledge:

God does not pass us by.

We gather to worship knowing this truth:

God fulfills promises.

Even when we cannot muster belief:

God is faithful to us.

Let us pray -

O God, we give thanks to you for bringing us together. May your Holy Spirit lead us in praising you so that our hearts and minds will be empowered to serve your people. In the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

* HYMN #20

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

“ROYAL OAK”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our salvation, incline your ear to us. You have given us power: the power to heal, to bring hope, to comfort, to restore. But we ignore that power, choosing to live our own lives. At worst, we abuse that power, storing up riches for ourselves without an eye for the needs of others. Forgive us. Remind us of our call to proclaim your good news, and to welcome each other as we would welcome you. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

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 116:1-2, 12-19

¹ I love the LORD because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
² Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
¹² What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?
¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD;
¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.
¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.
¹⁶ O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds.
¹⁷ I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD.
¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,
¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

SOLO

MAKE ME A CHANNEL OF YOUR PEACE
 JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

SEBASTIAN TEMPLE ARR. LLOYD LARSON

SECOND READING

GENESIS 18:1-15, 21:1-7

¹⁸ The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.
⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰ Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.
¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" ¹³ The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."
²¹ The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. ² Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³ Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. ⁴ And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. ⁶ Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." ⁷ And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

SERMON

"SHALL WE LAUGH"

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #432

HOW CLEAR IS OUR VOCATION, LORD

"REPTON"

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY SOLO

ADAGIO IN A FLAT MAJOR, OPUS 13
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

L. VAN BEETHOVEN

* DOXOLOGY #607

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSING FLOW

“OLD HUNDREDTH”

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 #828

MORE LOVE TO THEE, O CHRIST

“MORE LOVE TO THEE”

* 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

IMPROVISATION ON “HYMN TO JOY”
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

* 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.....Sharon Squires
Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....John Mullan and Wesley Mason

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

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: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in memory of Pastor and Mrs. William A. Eisenberger and their children Frances, Dan and William, by their family. 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 11, 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	\$86,758.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$93,588.00
Over/(Under)	\$(6,829.00)

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.

MISSION

RULING ELDERS: AARON HENDRICKSON & BRENDA LUGER



SEEKING A VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH A SMALL BUT MEANINGFUL JOB.

Mission Committee needs a volunteer to take donations from the church to the Interfaith Community Food Pantry at 301 Cumberland ST.

Deliveries only need to be made when the donation box is sufficiently full.

Please complete the form below or contact Brenda Luger or Aaron Hendrickson. Thank you.

I would like to volunteer to help with the Community Interfaith Food Pantry.

Name: _____ Best way to contact me _____

SESSION OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CLERK OF SESSION

Carolyn Mathews

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Carl Belt & Cindy Corley

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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 (19)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
MOUNTAINSIDE BAROQUE CAMP

TUESDAY, JUNE (20)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
MOUNTAINSIDE BAROQUE CAMP

WEDNESDAY, JUNE (21)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
12:00 PM STAFF LUNCHEON
MOUNTAINSIDE BAROQUE CAMP

THURSDAY, JUNE (22)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
MOUNTAINSIDE BAROQUE CAMP

FRIDAY, JUNE (23)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
MOUNTAINSIDE BAROQUE CAMP

SATURDAY, JUNE (24)

10:00 AM PEO MEETING MAGNET MAKING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

SUNDAY, JUNE (25)

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