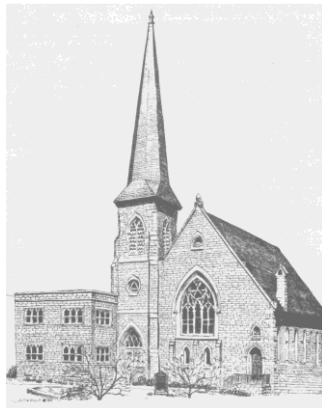


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JUNE 25, 2023

10:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

SONATINA, OP. 36 NO. 1

LAUREL PLITNIK, PIANO

BY MUZIO CLEMENTI

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Do not be afraid:

God hears our cries when we are lost.

Do not be afraid:

God does not leave us abandoned.

Do not be afraid:

God is with us, now and always.

Let us pray -

Loving God, you reveal your presence in our lives. Renew our hearts and minds through the power of the Holy Spirit that we may worship you in truth and spirit. We ask this in the name of your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* HYMN #686

GOD OF OUR LIFE

"SANDON"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we try to follow your word: to put others above ourselves, to remember that we are all bound together as your beloved children, to seek the common good instead of our own interests. But it is so easy for our lesser selves to get the better of us. We succumb to jealousy, vindictiveness, callousness, and indifference. In your mercy, send your healing to those we have hurt, and to our own misguided souls so that we may follow you once more. 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 86:1-10, 16-17

- ¹ Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.
- ² Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you.
You are my God; ³ be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.
- ⁴ Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- ⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
- ⁶ Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.
- ⁷ In the day of my trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.
- ⁸ There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.
- ⁹ All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.
- ¹⁰ For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.
- ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your maidservant.
- ¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame,
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

SOLO

CLAIR DE LUNE
LAUREL PLITNIK, PIANO

BY CLAUDE DEBUSSY

SECOND READING

MATTHEW 10:24-39

- ²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!
- ²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops.
- ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.
- ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.
- ³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.
- ³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.
- ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, ³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.
- ³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

SERMON

“UPSETTING THE SYSTEM”

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #343

WHEN CROSS THE CROWDED WAYS OF LIFE

“REPTON”

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY SOLO

13 PRÉLUDES, OP. 32 NO. 11. ALLEGRETTO IN B MAJOR
LAUREL PLITNIK, PIANO

BY SERGEI RACHMANINOFF

* 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 #543 GOD, BE THE LOVE TO SEARCH AND KEEP ME "GREEN TYLER"

* 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 DEAR HEARTS AND GENTLE PEOPLE BY SAMMY FAIN
LAUREL PLITNIK, 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.....Josh Gilhart
Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown
Guest Pianist.....Laurel Plitnik
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Kellermeyer Family

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 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 & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of June 18, 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	\$92,173.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$97,488.00
Over/(Under)	\$(5,314.00)



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

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 (26)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, JUNE (27)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, JUNE (28)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
7:00 PM NA MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

THURSDAY, JUNE (29)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, JUNE (30)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, JULY (1)

SUNDAY, JULY (2)

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