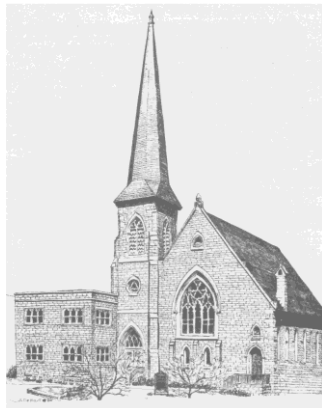


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



## SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

JULY 2, 2023

10:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

EARLY AMERICAN

ANDANTINO

PRESTO

JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

KEYBOARD MUSIC

JAMES COX BECKEL (19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY)

JOHN CHRISTOPHER MOLLER (18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY)

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

God has welcomed us without reservation,

**Let us welcome all in god's name!**

Peace be with you.

**God's peace be among us.**

God's peace be around us.

**God's peace be within us.**

Let us pray -

O God, you are truly worthy to be praised for you are gracious, compassionate, and merciful. Send your Holy Spirit among us that we may hear your voice and praise your name, this day and forevermore. Amen.

### \* HYMN #337

MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE

“AMERICA”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God who provides our every need, you have given us countless gifts. You have welcomed us for all of who we are. You have showered us with steadfast love. You have freely given us eternal life in Christ Jesus.

We do not deserve these gifts. We take them and squander them. We continue to trust ourselves more than we trust you. We fail to embrace others as you have embraced us. Accept our confession. Be our glory and our strength for the days to come, our strength, shield, and deliverer. Amen.

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

RESPONSE #423

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD

“SARADAY”

Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God;  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within 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 89:1-4, 15-18

<sup>1</sup> I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.  
<sup>2</sup> I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.  
<sup>3</sup> You said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to my servant David:  
<sup>4</sup> ‘I will establish your descendants forever and build your throne for all generations.’ ”  
<sup>15</sup> Happy are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;  
<sup>16</sup> they exult in your name all day long and extol your righteousness.  
<sup>17</sup> For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.  
<sup>18</sup> For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

SOLO

SIMPLE GIFTS

ARR. AARON COPLAND

ALISON PETERS, SOPRANO; JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

SECOND READING

MATTHEW 10:40-42

<sup>40</sup> “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup> and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

SERMON

“FINDING WELCOME”

REV. ALISON PETERS

\* HYMN #529

DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT’S TETHER

“UNION SEMINARY”

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY SOLO

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL  
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

ARR. JENNIFER EKLUND

\* 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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

You are invited to come forward and receive the elements. Return to your seats and we will partake in them together.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy Spirit, you have filled us with your life. Christ our Savior, you have embraced us in your love. God our Parent, you have fed us with your grace. Now send us out into your beloved world to share your life, your love, and your grace with all. Blessing and honor and glory to you. Amen.

\* HYMN #338

O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES

“MATERNA”

\* 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

PRESIDENT ADAMS GRAND MARCH FREDERICK DAMISH FROM “AMERICAN KEYBOARD MUSIC”  
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 Kazary  
Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown  
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
Ushers.....David Stickler and Kathy Dowell

**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 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:** **The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in appreciation of the blessing of my grandson, James Burkett, on his 6th birthday (June 30), by Linda Mellon.** 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)

## ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of June 25, 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	\$93,190.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$101,387.00
Over/(Under)	\$(8,197.00)

**ORGAN CONCERT:** Our former DCM and organist, Bryan Lohr will be performing a live organ concert on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at St. Ann Roman Catholic Church, 12814 New Germany Road. Grantsville, MD 21536. The event is sponsored by Music at Penn Alps. Tickets are 20\$ per adult and ages 19 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased on line at [musicatpennalps.org](http://musicatpennalps.org) or at the Penn Alps gift shop. Tickets at the door may be purchased by check or cash.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

**MONDAY, JULY (3)**

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN (BITTANY OUT OF THE OFFICE)

**TUESDAY, JULY (4)**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY (5)**

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
 5:15 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING  
 7:00 PM NA MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

**THURSDAY, JULY (6)**

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

**FRIDAY, JULY (7)**

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

**SATURDAY, JULY (8)**

**SUNDAY, JULY (9)**

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY  
 11:00 PM SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL  
 7:00 PM UNCLOBBER BOOK STUDY