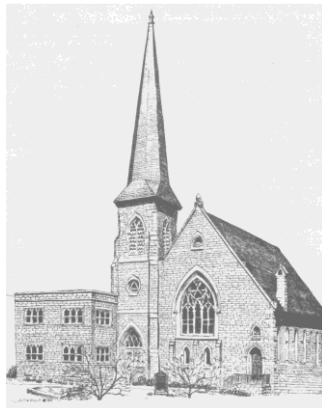


# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 9, 2023

10:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

PASTORALE  
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

BARTOLOMEO FRANZOSINI

10:00 AM

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

STEP BY STEP  
CAROLYN MATHEWS, GUITAR

DAVID (BEAKER) STRASSER

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

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary, and I will give you rest."

**We know what it is like to be weary.**

We know what it is like to struggle.

**We know what it is like to carry heavy burdens.**

Let us accept Christ's invitation.

**We long to rest in God.**

Let us pray -

O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: Help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

### \* HYMN #53

OH GOD, WHO GIVES US LIFE

"NOEL"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful One, despite our best efforts, we have not lived up to what we can do or who we can be. Even when our intentions are good, our actions cause harm. Even when we want to follow you more closely, we end up turning away. We are at war with ourselves, and only you can bring peace. Still our souls, order our steps, guide our feet back to your way. 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.*

SOLO

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER  
CAROLYN MATHEWS, GUITAR

"HANSON PLACE"

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST READING

ROMANS 8:9-21

<sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. <sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— <sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. <sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

SERMON

"FINE CHINA"

MATT JOHNSON

\* HYMN #795

HEALER OF OUR EVERY III

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## INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY SOLO

GOD IS LOVE  
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

PAUL CARDALL

\* 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

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH 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**

\* HYMN #475

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

"NETTLETON"

\* 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

TRUMPET TUNE IN D MAJOR  
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY ENGLAND

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\* 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

Guest Speaker ..... Matt Johnson  
Liturgist.....Mike Levitas  
Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown  
Musician.....Carolyn Mathews, Guitar  
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
Ushers.....Kathy & Jeff Getty

## 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 loving memory of **Franz Lettner, Ralph and Ellen Brand, Dorothy Ross, Robert Ross, Louise Ross and Olive Wilson by Otto and Katie Ross.** 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

<b>ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:</b>	<b>as of July 2, 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	\$103,463.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$105,287.00
Over/(Under)	\$(1,824.00)

**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 (10)**

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
4:45 PM ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING IN THE PARLOR

**TUESDAY, JULY (11)**

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
4:15 PM COMMUNITY CAFÉ MEETING  
5:45 PM MISSION MEETING  
7:00 PM BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, JULY (12)**

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
7:00 PM NA MEETING

**THURSDAY, JULY (13)**

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

**FRIDAY, JULY (14)**

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

**SATURDAY, JULY (15)**

10:00 AM PEO MEETING

**SUNDAY, JULY (16)**

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