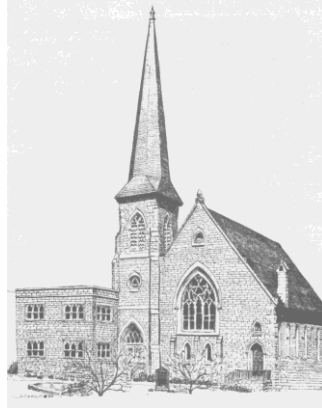


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: HYMN SING SERVICE AUGUST 13, 2023 10:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

DENNIS JERNIGAN, ARR. JOHN CARTER

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

Come, let us sing to Yahweh;
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into the Divine presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!
It is good to give you thanks, O Yahweh;
To sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O God, have made us glad by your work;
At the works of your hands we sing for joy.

Let us pray -

Holy, Creating, Creative God, we sing from the depths of our sorrow. We sing from the abundance of our joy. We sing in voices separate and unique. We sing with one voice as your body. May the words of our mouths, whether in speech or song, and the meditations of our hearts, whether in prose or poetry, be pleasing in your sight. Amen.

* HYMN #35

PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

“LOBE DEN HERREN”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you call us to sing your song anew, yet we confess that sometimes we don't feel much like singing. Sometimes we just want to sing of the past. Other times we ignore the witness of your people singing out through the ages. Forgive us when we trap your good news in our preferred language, when we insist that your grace must be known through our approved tunes, when we limit your story to the good old days. Forgive us when our lips are sealed in protest or in fear. Forgive us when we keep our voices low and our feet firmly planted, refusing to join you in the song and dance of holy life. Open our lips, O God, that we may proclaim your praise. 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

MILESTONE BLESSING OF FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS

NURSERY: JANE BELT, ROBIN & RICK BISSELL, CINDY CORLEY, KATHY DOWELL, KELSEY & CHRIS GALLO, KATHY & JEFF GETTY, ANN & BILL KELLERMEYER, RENEE KIDDY, CATHY & MIKE LEVITAS, LINDA MELLON, KIM MILLS, CAROL MORGAN, NADENE & RANDY STROUP, SHARON SQUIRES
JULIE COURTNEY, COORDINATOR TEACHERS: KATIE ROSS, JULIE COURTNEY, JOSH GILHART, REV. ALISON PETERS AND REV. MARTHA MCGILL

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.*

DUET

OCEANS

CROCKER, HOUSTON & LIGHTHELM

MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO; ZACH DODGE, GUITAR

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING

PSALM 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

² Serve the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God, creator of all things, whose heavenly song sent the planets into motion.

Even when we go astray, God calls us back, showing us the fullness of life
and giving us new songs of praise each and every day.

We believe in Jesus Christ who lived for us and among us,

healing the sick, easing the burdens of all people, and teaching us the new song of God's kingdom.

He showed His love for all God's children in His death and the hope for eternal life in His resurrection.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of life who sings God's grace through all time and space.

We listen for the Holy Spirit through the history of songs sung by all the communion of saints
and through the unwritten songs of all who are to come in the future.

We believe that God has a song for our lives as well. Amen.

HYMN SING

REV. ALISON PETERS

(To request a hymn to be sung, please look it up in the back of the hymnal and have the number ready to share with Pastor Alison)

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY SOLO

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING/SING TO GOD

ARR. CAROL TORNQUIST

JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

* DOXOLOGY #582

GOD TO GLORY, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

"GLORY TO GOD"

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. 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 #81

GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN

“AUSTRIAN HYMN”

* 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

AUSTRIA
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

CRAIG PHILLIPS

* 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..... Wesley Mason
Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown
Musician.....Mikayla Dodge, Soprano & Zach Dodge, Guitar
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....David Stickler & Brenda Luger



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.

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.

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.





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).



The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in loving memory of Donald F. Evans by his wife, Joan Evans, and in loving memory of Anne and Raymond MacDonald, by their daughter, Joan Evans. 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.

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

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:**
301-777-3700/ firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com



HOME & GARDEN BOUNTY: On Sunday August 27th, our congregation will be celebrating our summer garden bounty. Please bring examples of your produce to church. We are hoping to decorate the sanctuary with our own fruits, vegetables, and flowers. Following the service, depending on the volume of vegetables and flowers, we will donate our produce to the Union Rescue Mission.



MONDAY, AUGUST (14)

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST (15)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST (16)

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST (17)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, J AUGUST (18)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, AUGUST (19)

SUNDAY, AUGUST (20)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE
RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & CINDY CORLEY



ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of August 6, 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	\$140,736.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$124,786.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 15,950.00

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

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