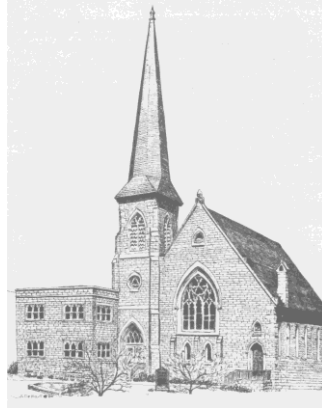


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY AUGUST 6, 2023 10:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

SUITE FOR ORGAN (ADAGIO)
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

TOMMASO ALBINONI (1671-1750)

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 carrying just what we need for the journey:

Five loaves, two fish.

We come, bringing whatever we have to offer:

Our time, our talents, our gifts.

We come, knowing God will multiply our offerings:

In God's hands, what we have is enough.

Let us pray -

Almighty God, your Son Jesus fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread. Amen.

* HYMN #49

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

“LEONI”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, you freely offer us all we need. You offer us the bread of life, so we may never be hungry again. You offer us living water, so we will never thirst. But we scoff at your gifts, wasting our money, time, and energy on things that do not satisfy. Forgive us and call us again, reminding us of your gifts of new life that are ours if we would only accept them. 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 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.⁹The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.¹⁵The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.¹⁶You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.¹⁷The LORD is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.¹⁹He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.²⁰The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.²¹My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**SOLO**AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

"BEACH SPRING" ARR. J. EVANOVICH

SECOND READING

MATTHEW 14:13-21

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SERMON

"WHAT DO WE HAVE?"

REV. ALISON PETERS

*** HYMN #498**

LOAVES WERE BROKEN, WORDS WERE SPOKEN

"BEACH SPRING"

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY SOLOCORNERSTONE
ALISON PETERS, SOPRANO; CAROLYN MATHEWS, GUITAR

J. MYRIN, R. MORGAN, E. LJERO

*** 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 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.

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 God, We thank you for the gifts of this table and the abundance you have given us. Help us to use these moments to strengthen this community and the communities you have called us to serve. May we live with a renewed sense of purpose and be constantly encouraged by this very table, where you have welcomed us time after time. In Christ Jesus our lord. Amen.

* HYMN #366 *LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVE EXCELLING* “HYFRYDOL”

* 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* ENGLISH 18TH CENTURY
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

* 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.....Cole Cooper
Director of Music Ministries.....Judith Brown
Musician.....Alison Peters, Soprano & Carolyn Matthews, Guitar
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Kathy Dowell and Cindy Corley



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).



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



MONDAY, AUGUST (7)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
 12:30 PM RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

TUESDAY, AUGUST (8)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
 5:00 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST (9)

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST (10)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, J AUGUST (11)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, AUGUST (12)

10:00 AM PEO MEETING

SUNDAY, AUGUST (13)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 12:00 PM SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE
RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & CINDY CORLEY



ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of July 30, 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	\$132,288.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$120,886.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 11,402.00

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