

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

GOD GAVE  
THE GROWTH



1 Corinthians  
3:6

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY OCTOBER 22, 2023 11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

VARIATIONS ON "OLD HUNDREDTH"  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

JACOB B. WEBER

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

TREMBLE, O TREMBLE  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

The God whose throne is near to us is ruler of the world. The Holy One!  
Our God forgives, and yet our sin must be set right at last. O Holy One!

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

The earth has its kings, but God is ruler of all.  
**Praise God above all, the giver of life!**  
The mountains may tremble, the oceans may roar,  
**but God's presence is more powerful than the earth itself.**  
Come into God's presence, for God is among us now.  
**O God, show us your glory; we seek your ways.**  
Come to the Rock, the God of life,  
**for God is present now.**

Let us pray -

Loving, living God, be among us now and show us your ways. Guide our steps, live in us, so that we may be people of steadfast hope and powerful giving. Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you all the things that are yours. Help us remember that all we are and all we have are gifts from you, gifts to be shared in service and love. Holy One among us, help us be people who receive your word with joy and live your message with love. Amen.

### \* HYMN #472

KUM BA YAH

"KUM BA YAH"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, when we stumble in the darkness and turn away from your face. Strengthen us to walk in your brightness and live in your ways. Enlighten the shadows that keep us from growing in your love and light. Shower us with your grace, that we might shine as your people upon this earth. Amen.

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in 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

### SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 99:1-9

The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

<sup>2</sup> The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

<sup>3</sup> Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

<sup>4</sup> Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

<sup>5</sup> Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

<sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

<sup>7</sup> He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them.

<sup>8</sup> O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

<sup>9</sup> Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain, for the LORD our God is holy.

### ANTHEM

O SING A NEW SONG

The Sanctuary Choir

**REFRAIN:** O sing a new song to the Lord;

Sing to the Lord;

Sing all the earth.

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Sing to God and praise God's name.

For the Lord made the heavens! O the splendor and majesty of God's presence! O the power and beauty of God's temple.

Let the heavens be glad; let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar and all its creatures; Be glad, you fields, and all your fruit.

Shout for joy, all trees of the woods, at the presence of God, who now comes,

who comes to judge the earth with right and the people with truth.

### SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 8:23-27

<sup>23</sup> And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. <sup>24</sup> A windstorm suddenly arose on the sea, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves, but he was asleep. <sup>25</sup> And they went and woke him up, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" <sup>26</sup> And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, you of little faith?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a dead calm. <sup>27</sup> They were amazed, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?"

### SERMON

"WHY ARE YOU AFRAID?"

REV. ALISON PETERS

### \* HYMN #159

O SING A SONG OF BETHLEHEM

"KINGSFOLD"

### INTRODUCTION TO THE 2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:

MIKAYLA DODGE

"GOD GAVE THE GROWTH. 1 CORINTHIANS 3:6"

### INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

### OFFERTORY SOLO

O QUANTA QUALIA

PATRICK HAWES

JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

How great and wonderful

### \* DOXOLOGY #694

GREAT GOD OF EVERY BLESSING (Verse 1)

"AURELIA"

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, you are the fount of goodness, the daily bead we share.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

\* STEWARDSHIP PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
Bless, O God, this land and all the lands of the earth. May we labor for Your purposes: tilling, planting, watering, reconciling, and growing. May we work together in Your field, using these gifts to walk in your way. Amen.

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 #308 O GOD IN WHOM ALL LIFE BEGINS “NOEL”

\* BENEDICTION  
At FPC there is a tradition of joining hands while singing “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” to close our service. You are welcome to do whatever feels comfortable during this time. There is no wrong way to participate in worship!

\* 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 “NICEA”  
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..... Wesley Mason  
Director of Music Ministries/Organist..... Judith Brown  
Musicians..... The Sanctuary Choir  
Audio/Video Technicians..... Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
Ushers..... Kathy Dowell and Cindy Corley

**MISSION STATEMENT**

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God and promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
by loving ALL and fostering justice, peacemaking, and care of creation.

**VISION STATEMENT**

We aspire to be nurtured by the good news of God's love, where ALL God's children are:

- Welcomed and appreciated
- Called to worship, learn, and grow together in faith
- Encouraged to care for one another
- Sent to show God's love

-Adopted by the Session on September 21, 2023



**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).

**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 to the glory of God in honor of our mother, Carlotta Shaffer, on her 90th birthday (October 24th), by her daughters and son-in-law, Christine, Brenda, and Gary. 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](mailto:revalisonpeters@gmail.com)

**To help with scheduling,  
please reach out to the Church Office:**  
301-777-3700/ [firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com)



**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: *Follow Me*** is a curriculum from PCUSA that takes a look at the spiritual practices that Jesus taught. Prayer is both a central spiritual practice for followers of Jesus, and, for many, one of the most difficult to grasp. Join us on Sundays at 9:45 AM in the Dakota Room as we explore prayer.

**SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER:** Join Josh Gilhart at 10:40 AM in the Chapel on Sunday mornings for prayer before the start of our worship service.



**SHARE THE SPIRIT SUNDAY:** The Mission Committee invites members of the congregation to invite a friend to join us for worship **next Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**. Let us all share the love of the Spirit and give your friends the opportunity to see the love of the Spirit in our congregation and worship service.

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** Join us on **next Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 PM-3:30 PM** in the parking lot of First Presbyterian Church for our Trunk or Treat event!



**Trunk or Treat Participation:** If you would like to set up a car in the parking lot and participate in the event, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet on the table by the parlor.

**Candy Donations:** If you would like to donate candy for the event, feel free to drop all candy donations off to the church office by **Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**.

**ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY:** Our congregation will honor those who have died during 2023 at our All Saints' Worship Service on November 5, 2023. Please send the names and the dates of death of church members, church friends, and your loved ones to Brittany at the church office by October 30. We will honor these people during worship on Sunday, November 5, 2023.



**MONDAY, OCTOBER (23)**

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
7:00 PM CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER (24)**

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER (25)**

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
6:30 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL  
7:00 PM NA MEETING

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER (26)**

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
5:15 PM FALL BOOK STUDY, DAKOTA ROOM

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER (27)**

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER (28)**

9:00 AM FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER (22)**

9:45 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL  
11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY:  
REFORMATION SUNDAY  
SHARE THE SPIRIT SUNDAY  
1:30 PM TRUNK OR TREAT

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**  
**RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & CINDY CORLEY**



ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of October 15, 2023
Total 2023 Pledges Promised	\$219,970.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 13,282.00
2023 Pledge Balance Promised	\$206,688.00
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$173,466.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$163,783.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 9,682.00



**FALL CLEAN-UP DAY:** The Buildings & Grounds Committee invites you to come out and help clean up the church on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.

The projects planned are the

- Removal of AC Units,
- Closure of the Sanctuary damper,
- Weeding and cleaning off the rear back,
- Winterizing the church building
- Cleaning the organizing the kitchen
- Moving materials to the new Library



**REV. DOUG NAGEL RETIREMENT:** Rev. Nagel will be retiring in February. His family is hoping to find some people in our congregation that would like to share some personal stories and fond memories from Rev. Nagel time of service at FPC. If anyone wants to submit something, please email [bethaldrige@gmail.com](mailto:bethaldrige@gmail.com) or mail them to:

The Nagel Project  
c/o Elizabeth Aldridge  
6643 Oak Crossing Lane  
Whitehouse, OH 43571

## 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