

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502

GOD GAVE
THE GROWTH



1 Corinthians
3:6

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WHEN THOU ART NEAR
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

J.S. BACH

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

BE ALL YOUR SAINTS STILL STRIVING
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

"KING'S LYNN"

By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest.
Your holy name O Jesus, forevermore be blessed!
For those passed on before us, we sing our praise anew and,
Walking in their footsteps, would live our lives for you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Blessing and glory and wisdom to our God!

Amen!

Thanksgiving and honor to our God!

Amen!

All power and might to our God forever and ever!

Amen and amen!

Let us pray -

Eternal God, your provision for our needs is more generous than we are aware and your compassion is beyond our imagining. In this time of worship empower us to give every part of ourselves to your service so that our lives may offer to all the full reality of the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN #404

WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

"KOMT NU MET ZANG"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, as we become your people. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

RESPONSE #698

TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM (3x)

"TAKE ME AS I AM"

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 34:1-10, 22

¹ I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

² My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

³ O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Look to him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed.

⁶ This poor soul cried and was heard by the LORD and was saved from every trouble.

⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him and delivers them.

⁸ O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

⁹ O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

¹⁰ The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

ANTHEM

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

PHILIP P. BLISS ARR. MACK WILBERG

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrow like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this best assurance control; that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well with my soul

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part,
but the whole is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well with my soul

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll. The trump shall resound
and the Lord shall descend, even so, It is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul.

SCRIPTURE READING

MARK 8:34-38

³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷ Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸ Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

SERMON

"WHAT DO YOU LIVE FOR?"

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #797

WE CANNOT MEASURE HOW YOU HEAL

"YE BANKS AND BRAES"

ALL SAINTS PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE AND THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

*(Members of First Presbyterian Church are indicated by the asterisk *.)*

*SHIRLEY GIARRITTA- NOVEMBER 22, 2022

*BILL SHAFFER- DECEMBER 24, 2022

*JOHN JOHNSON- DECEMBER 30, 2022

*NORMA STERNE- JANUARY 30, 2023

*SANDRA BURTON-FEBRUARY 6, 2023
ELIZABETH "DEEDY" ANNE MILLS-MARCH 30, 2023
PATRICIA WHITEHEAD- MAY 13, 2023
JERRY JAY PADEN- JUNE 6, 2023
*MARYBELLE LIGHT- JULY 5, 2023
*MARTHA JANE HOCHARD- JULY 22, 2023
DICK TATTARELLI- SEPTEMBER 29, 2023
PATRICIA HOFFMAN-NOVEMBER 1, 2023

(As extras bells ring, please feel free to speak names of others you have lost this year.)

2024 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: "GOD GAVE THE GROWTH. 1 CORINTHIANS 3:6"

ANN KELLERMEYER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY TRIO

PIE JESU

MARTEN JANSSON

KATIE HENDRIX AND MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANOS; ZACH DODGE, BARITONE

Merciful Jesus Grant them rest everlasting.

* 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 bread 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.

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

God of glory, in this holy feast you have made us one with Christ and with the great multitude of the faithful—those who hunger and thirst no more and worship night and day in your temple. Lead us in the paths of righteousness and guide us to the springs of the water of life, until we join the choir of the redeemed, singing: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb: Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN #326

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

"SINE NOMINE"

* 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

FOR ALL THE SAINTS
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

"SINE NOMINE" ARR. ROBERT HOBBY

* 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.....Cathy Levitas
Director of Music Ministries/Organist.....Judith Brown
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir; Mikayla Dodge and Katie Hendrix, Sopranos; Zach Dodge, Baritone
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Kathy Dowell and David Stickler

MUSIC NOTES

We welcome **Katie Hendrix as a guest member to our choir this morning**. She joins the choir for our anthem and is also a member of the Offertory Trio singing a beautiful acappella setting of "Pie Jesu" from a new 21st century composition, "Requiem Novum" by Swedish composer Marten Jansson.

Requiem Novum weaves drama, emotion, and exquisite compositional technique into a masterpiece for our time. In the entire work, the choir (singing the traditional Latin texts) represents the mourning and God-fearing congregation, while a soloist (singing new English texts by Charles Anthony Silvestri) answers as one beyond the veil, sending back words of comfort and hope. Highly melodic and incredibly moving, Jansson's new setting of the Latin *Requiem* offers a new perspective on grief and loss. "Pie Jesu" combines the dual messages into one of peace and rest.



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 "To Families with Young Children" 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.

The cost of the live flowers, which the donor may take home, goes to the florist. The current cost of one vase of live flowers is \$40. Donations of \$40 for silk flowers is for 2 vases. This funds Special Ministries in our Mission Committee budget.

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

THE HIGHLANDERS will be meeting for lunch on Thursday, November 9th at 11:30 AM at Henny's in LaVale. Please RSVP to Betty Richtmeyer (301-759-4108) or Nancy Hodges (301-268-6903).

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE: The Churches of Washington Street will be holding a Thanksgiving Service at **6:00 PM on Sunday, November 19th** at **Emmanuel Episcopal**. Join us as we give thanks together!



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.



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 bethaldridge@gmail.com or mail them to:

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



MONDAY, NOVEMBER (6)

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER (7)

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER (8)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
12:00 PM STAFF LUNCHEON
6:30 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL
7:00 PM NA MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER (9)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:15 PM FALL BOOK STUDY,
GATHERING PLACE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER (10)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER (11) PEO MEETINGS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (12)

9:45 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY:
CONSECRATION SUNDAY
12:00 PM SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & CINDY CORLEY



ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE: as of October 29, 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	\$177,083.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$171,583.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 5,500.00

CONSECRATION SUNDAY: Next Sunday, November 12th, we will consecrate our financial pledges for 2024 and give thanks for all that God makes possible through the ministry of this congregation. We hope that you will join us for this special service.

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

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

