

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



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PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
of Cumberland, MD

Empowered to love, serve, care, and give

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

DECEMBER 31, 2023

11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

THE ANGELS
THE SHEPHERDS
THE THREE KINGS
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

ARR. NINO BORUCCHIA

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Glory to God in the highest!
And hope to every discouraged heart.
Glory to God in the highest!
And peace to every conflicted soul.
Glory to God in the highest!
And joy to every downcast spirit.
Glory to God in the highest!
And love to everyone.
Let us sing praises to our God.
Let us offer this light against the darkness.

UNISON PRAYER OF ADORATION

God, We will indeed praise you and cause your works to be known. Your mercy and grace shall endure forever. As we obey your commandments and abide by your wisdom, we shall proclaim to the nations how you can be trusted. Upheld by the covenant you established, with our feet firmly placed on an unshakable foundation, we enter your presence to give you glory. Amen.

* CAROL #143

ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

"REGENT SQUARE"

CALL TO CONFESSION

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

RESPONSE ##144

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER (Verse 4)

"CRANHAM"

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can give him: give my heart.

SCRIPTURE READING

PSALM 148:1-14

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING

(We will sing carols not already chosen for the morning worship service by request.)

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY SOLO

ANGEL
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

JASON TONIOLI

* DOXOLOGY #110

LOVE HAS COME (Verse 3)

“BRING A TORCH”

Love has come and never will leave us! Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us. Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

* 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.

* CAROL #113

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

“GLORIA”

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

GENTLE MARY LAID HER CHILD
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

“TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM”
ARR. JACOB B. WEBER

* 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

Liturgist.....David Stickler
Director of Music Ministries/Pianist.....Judith Brown
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Buck & Jane Belt



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 worshipping 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 to join us. 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 the 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. The orange prayer request cards are also available in the pew racks.

