

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
of Cumberland, MD

Empowered to love, serve, care, and give

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 11, 2024 11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

THEN SHALL THE RIGHTEOUS SHINE FORTH (ELIJAH)
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

FELIX MENDELSSOHN (1809-1847)

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

GRAZIOSO
TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS
THE JOYBELLS

GEORGE PHILIPP TELEMANN
ARR. J. COURTNEY

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Come, let us go to the holy mountain
and worship Christ with the disciples!
We will see Christ transformed before us.
We will see our lives transformed before Christ.
Come, let us go to the holy mountain
and worship the Son of God!

Let us pray -

Holy and mighty God, gather us among your faithful ones, the people of your covenant, to stand in the light of your glory and listen for the word of the Lord, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

* HYMN #12

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

"ST. DENIO"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we do not trust You fully. We put our hope in worldly gain and human promises, and find ourselves defeated and lost when things fall apart.
You have given us love more fully than anything we could experience in this world but we do not seek it, we do not hold on to it, and we look to our own means of assurance and security. Forgive us.
Call us back to you so that we may trust you and not be afraid. May we hear the words as clearly as the disciples did on the day of the Transfiguration; may we rise up, and not be afraid. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

RESPONSE #576

LORD, HAVE MERCY

"SINGAPURA"

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

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 50:1-6

- ¹The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
³Our God comes and does not keep silent; before him is a devouring fire and a mighty tempest all around him.
⁴He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
⁵“Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”
⁶The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. *Selah*

ANTHEM

AND THEN SHALL YOUR LIGHT BREAK FORTH (ELIJAH)

MENDELSSOHN (1809-1847)

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

And then shall your light break forth as the light of morning breaketh
And your health shall speedily spring forth also.
And the glory of the Lord shall evermore guard you and keep you.
Lord, our Creator, how excellent Thy Name is in all the nations,
Thou fillest heaven with Thy glory!
Amen!

SCRIPTURE READING

MARK 9:2-9

- ²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them.
⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

SERMON

“FLEETING GLIMPSES”

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #666

O SPLENDOR OF GOD’S GLORY BRIGHT

“PUER NOBIS NASCITUR”

MISSION IN A MINUTE

REASON FOR THE SEASON

LINDA SMITH

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY TRIO

DONA NOBIS PACEM (HEALING THE BROKENHEARTED MISSA BREVIS)

LISA GRIER

KATIE HENDRIX, ALISON PETERS, MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANOS

Dona nobis pacem (Grant us Thy peace)

* DOXOLOGY #608

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

“PRAISE GOD (HOPSON)”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore.

* 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 #192

LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS SHINING

“SHINE, JESUS, SHINE”

* BENEDICTION

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

POSTLUDE

O SPLENDOR OF GOD’S GLORY BRIGHT
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

“PUER NOBIS NASCITUR”

* 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 & The JoyBells
Sopranos.....	Mikayla Dodge, Katie Hendrix, & Alison Peters
Audio/Video Technicians.....	Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Nursery Care Workers.....	Rick & Robin Bissell
Ushers.....	Mike Levitas & David Stickler



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 worshippers 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.



CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: You are welcome 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).

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion such as a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of a friend or loved one. You may specify live or silk flowers.

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 flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of her dear parents, William Edward “Ed” Solomon & Eleanor Kelley Solomon, who were member of FPC since the early 1950s, by Elaine Kelley Solomon, their only child and in loving memory of Janet L. Hendershot, who passed on February 11, 2021. Gone from our church family, but not forgotten. Given by Aaron Hendrickson.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY (12)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
3:00 PM COMMUNITY CAFÉ MEETING
4:45 PM ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING
7:00 PM CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY (13)

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY (14)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
10:30 AM STAFF MEETING
12:00 PM ASH WEDNESDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S
6:30 PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
7:00 PM NA MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY (15)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:00 PM LENTEN BOOK STUDY MEAL
5:30 PM LENTEN BOOK STUDY
7:00 PM SESSION MEETING

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY (16)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY (17)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY (18)

10:00 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & CINDY CORLEY



ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of February 4, 2024
Total 2023 Pledges Promised	\$220,460.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 21,721.00
<u>2023 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$198,738.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 22,200.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 18,918.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 3,281.00

ONLINE GIVING





INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT MEMBERSHIP?

This invitation is for anyone who has visited us in worship and wants to know more about what membership means in the PC(USA) - Pastor Alison welcomes you to join her in the Parlor during the Second Sunday Social on either February 11th or March 10th. This is a time to learn more about our congregation and ask any questions

you might have about membership at First Presbyterian Church. If you are unable to attend these gatherings, feel free to reach out to Pastor Alison to schedule a time one-on-one! revalisonpeters@gmail.com.



ASH WEDNESDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE: Join us on Wednesday, February 14th at 12:00 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Pastor Alison will be preaching.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Join us on Wednesday, February 14th at 6:30 PM in the CHAPEL for a service of reflection and imposition of ashes.

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

This Lent you have several options for group and individual faith formation.

- Join Pastor Alison on **Thursday evenings** for our **study on the book "A Time to Grow"** which encourages readers to slow down, move through the painstaking process of growth, and end together with great feasting and celebration of the resurrection. **Classes will begin February 15th and last for six weeks.** A soup dinner will begin every meeting at 5:00 PM with the class starting at 5:30 PM.
- **Our daily devotional "Holy Solitude"** introduces readers to figures in both Scripture and Christian history whose stories of discernment and discipline are a guide for our own spiritual practices as we seek to know God more fully and follow Christ more faithfully.
- If you'd like to dig deeper into Holy Solitude, join our **Sunday School classes, beginning February 18th- March 17th at 9:45 AM with Rev. Martha Macgill in the Dakota Room.** This study offers a daily reflection for each day of Lent and recommends helpful practices for the Lenten season. **In order to be prepared for the beginning of Lent and Ash Wednesday, please pick up your book as soon as possible at First Pres in the office and read the first introductory section (pp.vii-xxi) before class begins. Please read the first three reflections of the book beginning with Ash Wednesday (pp. 1-9) as well.** As the book prompts, particularly think about how to prepare a prayer space for Lent and ponder what a practice of fasting and almsgiving might look like for you. We will start our discussion on Sunday Feb 18th with these questions and then move to prepare for the First Full Week of Lent.
- **Join us on Palm Sunday (March 24th) after worship for a Palm Sunday Brunch and our annual Easter Egg Blessing!**

Name: _____

I am Interested in:

___ "A Time to Grow" Mid-Week Study

___ "Holy Solitude" Devotional ONLY

___ "Holy Solitude" Devotional & Sunday School

___ Palm Sunday Easter Egg Blessing: Number of people attending _____

SOUTH DAKOTA LEARNING CAMP INFORMATION

DAKOTA SOUP SALE - FEBRUARY 25TH AND 26TH! The annual soup sale to support our June mission trip to South Dakota is underway! Orders can be placed until February 19th and pick-up will be February 25th after worship or February 26th in the morning.

SOUPS FOR SALE INCLUDE:

- Beef Stew (DF)
- Chicken Tortilla (GF, DF)
- Traditional Red Chili (GF, DF)
- White Chicken Chili (GF)
- Vegetarian Vegetable (V, GF, DF)

Order forms can be picked up and returned to the church office.

Questions? Contact Pastor Alison revalisonpeters@gmail.com

DAKOTA LEARNING CAMP INFORMATIONAL MEETING - Sunday, March 3rd @ 12:30 PM (Dakota Room)

Would you be interested in volunteering at this summer's learning camp? Want to learn more? We'd love to answer your questions and tell you about this year's camp and the new exciting format we will follow. Adults of all ages and youth are encouraged to join us! No teaching experience is necessary, just a love for God's children and a willingness to learn. **Camp Dates: June 15-June 22, 2024.**

2024 SOUP SALE ORDER FORM

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

PICK UP DATE:

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH 12-1 _____

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH 9-12 _____

	# Quart(s) x \$10	# Pint(s) x \$6
BEEF STEW (DF)	_____	_____
CHICKEN TORTILLA (GF, DF)	_____	_____
TRADITIONAL RED CHILI (GF, DF)	_____	_____
WHITE CHICKEN CHILI (GF)	_____	_____
VEGETARIAN VEGETABLE (V, GF, DF)	_____	_____

Quart Total \$ _____ Pint Total \$ _____

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2 ROLLS - \$1	_____ x \$1 _____
HALF DOZEN ROLLS - \$3	_____ x \$3 _____
ONE DOZEN ROLLS - \$5	_____ x \$5 _____

Roll Total \$ _____

Order Total \$ Due _____

All proceeds benefit First Presbyterian's 2024 Learning Camp Mission trip to South Dakota. Interested in learning more or volunteering? email Pastor Alison revalisonpeters@gmail.com

Checks made payable to:
First Presbyterian Church with "Dakota" in memo line

ORDERS DUE BY FEBRUARY 19TH

Return to First Presbyterian Church (11 Washington Street)
or email to firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com