

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31, 2024

11:00 AM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

SPRING

ANTONIO VIVALDI (1678-1741)

PETR SKOPEK, ASHLEY HOLMBERG, VIOLINS; ALYSSA MOQUIN, CELLO; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

EASTER ALLELUIA

TONY ALONSO

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR; PETR SKOPEK, VIOLIN; ASHLEY HOLMBERG, VIOLIN; ALYSSA MOQUIN, CELLO; BART LAY, PERCUSSION; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

Alleluia

The Lord's right hand is exalted, The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord.

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

We gather this Easter morning knowing we are broken.

We know we are seen.

We gather this Easter morning knowing we need forgiveness.

We know we are heard.

We gather this Easter morning knowing our hearts long for God.

We know we are loved.

We gather this Easter morning knowing God calls us all.

We come as we are.

Let us pray -

Holy One, the good news beckons to us on this Easter morning. Allow our hearts to be filled with the joy of your resurrection so that we can share the Good News with all who will listen. Give us bold vision as we celebrate together and carry your promise with us. We pray all this through our Risen Lord. Amen.

* HYMN #232

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

"EASTER HYMN"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we have journeyed together - praying, feasting, and grieving by the cross. We thank you as we gather in joy this Easter morning! Like Mary Magdalene, we often fail to see when the Risen Christ stands before us. We ask that you open our eyes to your presence in our midst. Like the disciples running to the tomb, we often fail to believe what you have revealed to us. Give us wisdom to understand the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ. We rejoice this Easter morning, celebrating Jesus' triumph over the grave. We rejoice that the stone was rolled away, granting us everlasting life in Christ. Help us choose the path that leads to resurrection. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

RESPONSE #231

CHRIST HAS RISEN WHILE EARTH SLUMBERS (Verse 3)

"SUO GAN"

Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen, Christ is present making us what he has been:
evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TIME WITH CHILDREN

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

ISAIAH 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

ANTHEM

CHRISTUS PARADOX

"PICARDY" ARR. ALFRED V. FEDAK

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR; PETR SKOPEK, VIOLIN; ASHLEY HOLMBERG, VIOLIN; ALYSSA MOQUIN, CELLO; BART LAY, PERCUSSION; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.

You, Lord, are both prince and slave.

You, peacemaker and swordbringer
of the way you took and gave.

You the everlasting instant;

You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,
stripped of might upon the cross,

shining in eternal glory,

beggar'd by a soldier's toss,

You the everlasting instant;

You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us,
sit in power at God's side.

You, who preach a way that's narrow,
have a love that reaches wide.

You, the everlasting instant;

You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!

Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry.
Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our death and life.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our death and our life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
You, who are our death and our life.

SCRIPTURE READING

JOHN 20:1-18

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

EASTER SERMON

"FEAST"

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #254

THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT

"PUER NOBIS NASCITUR"

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

LUX AETERNA (NIMROD)

EDWARD ELGAR (1857 - 1934)

KATELYN HENDRIX, ALISON PETERS, MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANOS; ERIC RINGLER, TENOR; ZACH DODGE, BARITONE;
PETR SKOPEK, VIOLIN; ALYSSA MOQUIN, CELLO; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

Lux aeterna luceat eis, Domine,
cum sanctis tuis in aeternum, quia pius es.
Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine,
et lux perpetua luceat eis, quia pius es.

May eternal light shine on them, Lord,
with your saints forever, for you are good.

Give them eternal rest, Lord,
and may light perpetual shine upon them, for you are good.

* DOXOLOGY# 250

IN THE BLUB THERE IS A FLOWER (VERSE 3)

"PROMISE"

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER- (Ecumenical Version)

(You are welcome to pray the Lord's Prayer with the version most familiar to you.)

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 #248

CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA!

“HYMN OF JOY”

* RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed!
The grave is empty!
We will be glad!
May the God of peace, who raised Jesus from the dead, provide us with every good thing we need; and the blessing of
almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with us now and forever.
Hallelujah! Amen!

*(If you would like to sing the Hallelujah Chorus with the choir,
please come to the front of the Sanctuary during the Benediction Response)*

* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION

SEVEN FOLD AMEN
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

PETER LUTKIN

POSTLUDE

HALLELUJAH (MESSIAH)

G.F. HANDEL (1685-1759)

THE CONGREGATION AND THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

PETER SKOPEK & ASHLEY HOLMBERG, VIOLINS; ALYSSA MOQUIN, CELLO; BART LAY, PERCUSSION; 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.....Sharon Kazary
Director of Music Ministries/Organist.....Judith Brown
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir; Mikayla Dodge, Katelyn Hendrix & Alison Peters, Sopranos; Zach Dodge, Baritone;
.....Eric Ringler, Tenor; Petr Skopek & Ashley Holmberg Violins; Alyssa Moquin, Cello; Bart Lay, Percussion
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma & Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Kathy Dowell & David Stickler
Nursery Care Workers.....Bill & Ann Kellermeier

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 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, which are located 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**



MONDAY, APRIL (1)

12:15 PM CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
 7:00 PM RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
 CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL

TUESDAY, APRIL (2)

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL (3)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
 11:00 AM STAFF MEETING
 5:30 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING
 6:30 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL
 7:00 PM NA MEETING
 7:30 PM SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, APRIL (4)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, APRIL (5)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, APRIL (6)

SUNDAY, APRIL (7)

9:45 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
 11:00 AM SERVICE OR WORD & SACRAMENT:
 HOLY COMMUNION

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE
RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & CINDY CORLEY



ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of March 24, 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	\$ 53,000.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 45,457.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 7,542.00

ONLINE GIVING



WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AT FPC!

MONTHLY FAMILY CLASS - Want to find ways to talk about faith as a family? Join us monthly to explore who God is and how God wants us to live. Our next class is April 14th in the Nursery. Interested in learning more? Contact Julie Courtney (court.j.song@gmail.com)

WEEKLY ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - Our Sunday School class meets at 9:45 AM in the Dakota Room (downstairs) to grow in faith and community. Our class explores a variety of topics and is always open to suggestions!

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL - Every second Sunday, we have light snacks and fellowship immediately following worship in the Gathering Place. You are welcome to join us for this time to share in intergenerational relationships and fun!

JOIN A COMMITTEE! There are many different ways to serve here at FPC - we hope you will consider joining in and using your gifts to enrich our ministry together. There are many different committees to serve on:

Administration & Finance - Meets on the 2nd Monday of each month @ 4:45 PM

Building & Grounds - Meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 PM

Congregational Care - Meets after worship/as needed for events

Faith Formation - Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 5:15PM via Zoom

Mission - Meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month @ 5:45 PM

Worship & Music - Meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month @ 5:30 PM

If you are interested in any of these committees, contact Brittany in the office firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com

