

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



First
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
of Cumberland, MD

Empowered to love, serve, care, and give

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 28, 2024

10:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

MUSETTE
MARK STEINER, ORGAN

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

All your works shall give thanks to you, O God, and all your faithful shall bless you.

For you uphold all who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down.

All look to you; you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

We lift our hearts and hands in thanks to you.

To you, O Lord, we offer our praise.

Let us pray -

Holy One, fill our weakness with your strength; bind up our brokenness with your unity; calm our fears and our dread of death with your peace. Let us be about the tasks of your love. Use us to build a holy place where healing, caring, and joy blend in the tones of worship to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

* HYMN #515

I COME WITH JOY

"DOVE OF PEACE"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, hear our prayer: For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness; For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us; For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist. For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us; We pray for the courage to admit our fault, the strength to amend our actions, and the hope that your grace awaits us. Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

RESPONSE #188

JESUS LOVES ME!

"JESUS LOVES ME"

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

PSALM 14

¹ Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt; they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good. ² The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God. ³ They have all gone astray; they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one. ⁴ Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread and do not call upon the LORD? ⁵ There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous. ⁶ You would confound the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge. ⁷ O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

ANTHEM

PRELUDE ON 'ROCK OF AGES'
MARK STEINER, ORGAN

LEE HASTINGS BRISTOL

SECOND READING

JOHN 6:1-21

⁶ After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. ¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

SERMON

"CLEANUP CREW"

REV. ALISON PETERS

*** HYMN #501**

FEED US, LORD

"FEED US"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

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

OFFERTORY

AVE VERUM
MARK STEINER, ORGAN

W. A. MOZART

*** DOXOLOGY #606**

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

"OLD HUNDRETH"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** 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.

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!

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

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

* 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/Pianist.....	Judith Brown
Guest Organist.....	Mark Steiner
Audio/Video Technicians.....	Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....	Kathy Dowell and John Mullan
Nursery.....	Jane Belt and Renee Kiddy



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, which are located in the back of the sanctuary by the bulletins to share any joys or 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.



MONDAY, JULY (29)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, JULY (30)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, JULY (31)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

10:30 AM STAFF MEETING

7:00 PM NA MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST (1)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, AUGUST (2)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

BRITTANY OUT OF THE OFFICE

SATURDAY, AUGUST (3)

SUNDAY, AUGUST (4)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

**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**

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

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of July 21, 2024
Total 2024 Pledges Promised	\$220,460.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 21,721.00
<u>2024 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$198,738.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 117,043.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 109,909.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 7,133.00

ONLINE GIVING



SUMMER MUSIC: Our summer music program begins today and goes through Labor Day. If you would like to participate by playing an instrument or joining in song one Sunday this summer, please speak to or contact a choir member or Judie Brown at browjuda49@gmail.com. Thank you!!

SUMMER RETREAT: Behold! I Stand at the Door and Knock! Learn to See as the Mystics See
As we prepare for fall, join Rev. Martha for an end-of-summer contemplative retreat on Friday evening August 16th, and Saturday morning August 17th as we begin to examine the contemplative Christian tradition. On Friday evening, we'll gather around the fire pit in Pastor Alison's yard for dessert, evening prayers, and explore contemplative practice. On Saturday morning, we will spend time at First Presbyterian learning about the history of the mystical tradition in preparation for a course in the fall on the mystics (Thursdays Oct 3rd-November 7th). The course will be team-taught by Pastor Alison and Rev. Martha and will feature excerpts from Richard Rohr's classic on the mystical tradition, *The Naked Now*.

To register for the retreat and get a head start on the fall class, RSVP to the church office by August 1st. We need eight folks to go forward with the retreat.

