

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: HYMN SING SERVICE

AUGUST 11, 2024

10:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

LEAD KINDLY LIGHT
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

ARR. JASON TONOLI

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Come, let us sing to Yahweh;
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come into the Divine presence with thanksgiving;
Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!
It is good to give you thanks, O Yahweh;
To sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
For you, O God, have made us glad by your work;
At the works of your hands we sing for joy.

Let us pray -

Holy, Creating, Creative God, we sing from the depths of our sorrow. We sing from the abundance of our joy. We sing in voices separate and unique. We sing with one voice as your body. May the words of our mouths, whether in speech or song, and the meditations of our hearts, whether in prose or poetry, be pleasing in your sight. Amen.

* HYMN #35

PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

"LOBE DEN HERREN"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you call us to sing your song anew, yet we confess that sometimes we don't feel much like singing. Sometimes we just want to sing of the past. Other times we ignore the witness of your people singing out through the ages. Forgive us when we trap your good news in our preferred language, when we insist that your grace must be known through our approved tunes, when we limit your story to the good old days. Forgive us when our lips are sealed in protest or in fear. Forgive us when we keep our voices low and our feet firmly planted, refusing to join you in the song and dance of holy life. Open our lips, O God, that we may proclaim your praise. 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

SOLO

WHISPERING HOPE
BRENDA LUGER, FLUTE; JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

SEPTIMUS WINNER, ARR. GARY LANIER

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 100

- ¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.² Serve the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
³ Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.
⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

HYMN SING

(To request a hymn to be sung, please look it up in the back of the hymnal and have the number ready to share.)

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 SOLO

IN THE GARDEN
BRENDA LUGER, FLUTE; JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

C. AUSTIN MILES, ARR. GARY LANNIER

* 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.**

* HYMN #81

GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN

"AUSTRIAN HYMN"

* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION #306

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS (Verse 1)

"DENNIS"

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.**

POSTLUDE

RAISE A SONG OF GLADNESS
Reflective text:
Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth,
Christ has come bringing peace, joy to every heart

"JUBILATE DEO"

* 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/Pianist.....Judith Brown
 Musician.....Brenda Luger, Flute
 Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
 Ushers.....Michael Levitas and Kathy Dowell
 Nursery.....Jeff and Kathy Getty

Join us after worship in the Gathering Place for our Second Sunday Social gathering!



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 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.



The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Donald F. Evans by his wife, Joan Evans, and in loving memory of Anne and Raymond MacDonald, by their daughter, Joan Evans.



MONDAY, AUGUST (12)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:45 PM ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING

TUESDAY, AUGUST (13)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:22 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST (14)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
10:30 AM STAFF MEETING
7:00 PM NA MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST (15)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
7:00 PM SESSION MEETING

FRIDAY, AUGUST (16)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
SUMMER RETREAT AT PASTOR ALISON'S HOME
BRITTANY OUT OF THE OFFICE

SATURDAY, AUGUST (17)

SUMMER RETREAT AT FPC
11:30 AM FELLOWSHIP PICNIC @
HANCOCK PRESBYTERIAN

SUNDAY, AUGUST (18)

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 August 4, 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	\$ 126,793.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 117,492.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 9,300.00

ONLINE GIVING



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*.





HOME & GARDEN BOUNTY: On Sunday August 25th, our congregation will be celebrating our summer garden bounty. We are hoping to decorate the sanctuary with our own fruits, vegetables, and flowers, so please bring some of your gardens to share. Following the service, depending on the volume of vegetables and flowers, we will donate our produce to the Union Rescue Mission.