

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
MAY 11, 2025 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

RHOSYMEDRE  
MARK STEINER, ORGAN

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

*SPIRIT DIVINE, ATTEND OUR PRAYERS*  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR  
Spirit divine, attend our prayers,  
And make this house your home.  
Descend with all your gracious powers  
O come, great Spirit, come!

"NUN DANKET ALL' UND BRINGET HER'"

\* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

The Lord is our shepherd;  
**we lack nothing.**  
Though we may walk through the darkest valley,  
**we fear no evil; for God is with us.**  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives,  
**and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Let us worship God!**

Let us pray -

Merciful God, you have told us who you are, and we still struggle to believe. In Jesus Christ, you reveal your unending care for us, and we give thanks. Grant us the vision of the world you see, a world without hunger, thirst, or tears. Lead us into the future that you are preparing, O God, as we follow with grateful hearts. Amen.

\* HYMN #822

WHEN WE ARE LIVING

"SOMOS DEL SENOR"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of wholeness, we come to you in our brokenness. We find ourselves broken when we have strayed from the path you set before us. We have listened to the voices that seek comforts money can buy instead of your voice that tells us you are all we need. We find ourselves broken when we have turned away from our neighbors. We have chosen to ignore the needs of others. We tell ourselves that there is nothing we can give instead of following your call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and set the captive free. We find ourselves broken because we have not trusted you. Repair us, O God, and restore us to our true selves so that we might follow you faithfully, trusting in the healing power of Christ's resurrection for us and our world. Amen.

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)*

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

## 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 23

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;  
<sup>3</sup> he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.  
<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

## ANTHEM

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'LL NOT WANT  
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

"CRIMOND"

(please see #801 in our hymnal for the text)

## SECOND READING

## ACTS 9:36-43

<sup>36</sup> Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.  
<sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord.  
<sup>43</sup> Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

## SERMON

"WOMEN AT WORK"

REV. ALISON PETERS

## \* HYMN #36

FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION

"AR HYD Y NOS"

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

SIMPLE GIFTS  
MARK STEINER, ORGAN

WILBUR HELD

## \* DOXOLOGY #716

GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING (Verse 1)

"DA N'ASE"

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

## \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## PRAYER 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# 324

FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN

"NYLAND"

\* 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

TRUMPET TUNE ON 'LYRA DAVIDICA'  
MARK STEINER, ORGAN

DAVID LASKY

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\* 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.....David Stickler  
Guest Organist.....Mark Steiner  
Director of Music Ministries/Organist/Pianist.....Judith Brown  
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir  
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
Ushers.....Kathy Dowell and Linda Mellon  
Nursery.....Chris and Kelsey Gallo



**WELCOME:** A very warm welcome to everyone who comes to worship with us here at First Presbyterian Church! We are proud to be 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](http://www.fpc-cumberland.org) and [www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland](https://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. **Childcare is provided during worship as needed! Please see an usher if you have any questions.**

**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 their mothers, Audrey Mills and Jane Adams, by Phil and Kim Mills. The flowers are also in loving memory of Carlotta Shaffer, mom, grandmother, great grandmother, and life partner of Bill, who is missed every day by Christine Shaffer and the entire family.

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

<b>ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:</b>	<b>as of May 4, 2025</b>
Total 2025 Pledges Promised	\$237,796.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 48,578.00
<u>2025 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$189,217.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 73,114.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 65,706.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 7,407.00

#### ONLINE GIVING



#### 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: 814-715-  
1681/[revalisonpeters@gmail.com](mailto:revalisonpeters@gmail.com)

To help with scheduling,  
please reach out to the Church Office:  
301-777-3700/ [firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com](mailto:firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com)



#### MONDAY, MAY (12)

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

#### TUESDAY, MAY (13)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
11:00 AM STAFF MEETING  
7:30 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY (14)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
6:30 PM JOYBELLS REHEARSAL  
7:00 PM NA MEETING

#### THURSDAY, MAY (15)

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

#### FRIDAY, MAY (16)

#### DAY OF CARING AND SHARING

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

#### SATURDAY, MAY (17)

11:00 AM JEAN WEED MEMORIAL SERVICE

#### SUNDAY, MAY (18)

11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY