

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
of Cumberland, MD

Empowered to love, serve, care, and give

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION
JUNE 1, 2025 10:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

BAGATELLE (OP. 31 NO. 7)
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

S. KARG-ELERT

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

The Lord is sovereign; let the earth rejoice!

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.

The mountains melt like wax before the Lord.

The heavens proclaim God's righteousness, and all peoples behold God's glory.

For the Lord is most high over all the earth; God is exalted above all gods.

Let us worship God!

Let us pray -

Almighty God, you are indeed the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. We give thanks that you have revealed yourself in Jesus Christ, whom we have come to know only by your grace. Christ prayed for the world to know your loving care through his disciples. Inspire us to serve as one among them. Make our lives examples of your steadfast love for your people. Amen.

* HYMN #321

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

"AURELIA"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of freedom and mercy, you are with us at midnight and midday, in prison cells and sanctuary pews, yet we confess we do not always trust your presence. We sit in silence when we should sing. We hold grudges when we should forgive. We close our hearts when you call us to open doors. Forgive us for the ways we forget your power and resist your joy. Teach us to praise you even in the dark, to trust that your light will break through, and to live as people set free by your grace. 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

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 97:1-12

- ¹ The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!
² Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
³ Fire goes before him and consumes his adversaries on every side.
⁴ His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.
⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.
⁶ The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples behold his glory.
⁷ All servants of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him.
⁸ Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments, O God.
⁹ For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
¹⁰ You who love the Lord, hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
¹¹ Light dawns for the righteous and joy for the upright in heart.
¹² Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

SOLO

MY LORD, WHAT A MORNIN'

JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

SPIRITUAL

Reflective Text: My Lord, what a mornin';

Oh, my Lord, what a morning,
When the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the trumpet sound
To wake the nations underground
Looking to my God's right hand
When the stars begin to fall.

SECOND READING

ACTS 16:16-34

¹⁶ One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. ¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

SERMON

"SONGS IN THE NIGHT"

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #772

LIVE INTO HOPE

"TRURO"

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

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

ARR. MARK HAYES

* DOXOLOGY #716

GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING (Verse 1)

"BEACH SPRING"

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*You are invited to come forward and receive the elements by Intinction (take the bread and dip it in the cup).
There are also individual cups as well as gluten-free crackers available.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Risen God, we give you thanks for your Son, Jesus Christ, and for the new life promised to us by his resurrection. We
give you thanks for these gifts of bread and juice and ask that they would be for us fuel for our new life, as we seek to
follow Christ into our world, that all might know the beauty of your steadfast love. Amen.

* HYMN# 515

I COME WITH JOY

"DOVE OF PEACE"

* 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

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

Reflective Text: I am the bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger,
And who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.
And I will raise you up upon the last day.

* 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.....Wesley Mason
Director of Music Ministries/Organist/Pianist.....Judith Brown
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....David Stickler and Sharon Squires
Nursery.....Jeff and Kathy Getty



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 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. **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.

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

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 May 18, 2025
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	\$ 78,175.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 73,006.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 5,165.00

ONLINE GIVING



MONDAY, JUNE (2)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, JUNE (3)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
 11:00 AM STAFF MEETING
 5:45 PM MISSION MEETING
 7:00 PM BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE (4)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
 5:30 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING
 7:00 PM NA MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE (5)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

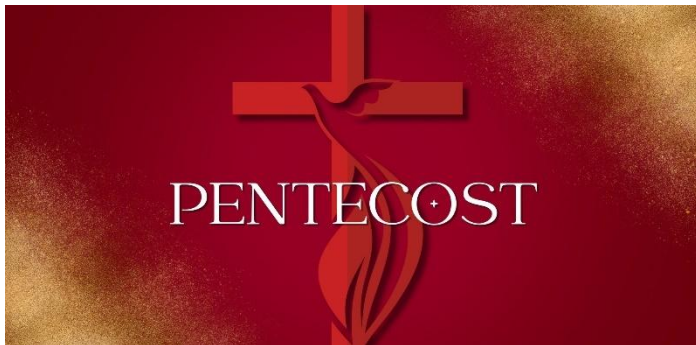
FRIDAY, JUNE (6)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, JUNE (7)

SUNDAY, JUNE (8)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 PENTECOST SUNDAY
 11:00 AM SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL



PENTECOST SUNDAY: Next Sunday, June 8th, we will celebrate Pentecost. You are invited to wear red, orange or yellow to celebrate the birthday of the church.

PENTECOST OFFERING: On Pentecost Sunday our congregation will have the opportunity to donate to the Pentecost Offering.

Since the Pentecost Offering started in 1998, Presbyterians have raised more than \$16 million for ministries that benefit younger members of God's family. We believe we are called to

do even more – to support and care for young people as they build a strong foundation of faith.

40% of the Pentecost Offering will be used to support a local youth-based program.

25% goes to Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) experience. This will train and equip volunteers to engage in mission in the U.S. and around the world. It will reduce barriers to serve by providing assistance with student loan debt, medical insurance, and a simple living stipend. It will provide additional funding to ensure all young adults have the opportunity to participate.

25% supports ministries with youth, ages 12–18. This project offers a path and a plan for graduating seniors to explore their next steps in faith, community, and vocation.

10% supports the “Educate a Child, Transform the World” national initiative, to better the lives of children by working to ensure equitable, accessible, quality public education so that all children may grow into the fullness of life.

Please give generously to the Pentecost Special Offering.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS ACTIVE IN OUR CHURCH.

- **Tim Sterne** graduated from Frostburg State University in December 2024 with a B.S degree in Business Administration and Finance. His parents are Randy and Sheri Sterne.
- **Wesley Mason** is a May 2025 graduate of Frostburg State University with a B.S. in Social Science and a Secondary Education Teaching Certificate. His grandparents are Renee and Ray Kiddy and mother is Jodi Kiddy.
- **Quinn Madden** is a May 2025 graduate of the University of Tennessee Knoxville's College of Education, Health and Human Sciences with a Master of Science in Recreation and Sport Management. Her grandparents are Jane and Buck Belt and parents are Eleanor and Dave Madden.



SPARK JOINT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held June 9th – 12th at **St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Washington Street, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM.** The activities on Monday through Wednesday will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. There will be a wrap-up activity on Thursday which will be held at Moon Glo Skating Rink. This is an intergenerational event and an adult must accompany all children attending. A snack, story time, craft and games will be provided at our fun, faith-building event! Pre-registration forms are available throughout the church, including the back of the sanctuary during worship on Sundays, outside Brittany's office, and outside our child care room. If you can only attend on certain nights, that's ok too! There will be fun for all ages and several familiar volunteers from FPC will be there!



DISASTER RELIEF

The Mission Committee is currently collecting monetary donations and filling the big box in the hall with vital supplies for Western Maryland Flood Victims. Monetary donations may be sent to the church, with Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) on the memo line.

Thank You

DONATION LIST FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

At this time the emergency responders are prioritizing monetary donations to help expedite the clean-up process. This allows them the ability to purchase what is needed at that particular time.

Additional Items that will always be needed and appreciated are as follows:

Paper Towels
Hygiene Kits
Gloves
Snack Food

Trash Bags
Socks
Diapers (All sizes)
Laundry Detergent

SUMMER MUSIC: Our summer music program has started and extends through Sunday, September 8th with our church picnic and worship service at Rocky Gap. If you would like to participate one Sunday by playing an instrument or joining in song please speak to or contact a choir member or Judie Brown at browjuda49@gmail.com. Thank you!!



Music and Ministry Fest

Sponsored by:

Mountain Maryland Ministry Group

Sunday, June 22nd, 2025

5 pm

Hancock Presbyterian Church

Church Yard Chapel

17 E. Main Street

Hancock, MD

Join us as we celebrate the music and
ministry in our congregations!

Music will include various choirs and
performing groups from our churches and
we will share a meal together.

-Rain or shine-

ALL ARE WELCOME!