

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
of Cumberland, MD

Empowered to love, serve, care, and give

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: TRINITY SUNDAY
JUNE 15, 2025 10:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

BRIGHTLY BEAMS
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

JASON TONIOLI

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Not a day passes that we see the work of your fingers, the work of your wisdom, O God, and do not feel awe.

Sheep, birds, and fish, you made with detail and care.

And then you made us: each formed from the earth.

Fragile and strong, wise, with so much to learn,
we can't help but sing your praises.

Let us worship God!

Let us pray -

Creator of everything that is and will be, we rejoice in the craftiness of your wisdom. She runs and plays, making all things new day after day. Our songs are filled with gratitude.

You shape our hearts with the love of Jesus Christ, teaching us how to serve all who surround us, how to stand up and speak up against injustice and bigotry, how to flip the tables and wash the feet of those who have hurt us the most.

Our songs are filled with gratitude.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us. Guide us and lead us in the truth, that we may have hope in the midst of chaos and conviction in the midst of uncertainty. May we one day join in the unending dance with you, Maker, Shaper, Weaver, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

* HYMN #25

O LORD, OUR GOD, HOW EXCELLENT

"WINCHESTER OLD"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, your voice echoes in the vastness of the skies, in the rhythm of rivers, in the quiet whisper of wisdom calling at the crossroads. Yet we confess: we have not listened well. We have filled our lives with noise and ignored the wonder that surrounds us. We forget that you crowned us with responsibility, and we treat your creation as disposable. We chase knowledge but resist your wisdom. Forgive us. Open our ears to hear your voice again— in stars and soil, in silence and song, in others and in ourselves. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

RESPONSE #288

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

"LIVING GOD"

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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 8:1-9

- ¹ O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.
² Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;
⁴ what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?
⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.
⁶ You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,
⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
⁸ the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
⁹ O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SOLO

RETURN TO THE HEART
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

DAVID LANZ

SECOND READING

PROVERBS 8:1-4, 22-31

- Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice?
² On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;
³ beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
⁴ "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live.
²² "The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.
²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.
²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth,
²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields or the world's first bits of soil.
²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,
²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker, and I was daily his delight, playing before him always,
³¹ playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

SERMON

"CAN WE HEAR IT"

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #278

COME, HOLY GHOST, OUR SOULS INSPIRE

"VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS"

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

WATERMARK
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

"ENYA", ARR. J. BROWN

* DOXOLOGY #658

GOD IS SO GOOD (Verse 1)

"GOD IS SO GOOD"

God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; God's so good to me.

* 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.

* 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

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

"CRUCIFER"

* 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.....Jeff and Kathy Getty
Nursery.....Carolyn Mathews and Cindy Corley



Monday- 8:00 AM-12:30 PM, Work from Home 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Tuesday- 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Wednesday- Work from Home
Thursday- 8:00 AM-3:00 PM
Friday- 8:00 AM-12:30 PM, Work from Home 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Please note the Brittany is on vacation from Friday, June 27st-Monday, July 7th. The Church Office will be opened by an office volunteer from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM on Friday, June 27th, Monday, June 30th, Tuesday, July 1st, Wednesday, July 2nd, Thursday, July 3rd and Monday, July 7th.



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.





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.



MONDAY, JUNE (16)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, JUNE (17)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
11:00 AM STAFF MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE (18)

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

THURSDAY, JUNE (19)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
6:00 PM SESSION MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE (20)

BRITTANY HALF DAY IN OFFICE

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, JUNE (21)

SUNDAY, JUNE (22)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
5:00 PM MUSIC & MINISTRY FEST

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE
RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of June 8, 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	\$ 91,265.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 83,957.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 7,307.00

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**

**To help with scheduling,
please reach out to the Church Office:
301-777-3700/ firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com**



The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Pastor and Mrs. William A. Eisenberger and their children Frances, Dan and William, by their family.



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!!

SUMMER LUNCH BOX HELP NEEDED! Summer Lunch Box is a nonprofit organization that prepares lunches for children in the Cumberland area. We are an economically depressed area and have recognized that some of our children often go hungry in the summer months. Last year we prepared a little over 16,000 lunches in an eight-week period. This takes a community effort and we would like to invite you to participate.

There are three churches that prepare the lunches, they are:

- **Emmanuel Episcopal Parish (Mondays & Wednesdays)**
16 Washington St.
Contact: Jakki Rogers- 301.697.4068
- **Our Lady of The Mountains (St. Mary's) (Tuesdays)**
300 E. Oldtown Rd.
Contact: Darlene Smith- 240.522.2714
- **Emmanuel United Methodist Church (Thursdays)**
24 Humbird St.
Contact: Robbie Hammond- 301.697.6868



We will provide lunches from June 23, 2025 through August 14, 2025. We could use sandwich makers and packers from 8:00 AM through 11:00 AM.

We will be distributing to the seven sites listed below this summer:

- AME Church (309 Frederick St.)
- Old Town Manor (office) (1510 E. Oldtown Rd.)
- St. John's Lutheran Church (400 Arch St.)
- River Bend Court (129 W. Oldtown Rd.)
- Springdale Playground (Chapel Hill Park) (1 Springdale St.)
- John Humbird School (120 E. Mary's St.)
- South Penn Elementary School (500 E. Second St.)

We need drivers and distributors for South Penn and Springdale Playground. We distribute lunches from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.

If you are available and would like to join us, please contact Jakki Rogers at 301.697.4068 or jakkirogers@breezeline.net. It is a very rewarding experience and we are looking forward to meeting 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!