

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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First
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
of Cumberland, MD

Empowered to love, serve, care, and give

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
JUNE 22, 2025 10:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

DEEP BREATH
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

JASON TONIOLI

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

When we long for your presence,
you are there with us, O source of comfort.
When we face dangers and perils,
you are there for us, O source of strength.
When we need to do justice,
you are there within us, O source of courage.
So we come with songs and praises,
that all the ends of the earth and all the families of the nations may know of your love.

Let us pray -

God, our lives are full of so much that keeps us distracted, full of activities and TV commercials, full of background noises and disruptions, full of strong winds and fires, full of alienation and loss. You come to us even in the midst of it, and in the silence, in the stillness, you ask us to eat and rest, to recover our strength and gain some clarity. Give us the strength to stand up, to go into the wilderness, and to do the work of blessing others, of feeding others, of giving others rest. Today we ask that you come in the silence or in the noise of our anxious hearts. Whisper to us a word of hope and instill in us a word of justice, that this hurting world might experience the joy of salvation. Amen.

* HYMN #317

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

"MC KEE"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy one - As the deer longs for streams of water, so our souls long for you. But sometimes the well feels dry, and our strength is gone. We confess that we grow weary— weary of doing good, weary of holding hope, weary of running from what we fear. Like Elijah under the broom tree, we are tempted to give up, to hide, to say, "It is enough."

We remember Your goodness, but still ask, "Where are You, God?" Tears have been our food day and night, and the weight of the world feels too heavy to carry.

Forgive us when we lose sight of You. Forgive us when we forget that You meet us not just in triumph, but in stillness, in wilderness, in silence, in the whisper.

Restore us, O God. Feed us with Your presence, strengthen us for the journey ahead, and remind us that You are near. 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 42

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

³ My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

⁴ These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help

⁶ and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

⁷ Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your torrents; all your waves and your billows have gone over me.

⁸ By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

⁹ I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?"

¹⁰ As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

¹¹ Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

ANTHEM

GLORIA

MICHAEL JOHN TROTTA

ALEXANDRIA BLANK, MIKAYLA DODGE, ALISON PETERS, SOPRANOS; CAROLYN MATHEWS, JANE WESTCOTT, ALTOS; BRENDA LUGER, FLUTE

Glory to God in the Highest and on earth, peace, good will to all.

We praise You, we bless You, we glorify You.

Who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Glory to God in the highest!

SECOND READING

1 KINGS 19:1-4, 8-15

19 Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³ Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. ⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁸ He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹ At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram."

SERMON

"WHEN YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH"

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #824

THERE IS A PLACE OF QUIET REST

"MC AFEE"

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

VOLUNTARY
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

JOHN WORGAN

* 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.

* HYMN# 742

WE WILL WALK WITH GOD (Sung twice)

"SIZOHAMBA NAYE"

* 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

GOD'S GLORY FILLS THE HEAVENS
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

"ST. PATRICK"

* 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.....Carolyn Mathews
Director of Music Ministries/Organist/Pianist.....Judith Brown
Musicians.....Alexandria Blank, Mikayla Dodge and Alison Peters, Sopranos
.....Carolyn Mathews and Jane Westcott, Altos; Brenda Luger, Flute
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Michael and Cathy Levitas
Nursery.....Mitch Peters and Nadene Stroup



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 27th-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.



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 and honor to my family members who celebrate their birthdays in June, by Carolyn Mathews.

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



MONDAY, JUNE (23)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, JUNE (24)

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE (25)

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

THURSDAY, JUNE (26)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
2:00 PM FAITH ACTION MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE (27)

BRITTANY ON VACATION
8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, JUNE (28)

SUNDAY, JUNE (29)
10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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



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!