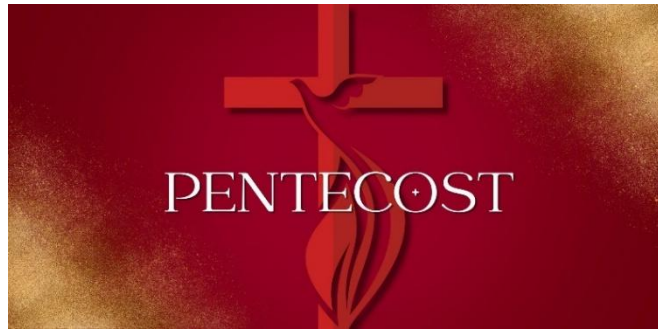


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: PENTECOST SUNDAY  
JUNE 8, 2025 10:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD*  
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

DANIEL IVERSON

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
May the LORD rejoice in the LORD's works - Who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains  
and they smoke  
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live,  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being  
May our meditation be pleasing to the LORD, for we rejoice in the LORD  
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

Let us pray:

God our creator, earth has many languages, but your gospel proclaims your love to all nations in one heavenly tongue.  
Make us messengers of the good news, that through the power of your Spirit, all the world may unite in one song of  
praise; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever. Amen.

\* HYMN #285

*LIKE THE MURMUR OF THE DOVE'S SONG*

"BRIDEGROOM"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community  
of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak  
the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives  
by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

*(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

ACTS 2:1-21

*The Coming of the Holy Spirit*

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

*Peter Addresses the Crowd*

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

#### ANTHEM

COME, GRACIOUS SPIRIT  
THE SUMMER CHOIR

SCOTTISH FOLK TUNE ARR. D. WOOD

Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove, with light and comfort from above  
Come, be our guardian and our guide  
O'er ev'ry thought and step preside.  
Light of truth to us display and make us know and choose your way.  
Plant holy fire in every heart that we from God may never depart.  
Lead us to Christ, the living way, nor let us from his pastures stray.  
Lead us to holiness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.  
Lead us to heaven that we may share the fullness of joy forever there.  
Lead us to our eternal rest, to be with God forever blest.  
Come, gracious Spirit, lead the way, lead us to Christ, lead on,  
Lead us to Christ, the living way!

#### SECOND READING

JOHN 14:8-17, 25-27

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the

works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

*The Promise of the Holy Spirit*

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

SERMON

JOSH GILHART

\* HYMN #435

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

"IN BABILONE"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PENTECOST OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*(Please place all tithes and offerings as well as any orange prayer request cards in the offering plate.)*

OFFERTORY SOLO

MARCH  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

G.F. HANDEL

\* 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.)*

Let us bring the needs of the church, the world, and all in need, to God's loving care, saying:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**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# 286

BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

"TRENTHAM"

\* 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

SPIRIT, SPIRIT OF GENTLENESS  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

"SPIRIT"

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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**

Guest Speaker.....Josh Gilhart  
Liturgist.....Brenda Luger  
Director of Music Ministries/Organist/Pianist.....Judith Brown  
Musicians.....The Summer Choir  
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
Ushers.....The Kellermeyer family  
Nursery.....Carolyn Mathews and Linda Mellon



**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.

## 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)

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

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of June 1, 2025
Total 2025 Pledges Promised	\$237,796.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 48,578.00
2025 Pledge Balance Promised	\$189,217.00
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 86,915.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 80,307.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 6,607.00

## ONLINE GIVING





**MONDAY, JUNE (9)**  
 8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
 4:45 PM ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING

**TUESDAY, JUNE (10)**  
 8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
 11:00 AM STAFF MEETING  
 7:30 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING

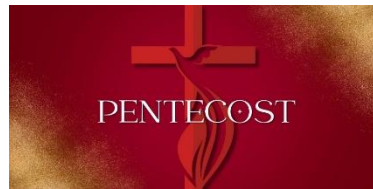
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE (11)**  
 8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
 7:00 PM NA MEETING

**THURSDAY, JUNE (12)**  
 8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
 12:30 PM RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**FRIDAY, JUNE (13)**  
 8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

**SATURDAY, JUNE (14)**

**SUNDAY, JUNE (15)**  
 10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



**PENTECOST OFFERING:**  
 Today 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.



**SPARK JOINT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held June 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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!**