

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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First
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
of Cumberland, MD

Empowered to love, serve, care, and give

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION
JULY 6, 2025 10:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

VOLUNTARY IN B FLAT
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

M.GREENE

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God hears our cries and restores our troubled souls.

We can't keep silent. We sing God's praises with joy!

God nurses and comforts us until our hearts are strong like mountains.

We can't keep silent. We sing God's praises with joy!

God's love sustains us to flourishing.

We can't keep silent. We sing God's praises with joy!

Let us pray -

Holy God, You make miracles, turn the sea into dry land, change mourning into dancing, convert enemies into friends, and shut down empires into dust. You ask the simple things from us: to eat each other's foods and enjoy each other's company. You ask the hard things from us: to love one another, embrace our differences, and seek forgiveness. Transform us to find hope where there is despair and passion where there is apathy. Give us trust in your abundance and grant us patience when we see only scarcity, that we might answer your call to be laborers in the fields you are sowing. Amen.

* HYMN #386

COME, WORSHIP GOD

"O QUANTA QUALIA"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we come before you aware of how easily we let fear guide our steps. You call us to carry peace into the world, but too often we retreat when the way forward feels uncertain or when others don't welcome what we offer. We admit that we measure our value by what we can accomplish instead of trusting in the deeper truth that we belong to you. We forget the joy of simply being part of your work, and we lose heart when things don't go as planned. We confess that we've let discouragement take root, and we've held back when you've invited us to go. We've tried to keep control, when what you ask for is trust.

Forgive us. Renew our courage and our joy. Remind us that we don't walk alone—and that even small acts of faithfulness matter in Your kingdom. In Your mercy, restore us. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

RESPONSE #188

JESUS LOVES ME!

"JESUS LOVES ME"

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loved me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,

taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loved me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The bible tells me so.

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 30:1-12

- ¹ I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
² O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.
³ O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
⁴ Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.
⁵ For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."
⁷ By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.
⁸ To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:
⁹ "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?
¹⁰ Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"
¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,
¹² so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

SOLO

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL
ALLIE BLANK, TRUMPET; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

"MATERNA"

SECOND READING

LUKE 10:1-11, 16-20

¹⁰ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' ¹⁶ 'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.' ¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' ¹⁸ He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

SERMON

"FRESH EARS"

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #510

WE GATHER HERE IN JESUS' NAME

"COME, SHARE THE LORD"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MOMENT FOR MISSION

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY SOLO

AMERICAN FESTIVAL VOLUNTARY
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

CUTLER & JOHNSON'S, ED. BARBARA OWEN
(AMERICAN CHURCH ORGAN VOLUNTARIES, 1856)

* DOXOLOGY #606

PRaise GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSING FLOW

"OLD HUNDRETH"

**Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* 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

Gracious God, We give You thanks for this holy meal— for the bread that strengthens us and the cup that renews us. You have met us at this table with mercy and joy, even when we came tired, uncertain, or worn by the world. As You sent the disciples out with peace on their lips and trust in their hearts, so now send us—renewed by Your grace, anchored in Your love, ready to carry hope into every place we go. May this meal remind us that our worth is not in what we do but in who we are: Yours. And may our lives reflect the joy of belonging to You. In the name of Christ, who walks with us always, we pray. Amen.

* HYMN# 719 COME, LABOR ON “ORA LABORA”

* 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 OF THE AGES, WHOSE ALMIGHTY HAND “NATIONAL HYMN”
ALLIE BLANK, TRUMPET; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

* 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.....Ann Kellermeyer
Director of Music Ministries/Organist/Pianist.....Judith Brown
Musicians.....Alexandria Blank, Trumpet
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....David Stickler and Ian Gray
Childcare.....Cindy Corley 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 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.



MONDAY, JULY (7)

BRITTANY ON VACATION
CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

8:30 AM

TUESDAY, JULY (8)

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
FAITH FORMATION MEETING

8:30 AM
7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY (9)

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
NA MEETING

8:30 AM
7:00 PM

THURSDAY, JULY (10)

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
FAITH ACTION MEETING

8:30 AM
2:00 PM

FRIDAY, JULY (11)

CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

8:30 AM

SATURDAY, JULY (12)

SUNDAY, JULY (13)

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL

10:00 AM
12:00 PM

**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 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

Christmas in July

Beginning on July 6, 2025, the Mission Committee will be sponsoring an Angel Tree for the children being supported by CASA of Western Maryland. You will learn about CASA and its impact on the community during the Moment for Mission. There will be a social after the service in the Gathering Place.

Angel ornaments on the tree in the Gathering Place will include the needs of these children, per the request of their sponsors, or from their personal interests. Everyone is invited and encouraged to take an angel off the tree and fulfill the request of the individual child.



PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE GIFTS.

The Christmas in July event for CASA will conclude on July 27 with the blessing of the gifts and donations. Thank you all in advance for your support of the meaningful local mission.



FAITH FORMATION RETREAT: *With God's Help...Faith in Times of Emotional Uncertainty* led by Martha MacGill. Join us on Friday, July 18th from 6:30-8:30 PM and Saturday, July 18th from 8:45 AM- 12:30 PM for a retreat based on a virtual retreat Martha attended, "What do we do with our Anger", led by Brian McClellan. The retreat will be held at the church with snacks, a light breakfast and lunch provided by the Faith Formation Team. All are welcome to join us. Please RSVP to Brittany if you plan to attend by Sunday, July 13th.





ALTOONA CURVE GAME: Join our church family for an Altoona Curve Game on Sunday, July 20th at 6:00PM. All ages welcome, bring a friend! Please RSVP by Sunday, July 13th.

SAVE THE DATE! "Travel" to Nepal! (No luggage needed)

WHEN: July 20, 10:00 AM-Noon

WHO: Andy and Ellen (Harding) Collins from North Carolina

WHY: to share news and information about "our" two Nepali missions

WHAT: "Moment for Mission", light lunch after service, Nepali items, food, photos and more!



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!!