

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



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PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
of Cumberland, MD

Empowered to love, serve, care, and give

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION
AUGUST 3, 2025 10:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

ANDANTE TRANQUILLO
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

FELIX MENDELSSOHN (1810-1847)

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Gathered in from many lands,
we come from east and west, from north and south.
Some of us have wandered through deserts.
Some of us are hungry and thirsty.
But the Holy One heard our pleas
and has delivered us from our distress.
So we come with prayers of thanksgiving,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us pray -

Holy One, as your gathered people, we come to worship. We come as we are, bringing every piece of us. Help us during this time to lean in and listen. To find comfort and challenge. To know that you are with us. With gratitude, we worship you together. Amen.
Amen.

* HYMN #847

OUR HOPE, OUR LIFE

"O Waly Waly"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Justice, we gather from all corners of the earth knowing that you have made a new world possible even as we hold on to the old world. We pray for those in places where greed and evil still reign, for those who are still full of anger and wrath, for those who still act with malice, for those who still use abusive language, for those who still lie to others, and for those who hoard treasures on earth. We pray with the knowledge that sometimes, this is us. Don't give up on us now. Clothe us with a new self-according to your image so that one day there will be no more divisions among 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 loves 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 loves 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 107:1-9, 43

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

² Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble

³ and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

⁴ Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town;

⁵ hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.

⁶ Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress;

⁷ he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.

⁸ Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind.

⁹ For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

⁴³ Let those who are wise pay attention to these things and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

SOLO

WHERE HEAVEN MEETS EARTH
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

JASON TONIOLI

SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

SERMON

“AIM HIGH”

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #417

LORD JESUS, THINK ON ME

“SOUTHWELL”

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

SEEDS OF TOMORROW
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

JASON TONIOLI

* DOXOLOGY #606

PRaise GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

“OLD HUNDREDETH”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

(Communion will be served this morning in a traditional manner –

servers will pass the plate with bread and the tray with cups of juice individually.

Servers will have gluten-free crackers in a separate container for those who need it.

Please hold the bread and juice until all have been served, and you will be invited to partake together.)

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

PASSING OF THE PLATE (*please wait until all have been served*)

SHARING OF THE CUP (*please wait until all have been served*)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we give you thanks that through this meal you have nourished us with the body and blood of Christ. Send us out into your world to love as we have been loved, to forgive as we have been forgiven, and to serve as we have been served. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN# 647

GIVE THANKS

"GIVE THANKS"

* 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

NICEA

JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

* 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 Preacher.....Rev. Alison Peters
Liturgist.....Carolyn Mathews
Director of Music Ministries/Organist/Pianist.....Judith Brown
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....David Stickler and Otto Ross
Childcare.....Cindy Corley and Mitch Peters



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.

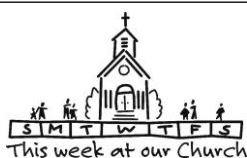


engage them more fully in worship. **Childcare is provided during worship as needed! Please see an usher if you have any questions.**

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

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, AUGUST (4)

8:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
12:30 PM RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

TUESDAY, AUGUST (5)

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST (6)

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST (7)

8:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, AUGUST (8)

8:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, AUGUST (9)

SUNDAY, AUGUST (10)

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

**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**

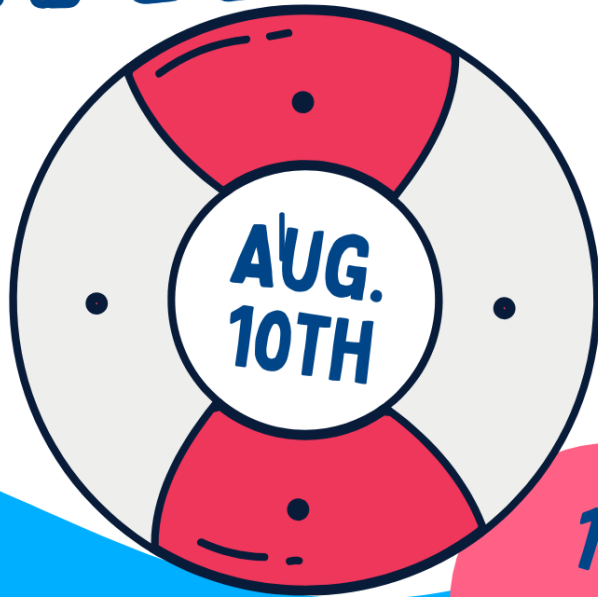
ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:		as of July 27, 2025
Total 2025 Pledges Promised		\$237,796.00
Pre-paid pledges		\$ 48,578.00
2025 Pledge Balance Promised		\$189,217.00
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$	109,021.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$	109,510.00
Over/(Under)	\$	(489.00)

ONLINE GIVING



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!!

SECOND SUNDAY POOL PARTY



**923 DOLLY TERRACE
LAVALE, MD**

**1-4
PM**

Your Congregational Care Committee would like to invite you to join us in fellowship and fun for a Second Sunday Pool Party! Light snacks will be provided. Bring a towel and join us!

**WATER
AEROBICS**

**VOLLEYBALL
(BEACH BALL)**

BASKETBALL

**PLEASE RSVP TO BRITTANY BY 8/7:
FIRSTPRESBYTERIANSECRETARY[AT]GMAIL.COM**

