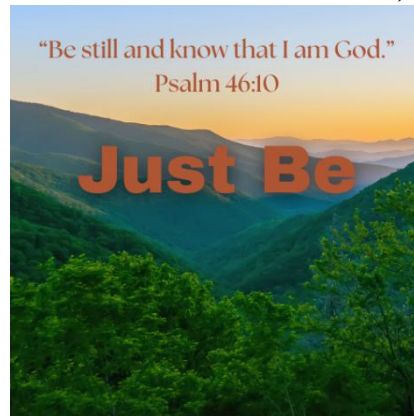


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN KICK OFF
OCTOBER 12, 2025 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

EARTH PRAYER
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

BILL DOUGLAS

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

YOUNG DISCIPLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

DONA NOBIS PACEM (GRANT US PEACE)
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Beloved of God, come and be still.

We rest in the One who calls us by name.

God has claimed us, redeemed us, and loves us.

We are God's beloved children.

Let us worship the God who delights in us.

With joy and gratitude, we lift our praise.

Let us pray

God of steadfast love, you spoke the universe into being and called it good. You call us by name, and you call us beloved.

In awe, we adore you, for your love is the beginning and end of all things. Amen.

* HYMN #435

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

"IN BABILONE"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we confess that too often we forget who we are. We chase after lesser voices that name us unworthy or not enough. We doubt your love and fail to rest in your grace. Forgive us, and remind us again that we are yours—chosen, cherished, and called beloved. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

RESPONSE #698

TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM (x3)

"SARADAY"

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in 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 36:5-9

- ⁵ Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.
⁶ Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep;
you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.
⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
⁹ For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

ANTHEM

THE PEACE OF GOD
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

JOHN RUTTER

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
Keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
And of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
And the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost
be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

SECOND READING

ISAIAH 43:1-4

- 43 But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.
² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.
³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴ Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you, I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

SERMON

"BE LOVED"

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #611

JOYFUL JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

"HYMN TO JOY"

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

KATHY GETTY

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

MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

M. SCHWEIZER

Reflective text: My song is love unknown;
My Saviour's love to me;
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine:
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like Thine.
This is my Friend in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.
My song is love unknown, is LOVE; is LOVE, is LOVE

* DOXOLOGY #694

GREAT GOD OF EVERY BLESSING (Verse 1)

"AURELIA"

Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care, you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, every good and perfect gift comes from you. With gratitude we return a portion of what you have entrusted to us. Use these gifts, and use our very lives, to build your kingdom, share your love, and glorify your name. Amen.

PRAYERS 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 #547

GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING

"AR HYD Y NOS"

* 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

ST. FRANCIS
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

PreacherRev. Alison Peters
Liturgist.....David Stickler
Director of Music Ministries/Organist/Pianist.....Judith Brown
Musician.....The Sanctuary Choir
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Jeff and Kathy Getty
Childcare.....Kelsey Gallo and Nadene Stroup



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.

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, OCTOBER (13)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:45 PM ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING
6:30 PM CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER (14)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
7:30 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER (15)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
12:15 PM STAFF LUNCHEON
6:30 PM JOYBELL REHEARSAL
7:00 PM NA MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER (16)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:30 PM FALL BOOK STUDY
7:00 PM SESSION MEETING

FRIDAY, OCTOBER (17)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:00 PM HARVEST PARTY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER (18)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER (19)

9:45 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE: as of October 5, 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	\$ 143,620.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 146,013.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (2,392.00)

ONLINE GIVING



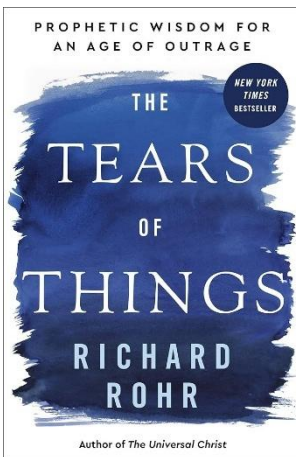
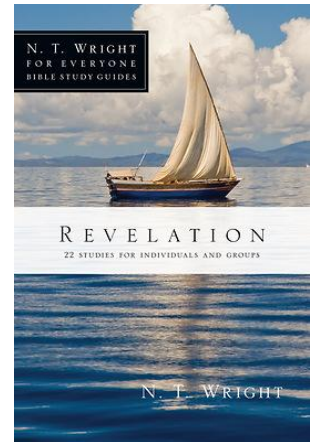
FALL CLEAN UP DAY: The Buildings & Grounds Committee invites you to come out and help clean up the church on Saturday, November 8th from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.



The projects planned are to

- remove all AC window units
- paint handrails
- touch up paint around building
- clean and organize the kitchen area.

Join us for Adult Sunday School at 9:45 AM in the Dakota Room. We will be using N.T. Wright's, *Revelation* to get a "remarkably clear glimpse into God's ultimate design for the entire creation. We will be looking into how Jesus the Messiah's triumph and the resulting costly victory of his followers overcome the powerful evil forces at work, particularly with idolatrous and oppressive political systems."



Join us this fall for an adult Bible Study. We will meet on Thursday evenings in the Gathering Space, beginning Thursday, October 9th and ending on Thursday, November 13th.

How do we live compassionately in a time of violence and despair? How do we manage conflict and suffering in our lives and in the world? Holy Scripture gives us wisdom and practice, particularly through the lives and writings of the Hebrew prophets. Using Richard Rohr's new book *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for An Age of Outrage* as a guide, we will study the writings of the prophets-particularly, Amos, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel.

Rev. Martha and Pastor Alison will facilitate and lead this six-week course. We will begin at 5:00 PM with a light supper and fellowship. Then we will proceed with our study from 5:30 to 6:30 PM.

Please RSVP to Brittany, (301) 777-3700, or firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com toady.

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HARVEST PARTY

**PUMPKIN CARVING, BOARD
GAMES, HALLOWEEN SNACKS**

***** NO COSTUMES REQUIRED! *****

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CHURCH**

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Friday, October 17th

5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

**PLEASE RSVP TO 301-777-3700 OR
FIRSTPRESBYTERIANSECRETARY@GMAIL.COM**