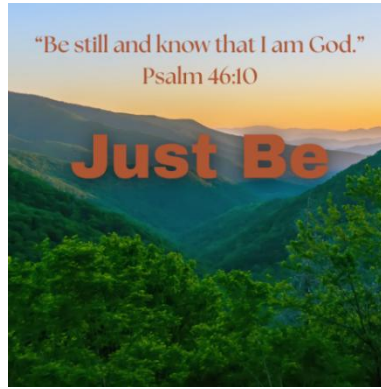


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 2, 2025 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

"BEACH SPRING", ARR. B.F. WHITE

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

NOW THE SILENCE
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

"Now"

Now the silence, now the peace, now the empty hands uplifted.
Now the kneeling, now the plea, now the Father's arms to welcome.
Now the hearing now the power, now the vessel brimmed for pouring.
Now the body, now the blood, now the joyful celebration.
Now the wedding now the songs, now the heart forgiven leaping.
Now the Spirit's visitation now the Son's epiphany.
Now the Father's blessing. Now. Now. Now.

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
We come with gladness, giving thanks.
Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise.
We will give thanks to God's holy name.
For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.
Let us worship with gratitude and joy.

Prayer of the Day

Good and gracious God, every breath is a gift, every moment is a blessing, every day is a reason to give thanks. We adore you, for your mercy is unending and your love is everlasting. Amen.

* HYMN #1

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!

"NICAEA"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that we often forget to be grateful. We take your blessings for granted, we grumble at what we lack, and we hoard instead of sharing. Forgive us, and teach us the joy of thanksgiving in all things. Amen.
(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

RESPONSE #698

TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM (x3)

"TAKE ME AS I AM"

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 100

- ¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
- ² Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
- ³ Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him; bless his name.
- ⁵ For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

ANTHEM

IN ALL THINGS LOVE
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

DAN FORREST (1978-)

Love, love, love, in all things love,
As I have loved you.
Love is patient, love is kind, always trusts
Always hopes, always endures.
You are loved with everlasting love,
Now abide, faith, hope and love
But the greatest of these is love.

SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

SERMON

"BE GRATEFUL"

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #708

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

"SCHUMANN"

ALL SAINTS PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE AND THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

*(Members of First Presbyterian Church are indicated by the asterisk *.)*

MARGARET OTENASEK- DECEMBER 6, 2024

JEAN WEED- JANUARY 27, 2025

ROSALIE LEVITAS- APRIL 1, 2025

*THARA BONEBREAK-APRIL 21, 2025

*CAROLYN WEAVER- JULY 18, 2025

*JOSEPH WEAVER- JULY 28, 2025

(As extras bells ring, please feel free to speak names of others you have lost this year.)

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

WHY I CHOSE FPC

JANE WESTCOTT

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 TRIO

BENEDICTUS ("MISSA DEUS NOBISCUM")

PHILIP W. J. STOPFORD (1977-)

KATELYN HENDRIX, ALISON PETERS, SOPRANOS; MIKAYLA DODGE, MEZZO-SOPRANO

Blessed who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

* 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.

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

* HYMN #326 FOR ALL THE SAINTS “SINE NOMINE”
* 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 SINE NOMINE
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
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir; Katelyn Hendrix, Soprano; Alison Peters, Soprano; Mikayla Dodge, Mezzo-Soprano
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Carl and Jane Belt
Childcare..... Jeff and Kathy Getty

A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION-CORPORATION of First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland, Maryland is called by the Session for Sunday, November 16, 2025 following worship.

The purposes of the meeting are to amend the bylaws in section five. The proposed change and explanation are listed below.

Section 5 Meetings A. There shall be an annual meeting of the church held during the month of ~~January~~ February for the transaction of any business properly coming before such meeting. The hour and place shall be designated by the Session. The date of the annual meeting may be temporarily changed by the Session when necessary, provided that the required public notice is given.

Explanation: This amendment changes the date of the annual meeting of the church from January to February. Moving the meeting to February will allow sufficient time for all committees to thoroughly complete their reports and allows for adequate time for the completion and printing of the church annual report.

Rationale: This will give the congregation a more accurate report of the workings of the church since committees will receive the information needed to complete their year-end reports.



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, NOVEMBER (3)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
12:30 PM RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
7:00 PM CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER (4)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:45 PM MISSION MEETING
7:00 PM BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER (5)

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER (6)

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER (7)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER (8)

9:00 AM P.E.O. MEETING
9:00 AM FALL CLEAN UP DAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (9)

CONSECRATION SUNDAY
SHARE THE SPIRIT SUNDAY

9:45 AM ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 AM FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
11:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
12:00 PM SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL:
THANKSGIVING GATHERING

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 October 26, 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	\$ 152,928.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 156,964.00
Over/(Under)	\$ (4,035.00)

ONLINE GIVING



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



The projects we have planned are:

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



SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL-THANKSGIVING GATHERING:

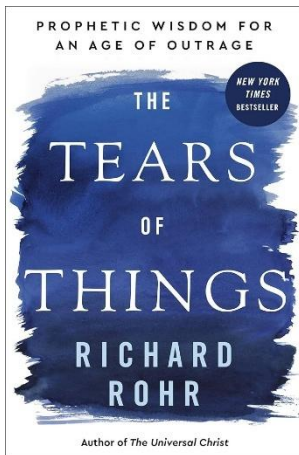
The Congregational Care Committee will once again be hosting Second Sunday Thanksgiving next **Sunday, November 9th, 2025** in the fellowship hall, immediately following worship. The committee will supply the main entree and drinks. We are asking attendees to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. A sign up sheet is available in the main hallway, or by emailing Kelsey Gallo at firstpresbyterianevents@gmail.com. We hope everyone can join us for fellowship and a delicious meal!

PONDER AND PRAY : Join Josh Gilhart on Sunday, November 16th from 12:15 PM – 2:00PM for Ponder and Prayer in the Gathering Place. Light lunch will be served. Please RSVP to the church office if you plan to attend.

“As it is the business of tailors to make clothes, and the business of cobblers to mend shoes, so it is the business of Christians to pray!” – Martin Luther

At its core, prayer is entering into a conversation with the Triune God. But what is prayer? Is it the words we speak? The silence we keep? The requests we make of God? How do we pray? How do we enter this conversation? Join us as we look at what the Bible says about prayer, learn practices from the church’s history, and discover how prayer can help us ponder God’s promises this Advent season.

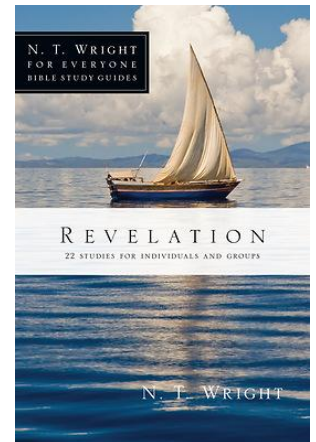
Join us for Adult Sunday School at 9:45 AM in the Dakota Room. We will be using N.T. Wright's, *Revelation* to get a "remarkably clear glimpse into God's ultimate design for the entire creation. We will be looking into how Jesus the Messiah's triumph and the resulting costly victory of his followers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





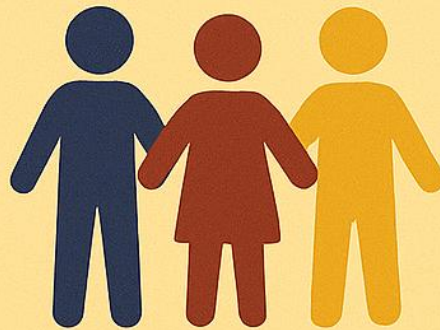
SHARE THE SPIRIT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9

11 AM

**Bring a Friend, Family Member,
Co-worker**

Join us for worship followed by Second
Sunday Social in the Fellowship Hall.



*“For where two or three gather in my
name, there am I with them.”*

— Matthew 18:20

We look forward to celebrating with you and your guests!