

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: DAY OF PENTECOST
MAY 24, 2026 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

SPirit SONG

JOHN WIMBER

MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO; NANCY HODGES, ORGAN

"In loving memory of Alan Cuppett, who loved this song."

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

The Day of Pentecost is here! God's children have gathered in this place:

We are transformed into God's family by God's Spirit joining with ours.

Come, Spirit of adoption, and open our hearts to our sisters and brothers:

Come, Holy Spirit!

Come, Spirit of peace, and calm our trembling hearts:

Come, Holy Spirit!

Come, Breath of God, and overturn our conventional lives:

Come, Holy Spirit!

Let us pray -

Lord, you are present even before we ask for your presence, your Spirit bestowed at Pentecost promised to us always. So we rejoice in your presence and your promise, and we ask you to move among us as we worship together. You know our cares and our concerns, our trials and tribulations, our joys and sorrows. And in all that we are, we are nothing without you. So today we come to you in worship from a multitude of moments, from a variety of backgrounds, from all walks of life, yet one in the Spirit. And we humbly give thanks, that the promises we count upon remain true today, as they have for generation upon generation. Your mercies are great and everlasting O Lord, and we give thanks. Amen.

* HYMN #289

ON PENTECOST THEY GATHERED

"MUNICH"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Awesome and compassionate God, you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy, but we have not loved you. You constantly call us, but we do not listen. You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit and in truth. We admit our sins and gratefully receive your forgiveness through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

RESPONSE #551

LORD HAVE MERCY

"LAND OF REST"

Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy upon us *(Repeat)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE #582

GLORY TO GOD WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

“GLORY TO GOD”

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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.
Over the past few weeks have have learned how to say “Peace be with you” in various languages,
share a sign of peace with one another today, using one of the languages below.*

Peace be with you!

American Sign Language

Greek- εἰρήνη μαζί σου (I-ray-knee mah-zee soo)

Persian- سلام عليكم (Sah-lahm Ah-lay-koom)

Latin- Pax tecum (pax TAY coom)

Pax vobiscum (pax voh BEE scoom)

Coptic- Εἰρήνη πᾶσι (ee-REE-nee PAH-see)

Hebrew-

שלום עליכם (sha-LOHM ah-LAY-khem)

Arabic-

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ (as-sah-laa-moo a-LAY-koom)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

NUMBERS 11:24-30

²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵ Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again. ²⁶ Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹ But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!” ³⁰ And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

ANTHEM

EVERY TIME I FEEL THE SPIRIT
CAROLYN MATHEWS, GUITAR

“PENTECOST”

SECOND READING

ACTS 2:1-21

² When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² 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. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them

speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ '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.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

SERMON

"ONE IN SPIRIT"

JOSH GILHART

* HYMN #292

AS THE WIND SONG

"WAIKUA TAPU"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

MEDLEY: BREATHE ON ME BREATH OF GOD
SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

ROBERT JACKSON

DANIEL IVERSON

* DOXOLOGY #607

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSING FLOW

"OLD HUNDRETH"

**Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

(You are welcome to pray the Lord's Prayer with the version most familiar to you.)

(Please pray aloud the bold portions in English and pray silently along as the other languages are spoken)

Line 1: English (Congregation): Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Line 2: Spanish (Katie Ross): Venga a nosotros tu reino Hágase tu voluntad En la tierra como en el cielo
(English transl.: your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.)

Line 3: Greek (Josh Gilhart): τὸν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τὸν ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμερον
(English transl.: give us today our daily bread)

Line 4: German (Hans Killius): Und vergib uns unsere Schuld, wie auch wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern.
(English transl.: And forgive us our guilt, as we also forgive those who have wronged us.)

Line 5: French (Mike Levitas): Et ne nous soumetts pas à la tentation, mais délivre-nous du mal.
(English transl.: Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.)

Line 6: English (Congregation): For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

* HYMN #540

FAREWELL, GOOD FRIENDS! *(sing twice)*

"SHALOM, CHAVERIM"

* 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

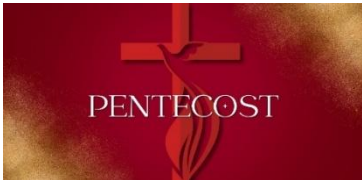
COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

* 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.....Michael Levitas
 Director of Music Ministries/Organist/Pianist.....Judith Brown
 Guest Pianist.....Nancy Hodges
 Musicians.....Mikayla Dodge, Soprano; Carolyn Mathews, Guitar
 Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
 Ushers.....Linda Mellon and David Stickler
 Nursery.....Rick and Robin Bissell



Join us after worship in the Gathering Place as we celebrate the birthday of the church with cake and ice-cream.



Please note that the Church Office is CLOSED tomorrow, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.



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 or blue 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 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.

PASTORAL CARE COVERAGE: Pastor Alison is now on maternity leave for the next three months and will not be available during this time as she and Mitch focus on welcoming baby Della and caring for their family. During her leave, if you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care, a visit, or a phone call, please contact the Church Office. The secretary will coordinate with Seminary Intern Joshua Gilhart to arrange pastoral visits and respond to care needs. **To request pastoral care or help with scheduling, please contact the Church Office: 301-777-3700 / firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com**

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE	
RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & CINDY CORLEY	
ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of May 17, 2026
Total 2026 Pledges Promised	\$271,126.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 70,507.00
2026 Pledge Balance Promised	\$200,618.00
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 86,610.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 77,853.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 8,756.00

ONLINE GIVING



 This week at our Church	
<u>MONDAY, MAY (25)</u>	
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	
<u>TUESDAY, MAY (26)</u>	
7:30 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
<u>WEDNESDAY, MAY (27)</u>	
7:30 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
7:00 PM	NA MEETING
<u>THURSDAY, MAY (28)</u>	
7:30 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
2:00 PM	FAITH ACTION MEETING
<u>FRIDAY, MAY (29)</u>	
7:30 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
<u>SATURDAY, MAY (30)</u>	
<u>SUNDAY, MAY (31)</u>	
9:45 AM	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM	SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
	MISSION SUNDAY



ALISON'S MEAL TRAIN: A meal train has been established for Rev. Alison and Mitch to help ease the transition home as a family of three! If you are interested in providing a meal for the Peters family, please utilize the following link or QR code.

<https://mealtrain.com/wn0kvq>

GUEST MUSICIANS NEEDED: The Worship and Music Committee are looking for volunteers to do the anthem and/or offertory music while Judie is out. If you are interested, please reach out to Eric Ringler at eric.ringler@outlook.com.

MISSION SUNDAY: Please join us on Sunday, May 31st as we welcome Andy and Ellen Collins! The Collinses will be present the sermon during the service. After worship, you are invited to meet with them in the Gathering Place. They will share news and slides about their recent visit to Nepal, and an update on Karuna, the young medical student our church supported generously during Reason for the Season.

They served 11 years in Nepal, then moved to Thailand in 2006 where they served in partnership with two Thai ministries: the Christian Communications Institute (CCI) and McGilvary College of Divinity.

After a home assignment in 2021, they transitioned to a "hybrid" mission model, splitting their time between the Thai seminary and Welcome House, a refugee ministry in their home state of North Carolina.

Andy and Ellen grew up as children of long-term missionaries (the Hardings in Nepal and the Collinses in Thailand), and raised their own two sons on the mission field in both countries. Our church has supported two of Dr. Harding's missions for years: Shanta Nepal, and Welfare Assoc. for Children in Tikapur (WACT).

Our Summer Worship Schedule will begin on Sunday, June 7th!

Worship will be at 10:00 AM during the summer months.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Spirit Night for the Cumberland Choral Society

Monday, June 1st from 5:00-9:00 PM

Mention "Cumberland Choral Society" when you order.

Rio Grande Restaurant

1217 National Highway, LaVale

20% of the order total comes to CCS (eat in or take out)

Enjoy an evening without cooking while supporting CCS at the same time!

CUMBERLAND PARADE: On Saturday, June 27, 2026, the city of Cumberland will be hosting a parade to celebrate the 250th birthday of America. The Congregational Care Committee is providing a new FPC banner to be carried, or displayed on a vehicle in the parade! Attendees may wear their church t-shirts and will gather in the church parking lot at 12:15 to head downtown to line up. The parade begins at 1:00 PM, followed by a street party from 2-6 PM. If you are interested in walking or volunteering to drive your vehicle in the parade, please contact the church office or e-mail firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com by May 31st.

THE FAITH FORMATION TEAM WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU! We are hoping to offer more faith-forming and faith-affirming activities in 2026 for all ages. We would love to hear your ideas. No suggestion is too big or too small. We have placed a suggestion box in the back of the sanctuary. Please use the box to share your thoughts and ideas with us throughout the year. We are looking forward to planning meaningful and fun events based on your input.

— HELP BUILD OUR — **CHURCH'S DIGITAL HOME**

Join the Website Ministry Team!

How Can You Help?

Do you have a passion for creativity, storytelling, or technology?

We need volunteers to enhance and sustain our church website!

WHY THIS MATTERS:

- ✓ Our website is **the first impression** of our church.
- ✓ It tells the world who we are



Art & Design

Design graphics and layout for webpages and special activities



Photography

Take & edit photos for to be uploaded



Tech & Maintenance

Update & maintain the site



Content Writing

Write & organize content

OUR GOAL: A Sustainable & Team-Driven Website!

Contact Josh Gilhart or email the church office for more information.

"WHATEVER YOU DO, WORK AT IT WITH ALL YOUR HEART."

COLOSSIANS 3:23