

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: MISSION SUNDAY
MAY 31, 2026 11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

LOVE IS FLOWING
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

DARLENE SIMS, ARR. JOHN PURIFOY

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARL BELT

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Everyone come! You who are thirsty, come. You who are struggling to make ends meet, come. You who squander all you have, come. You who are longing to share with others, come. Come, and listen! God draws near and gives renewing water. God enters in and offers strength to the weary. God teaches us again how to share as community. God helps us to be a new people grounded in promise. Everyone come! Come and know the renewing love of God.

Let us pray -

God of all peoples, near and far, you call your people together locally and throughout the world. You call your people together in small towns like Cumberland and in major cities. You call your people together in poverty-stricken villages and war-torn lands. We come, at your calling, to worship and praise your holy name, trusting and yearning for the promised Kingdom of God where pain and heartache, disease and death, abuse and sadness will be no more. Through your Holy Spirit bless and accept our worship and inspire us so that we may join in the work of your Kingdom. In the name of your son, our savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. One God, for all people, Amen.

* HYMN #733

WE ALL ARE ONE IN MISSION

“ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVOGELEIN”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God's steadfast love is everlasting and God's faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Trusting in the mercy of God, we acknowledge the sin and brokenness in us and around us. Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life. 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

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.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

PSALM 68:4-6

Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—his name is the LORD.
⁵ A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.
⁶ God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

GLOBAL MISSION

ANTHEM

SUN OF MY SOUL
 NANCY HODGES, PIANO

ARR. LANI SMITH

SECOND READING

MATTHEW 25: 34-40

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

LOCAL MISSION

MOMENT FOR MISSION

ANDY & ELLEN COLLINS

* HYMN #610

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

"AZMON"

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

I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME
 NANCY HODGES, PIANO

ARR. BEN LOGAN

* DOXOLOGY #716

GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING (Verse 1.)

"BEACH SPRING"

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
 nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
 gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
 thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYER 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 #395 BLESSED JESUS, AT YOUR WORD "LIEBSTER JESU"

* 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 THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD ARR. LANI SMITH
NANCY HODGES, 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 Speakers.....Andy and Ellen Collins
Liturgist.....Carl Belt
Guest Pianist.....Nancy Hodges
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Ian Gray and David Stickler
Nursery.....Randy and Nadene Stroup



Today, we welcome **Andy and Ellen (Harding) Collins from North Carolina**. Ellen is the niece of a former church member. She and her siblings spent their childhood in Nepal while parents, Dr. Dick and Sue Harding, were medical missionaries there. Andy and Ellen 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). **Join Andy and Ellen after worship 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.**

Next Sunday, June 7th, our Summer Worship Schedule will begin!
Worship will be at 10:00 AM during the summer months.



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. If you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care, a visit, or a phone call during her leave, 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.**

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>



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.

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
<u>2026 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$200,618.00</u>
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



GUEST MUSICIANS NEEDED: The Worship and Music Committee is 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.

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 the United States 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 today.**



	<u>MONDAY, JUNE (1)</u>
7:30 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
	<u>TUESDAY, JUNE (2)</u>
7:30 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:00 PM	MISSION MEETING
7:00 PM	BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING
	<u>WEDNESDAY, JUNE (3)</u>
	BRITTANY OUT OF THE OFFICE
7:30 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:30 PM	WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING
7:00 PM	NA MEETING
	<u>THURSDAY, JUNE (4)</u>
7:30 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
	<u>FRIDAY, JUNE (5)</u>
	BRITTANY OUT OF THE OFFICE
7:30 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
	<u>SATURDAY, JUNE (6)</u>
	<u>SUNDAY, JUNE (7)</u>
9:45 AM	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM	SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION