

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE OF FOR THE LORD'S DAY
JUNE 14, 2026 11:00 AM

GATHERING

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

OPENING VOLUNTARY

RHOSYMEDRE
MARK STEINER, ORGAN

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God has created the world in all its splendor and created us in God's image. God has called us good.

From everlasting to everlasting, the Lord is God!

God calls us into community to be the body of Christ in our corner of the world.

From everlasting to everlasting, the Lord is God!

As we gather to worship the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, the Spirit moves through us, elevating our worship, helping us to listen and sending us out renewed for the work ahead.

Let us worship God together!

Let us pray...

Loving God, all that we have, all that we are, all that we might become, is a gift from you. On this day we praise you and give thanks for the faith, hope, and love we have in you through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN #305

COME SING, O CHURCH, IN JOY!

"DARWALL'S 148TH"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess that too often our actions and inactions do not reveal your love. Too often our ways do not align with your ways. Forgive us when we think we are too insignificant to make a difference in your world. Remind us of your faithfulness from everlasting to everlasting. Restore us and help us to claim and use the gifts you have given us. Reorient our lives so that we might be attentive to a new vision for ministry. Renew our imagination to see the work that might be carried out by those who come after us. *(Silent Prayer)*. In Jesus' name we pray, 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.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

PSALM 78:1-8

¹ Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
² I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
³ things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.
⁴ We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might and the wonders that he has done.
⁵ He established a decree in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children,
⁶ that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,
⁷ so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;
⁸ and that they should not be like their ancestors, a stubborn and rebellious generation,
a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.

ANTHEM

I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY
MARK STEINER, ORGAN

ROBERT BUCKLEY FARLEE

SECOND READING

MARK 12:28-31

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" ²⁹ Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

SERMON

"SHARING YOUR CORE VALUES: FOR GENERATIONS TO COME"

REV. ELLIE JOHNS-KELLEY

* HYMN #463

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

"FOUNDATION"

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

MINUET FROM FIREWORKS MUSIC
MARK STEINER, ORGAN

G. F. HANDEL

* 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.**

* 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

POSTLUDE ON "THE NEW COMMONWEALTH"

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

MARK STEINER, ORGAN

(As the postlude is offered, please be mindful that the livestream remains active

and that others may wish to remain in prayerful reflection. Thank you for honoring the music and the worship of others.)

* 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.....	Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley
Liturgist.....	Carolyn Mathews
Guest Organist.....	Mark Steiner
Audio/Video Technicians.....	Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....	Bill Buttermark and Evan Swanger
Nursery.....	Bill and Ann Kellermeier

TODAY WE WELCOME REV. ELLIE JOHNS-KELLEY AS OUT GUEST PREACHER. Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley serves as Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation, supporting congregations across the Allegheny and Chesapeake region. In this role, she partners with churches to cultivate a culture of generosity, offering seminars and workshops, developing comprehensive fundraising and gift plans, and providing coaching for finance, stewardship, and endowment committees.

"Building relationships and resourcing churches to strengthen funding for their ministry are my top priorities," Ellie says. "I am passionate about helping congregations recognize the breadth of resources available through the Foundation and collaborating closely with other agencies of the PC(USA)."

Before joining the Presbyterian Foundation in 2013, Ellie served nearly four years as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Warren, Pennsylvania. She previously held leadership roles at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary as Director of the Summer Youth Institute and Assistant Director of Admissions.

An active leader in the wider church, Ellie is a member of the Presbytery of West Virginia, where she serves on the Committee for Nurture and Relationships. Over the past 25 years, she was deeply involved in the Presbytery of Lake Erie, most recently serving as Co-Moderator of the Administrative Committee and President of the Trustees. Her broader service includes work with the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission, Regional Resource Person for the Theological Education Fund in the Synod of the Trinity, participation on the Synod's Campus Ministry Task Force, and service as a synod commissioner. Ellie received a Bachelor of Science in biology at Muskingum College and a Master of Divinity from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. She resides on a farm in Carmichaels, PA with husband Dr. Eric Kelley and two daughters.

FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING: CRAFTING A LEGACY OF FAITH, VALUES, AND RESOURCES: WHAT WILL YOU SHARE AFTER YOUR LIFETIME?

Most end-of-life planning focuses purely on financial assets and legal documents. However, a true Christian legacy encompasses both your material resources and your deeply held values. **Join Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley today after worship in the Gathering Place for a transformational seminar designed to help you look beyond the financial balance sheet and claim the unique privilege of providing an enduring gift to future generations.** Congregation Care will provide summer snacks and refreshments.



BRITTANY'S SUMMER OFFICE SCHEDULE WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, JUNE 8TH.

Monday- 7:30 AM-12:00 PM, Work from home 12:30 PM-2:30 PM

Tuesday- 7:30 AM-3:00 PM

Wednesday- Work from home

Thursday- 7:30 AM-3:00 PM

Friday- 7:30 AM-12:00 PM, Work from home 12:30 PM-2:30 PM

PASTORAL CARE COVERAGE: Pastor Alison is 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.

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.



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.



The flowers in front of the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God loving memory of Pastor and Mrs. William A. Eisenberger and their children; Frances, Dan and William, by their family.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE
RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of June 7, 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	\$ 96,577.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 89,531.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 7,045.00

ONLINE GIVING



Please note the Brittany is on vacation from Friday, June 26th-Tuesday, July 7th. The Church Office will be opened by an office volunteer from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM on Friday, June 26th, Monday, June 29th, Tuesday, June 30th, Wednesday, July 1st, Thursday, July 2nd, Monday, July 6th and Tuesday, July 7th. The Church office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY, JUNE (15)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, JUNE (16)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, JUNE (17)

BRITTANY WORKS FROM HOME

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

7:00 PM NA MEETING

THURSDAY, JUNE (18)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, JUNE (19)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, JUNE (20)

SUNDAY, JUNE (21)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SUMMER PREACHING SERIES: "The Master's Gallery: The Art of God in Creation and Redemption". This summer we will explore God as the Master Artist, shaping all of creation with purpose and beauty. Scripture unfolds like a gallery, revealing four major movements of His work: the Landscape of Creation, the Portrait of Humanity, the Restoration of Salvation, and the final Showcase of renewed creation. Together, these messages will help us see our lives—and the world itself—as part of God's ongoing work of redemption and beauty.

EXCITING NEWS!

Our Faith Formation Team has secured a grant to provide CPR and AED training! Our intention is to provide **free** and accessible training to any and all FPC members who are willing and able, followed by open registration to targeted community volunteers and groups; all who are working to make our community a safer place to be!

All training will be conducted by American Heart Association certified instructors. At the completion of the course requirements, participants will be certified in **Adult, Child, and Infant CPR and AED** administration. All FPC members will be given first priority to dates and times for registration, followed by a first come, first served basis to community members. **There is a limited number of spots for each registration date!** Please remember to specify the date in which you are requesting to attend, when registering! Each participant must only complete **one** date.

Allegany College of Maryland Training Center

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM (Training should not take more than 4 hours with our class sizes.)

July 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 (Request **one** date.)

FREE to all participants, courtesy of FPC Congressional Transformation Grant funding

To register, please e-mail firstpresbyterianevents@gmail.com, call/text 240-727-7735, or see Kelsey Gallo. Please remember to include your requested training date!

Fellowship Dinner Schedule

June 27

Mike & Cathy Levitas

6 PM

July 25

Carolyn & Tom Mathews

5:30 PM

August 22

Aaron Hendrickson

6 PM

September 26

Buck & Jane Belt

6 PM

October 17

Debbie & Gary Roper

5:30 PM

Our fellowship dinner series was designed to create opportunities to gather, connect, and grow together as a congregation, outside of traditional worship services. With a wide range of dates offered by our gracious hosts, we hope you can find a convenient date to join us!

Guest lists will be curated on a first come, first serve basis.

If you are interested in attending a dinner, please fill out the RSVP card below, or email Kelsey Gallo at firstpresbyterianevents@gmail.com

Additional dates may be added as more hosts become available.



I would like to attend the following Fellowship Dinner:

Name _____ Number Attending _____

___ June 27th 6pm

Mike & Cathy Levitas

___ August 22nd 6pm

Aaron Hendrickson

___ October 17th 5:30pm

Debbie & Gary Roper

___ July 25th 5:30pm

Carolyn & Tom Mathews

___ September 26th 6pm

Buck & Jane Belt

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



WITH FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"PRAY & PLAY" WITH US!

- All activities are free for participants of all ages.
- An integrative lesson, snack, and hands on activities will be provided.
- Details specific to each date will be sent to the e-mail on file, weekly.



PLEASE RSVP WITH THE NUMBER
ATTENDING TO:
FIRSTPRESBYTERIANEVENTS@GM
AIL.COM

PLENTY TO SHARE

"Plenty to Share in God's Abundant World," focuses on learning about food scarcity and how it effects our community and world.

Thur. 6/25 - 10am

Rocky Gap Campground Nature Center
with Be Our Guest Apiary

Tue. 6/30 - 10am

Kazary Farm
with Mr. Bob & Miss Sharon

Thu. 7/16 - 10 am

Canal Place Farmer's Market
Scavenger Hunt

Tue. 7/21 - 11 am

Community Cafe
Luncheon

Tue. 7/28 - 11 am

First Presbyterian Church
Produce Giveaway!



**The Faith Formation Team is sponsoring
an afternoon at the ballpark!**

**Altoona Curve vs
Richmond Flying Squirrels**

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2025

1:00 PM

People's Natural Gas Field - Altoona, PA



**Please RSVP to the church office by June 26th.
RSVPs are vital to ensure we have enough tickets!**

**Additional details and directions
will be sent to all attendees!**