

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE OF FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
JUNE 21, 2026 10:00 AM

GATHERING

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

OPENING VOLUNTARY

PRÉAMBULE  
DAVID RANKIN, ORGAN

LOUIS VIERNE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

O Lord, our Lord, your glory shines through all creation. Everywhere we look, we see signs of your beauty and power.

**When we gaze at the heavens, the stars, the mountains, and the seas, we are filled with wonder at the work of your hands.**

Who are we that you notice us? Who are we that you care for us?

**Yet you have created us with dignity and purpose.**

You have entrusted us with the care of your creation.

**We give thanks for the gift of life and the world you have made.**

From the smallest child to the wisest elder, your praise rises from your people.

We come to worship the Creator who knows us, loves us, and calls us by name.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Let us pray...

**Lord your name is majestic and beautiful and fills the earth with joy. Thank you for loving us and caring for us. Thank you for your grace and mercy. We come to worship and praise you. We lift our hearts to you and seek you. May your Spirit be made known among us today, in our hearts and in our minds, as we hear your holy Word and worship your Holy Name. Amen.**

\* HYMN #308

O GOD IN WHOM ALL LIFE BEGINS

"NOEL"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have neglected the dignity of others while insisting on the dignity of ourselves. We have not lived as one as we have been called to live. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

*(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

GENESIS 1:26-2:4, 2:7-8

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” <sup>27</sup> So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup> God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. <sup>4</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, <sup>7</sup> then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground<sup>l</sup> and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.

### ANTHEM

#### SECOND READING

PSALM 139

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, you have searched me and known me. <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. <sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. <sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. <sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? <sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. <sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, <sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. <sup>11</sup> If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me,” <sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. <sup>13</sup> For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. <sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup> Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. <sup>17</sup> How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup> I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

- <sup>19</sup> O that you would kill the wicked, O God, and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—  
<sup>20</sup> those who speak of you maliciously and lift themselves up against you for evil!  
<sup>21</sup> Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?  
<sup>22</sup> I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.  
<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts.  
<sup>24</sup> See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

SERMON	“GOD THE SCULPTOR”	JOSH GILHART
* HYMN #27	SACRED THE BODY	“TENDERNESS”

### 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 SOLO	HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW DAVID RANKIN, ORGAN	WILBUR HELD
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* DOXOLOGY ##606	PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSING FLOW	“OLD HUNDRETH”
<b>Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise God, all creatures here below;          Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</b>		

#### \* 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 #312	TAKE US AS WE ARE, O GOD	“ENDLESS FEAST”
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#### \* BENEDICTION

* RESPONSE AFTER BENEDICTION #306	BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS (Verse 1)	“DENNIS”
<i>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!</i>		
<b>Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.          The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.</b>		

POSTLUDE	POSTLUDE ALLA DAVID RANKIN, ORGAN	MARCIA JONATHAN BATTISHILL
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*(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.....	Josh Gilhart
Liturgist.....	Wesley Mason
Guest Organist.....	David Rankin
Audio/Video Technicians.....	Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....	Kathy Dowell and Ian Gray
Nursery.....	Julie Courtney and Carolyn Mathews

**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.

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



**BRITTANY'S SUMMER OFFICE SCHEDULE WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>.**  
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



**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](http://www.fpc-cumberland.org) and [www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland](https://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 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](mailto: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](mailto:eric.ringler@outlook.com).

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE	
RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & CINDY CORLEY	
<b>ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:</b>	<b>as of June 14, 2026</b>
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	\$ 97,577.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 93,424.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 4,152.00

**ONLINE GIVING**

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

<b><u>MONDAY, JUNE (22)</u></b>	
7:30 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
<b><u>TUESDAY, JUNE (23)</u></b>	
7:30 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
<b><u>WEDNESDAY, JUNE (24)</u></b>	
BRITTANY WORKS FROM HOME	
7:30 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
7:00 PM	NA MEETING
<b><u>THURSDAY, JUNE (25)</u></b>	
7:30 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
<b><u>FRIDAY, JUNE (26)</u></b>	
BRITTANY VACATION	
7:30 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN UNTIL NOON BY AN OFFICE VOLUNTEER
<b><u>SATURDAY, JUNE (27)</u></b>	
<b><u>SUNDAY, JUNE (28)</u></b>	
10:00 AM	SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### 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 are 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](mailto:firstpresbyterianevents@gmail.com), call/text 240-727-7735, or see Kelsey Gallo. Please remember to include your requested training date!

**CUMBERLAND PARADE:** Planning is well underway for First Presbyterian's entry in Cumberland's "America's 250th Parade" on Saturday, June 27 at 1:00 p.m.! Each parade entry must have a theme, and ours is "250 Years of Presbyterian Response In Times of War and Social Upheaval". We are still looking for walkers to join in, wear church t-shirts, and carry signs that briefly explain how Presbyterians lived out our faith during important events in U.S. history. We will meet at the church at noon and go together to our space in the parade line-up. Please contact Brittany in the church office to sign up to walk. If you have questions or want more details, contact Debbie Roper or Jane Westcott.

# 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](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup> 6pm  
Mike & Cathy Levitas

\_\_\_ August 22<sup>nd</sup> 6pm  
Aaron Hendrickson

\_\_\_ October 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm  
Debbie & Gary Roper

\_\_\_ July 25<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm  
Carolyn & Tom Mathews

\_\_\_ September 26<sup>th</sup> 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!**