

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION
JUNE 7, 2026 11:00 AM

GATHERING

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

OPENING VOLUNTARY

LOVE IS FLOWING
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

DARLENE SIMS, ARR. JOHN PURIFOY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

I KNOW A PLACE (*Girl Scout camp song*)
CAROLYN MATHEWS, GUITAR

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

I know a place, where no one ever goes
There is peace and quiet, beauty and repose.
It's hidden in a valley, beside a mountain stream
And lying there beside that stream, I find that I can dream.

Only of things of beauty to the eye,
Snow peaked mountains, towering to the sky.
Now I know that God has made this world for me.

One can imagine oneself as in a dream,
Climbing up a mountain or down a long ravine.
The magic of this peace and quiet ever shall stay
To make this place a haven, each and every day.
Oh how I wish I'd never have to leave,
All my life such beauty to receive,
Now, I know that God has made this world for me.

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

Let us pray -

God of all creation, you brought the heavens and the earth into existence with only a word. You gazed upon your creation and declared it good. All of the earth cries out to you in praise. We join with the heavens declaring your glory. We join with the skies proclaiming your works. Accept our humble praise through the grace of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit. In your holy name we pray. Amen

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, all that is has its origin in your life-giving breath. You are the judge of all. You have called us to stewardship but we have exploited what you love for our own benefit. You have called us to community but we have drawn lines to keep other out. You have called us to care but we have ignored the groaning of our neighbors and the planet. You have created a rich, interconnected ecosystem yet we have viewed it as our playground. O’ Lord, have mercy upon for the sake of our savior Jesus Christ and restore in us a love and care for this world which you love. 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 104

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great.
 You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.
 You stretch out the heavens like a tent; you set the beams of your chambers on the waters;
 you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind;
 you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.
 You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.
 You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.
 At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.
 They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys, to the place that you appointed for them.
 You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.
 You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills,
 giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.
 By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.
 From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.
 You cause the grass to grow for the cattle and plants for people to cultivate,
 to bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the human heart,
 oil to make the face shine and bread to strengthen the human heart.
 The trees of the field are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
 In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.
 The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coney.
 You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.
 You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.

The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.
 When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.
 People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening.
 O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
 There is the sea, great and wide; creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.
 There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
 These all look to you to give them their food in due season;
 when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.
 May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—
 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.
 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.
 Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

ANTHEM

I LOVE THE MOUNTAINS

AMERICAN FOLK SONG

CAROLYN MATHEWS, GUITAR

(Please join in as we all sing together.)

I love the mountains, I love the rolling hills,
 I love the flowers, I love the daffodils,
 I love the fireside, when all the lights are low.

Boom-de-ada, boom-de-ada, boom-de-ada, boom-de-ada
 Boom-de-ada, boom-de-ada, boom-de-ada, boom-de-ada

SECOND READING

GENESIS 1:1-19

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

SERMON

JOSH GILHART

* **HYMN #664**

MORNING HAS BROKEN

"BUNESSAN"

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

RAIN DOWN

BY JAIME CORTEZ, ARR. BY JOHN CARTER

NANCY HODGES, PIANO; JULIE COURTNEY AND CAROLYN MATHEWS, VOCALISTS

(In memory of Betty Richtmeyer)

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. *(The Celebrant Continues...)*

...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. *(The Celebrant Continues...)*

...Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again. *(The Celebrant Continues...)*

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

As Christ our Savior taught us, we are bold to pray:

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

You are invited to come forward and receive the elements by Intinction (take the bread and dip it in the cup).

There are also individual cups as well as gluten-free crackers available.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

NANCY HODGES, PIANO

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious and creating God, we thank you for these gifts of bread and cup, fruit of the earth and vine, and work of human hands. Having been nourished at your table, send us now to care for your creation, to tend the earth with gratitude and mercy, and to live as faithful stewards of all you have made; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN #630

FAIREST LORD JESUS

"CRUSADERS' HYMN"

* BENEDICTION

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

MINUET IN G
NANCY HODGES, PIANO

G.F. HANDEL, ARR. GERALD PETERSON

* 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.....Josh Gilhart
 Liturgist.....Sharon Squires
 Guest Pianist.....Nancy Hodges
 Guest Musicians..... Julie Courtney, Vocalist; Carolyn Mathews, Guitar and Vocalist
 Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
 Ushers.....Carolyn Mathews and David Stickler
 Nursery.....Jeff and Kathy Getty

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.

COMMUNION: As both an ordained Ruling Elder and a candidate for ordination, the Presbytery of Baltimore has authorized Joshua Gilhart to preside over communion. The Session has voted to invite Josh to preside over communion while Pastor Alison is on maternity leave and as needed for the rest of the year.



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 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.**

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL: The Congregational Care and Outreach Committee invite you to join us next Sunday, June 14th, in the Gathering Place for summer snacks and fellowship.



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 31, 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	\$ 91,274.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 85,638.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 5,635.00
ONLINE GIVING	
	

	
<u>SUMMER OFFICE HOURS BEGIN</u>	
<u>MONDAY, JUNE (8)</u>	
7:30 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
4:45 PM	ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING
<u>TUESDAY, JUNE (9)</u>	
7:30 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
7:30 PM	FAITH FORMATION MEETING
<u>WEDNESDAY, JUNE (10)</u>	
BRITTANY WORKS FROM HOME	
7:30 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
7:00 PM	NA MEETING
<u>THURSDAY, JUNE (11)</u>	
7:30 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
12:15 PM	RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
<u>FRIDAY, JUNE (12)</u>	
7:30 AM	CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
<u>SATURDAY, JUNE (13)</u>	
<u>SUNDAY, JUNE (14)</u>	
9:45 AM	ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM	SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
12:00 PM	SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL


Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers in front of the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God loving memory of Betty Richtmeyer by Nancy Hodges.

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.

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.



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:

___ 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

Number Attending _____

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!**