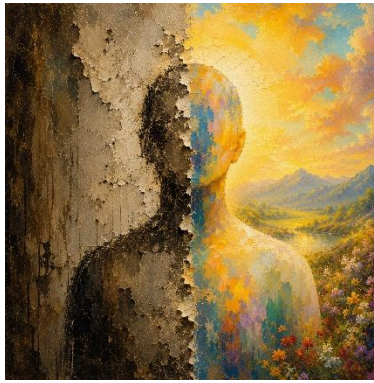


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION
JULY 5, 2026 10:00 AM

GATHERING

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

OPENING VOLUNTARY

DAVID RANKIN, KEYBOARD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Let us pray...

Merciful Lord, we thank you that in Jesus Christ you have reconciled our brokenness and brought us back into communion with you. You have not and will never abandon us but like a protective shepherd you save us time and time again. Renew us by your Spirit O Lord, that we may unfold ourselves to you, leave behind the broken things of the past and walk in the way of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Through your Spirit teach how to be like Christ, loving our neighbors, forgiving our enemies, and loving you with our whole heart, mind, body and soul. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in heaven, now and always.

* HYMN #19

GOD OF GREAT AND GOD OF SMALL

"GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, you have taken on flesh, walked among us, taught us, and given us the gift of forgiveness and reconciliation. Often we neglect that gift. We judge others for their problems and shortcomings, while taking pride in our own. We live our lives in our own head, focused on our needs and wants, our goals and ambitions. We walk past our neighbors, we turn away from those hurting and in need. Have mercy on us Lord through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Open our eyes to our wrongs, against you and neighbor. Open our hearts to the needs of others. That in your mercy we may follow him and live as he has taught us.

(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 3: 1-13

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”⁴ “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman.⁵ “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, “Where are you?”¹⁰ He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”¹¹ And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”¹² The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

ANTHEM

DAVID RANKIN, KEYBOARD

SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 1:15-23

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation,¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him,²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

SERMON

“GOD THE RESTORER”

JOSH GILHART

* HYMN #100

MY SOUL CRIES OUT WITH A JOYFUL SHOUT

“STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN”

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.)

* 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

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

DAVID RANKIN, KEYBOARD

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

* HYMN #624

I GREET THEE, WHO MY SURE REDEEMER ART

"TOULON"

* 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

DAVID RANKIN, KEYBOARD

(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

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| Guest Speaker..... | Josh Gilhart |
| Liturgist..... | David Stickler |
| Guest Orgnaist..... | David Rankin |
| Audio/Video Technicians..... | Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler |
| Ushers..... | Michael Levitas and Otto Ross |
| Nursery..... | Cindy Corley and Kathy Dowell |

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.

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.



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 worshipping 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 | |
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| RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & CINDY CORLEY | |
| ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE: | as of June 14, 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 | \$ 97,577.00 |
| Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date | \$ 93,424.00 |
| Over/(Under) | \$ 4,152.00 |
| ONLINE GIVING | |
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SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY, JULY (6)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN UNTIL NOON
BY AN OFFICE VOLUNTEER

TUESDAY, JULY (7)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN UNTIL NOON
BY AN OFFICE VOLUNTEER
5:00 PM MISSION MEETING
7:00 PM BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY (8)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
7:00 PM NA MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY (9)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, JULY (10)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, JULY (11)

SUNDAY, JULY (12)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
1:00 PM ALTOONA CURVE GAME

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, 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!

