

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



“The Return of the Prodigal Son”-Rembrandt

SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY
JULY 12, 2026 10:00 AM

GATHERING

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

OPENING VOLUNTARY

BLESSING
DAVID RANKIN, KEYBOARD

JOHN LEAVITT

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Your word is a light to my feet
And a light to my path.
I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous judgments.
Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your ordinances.
I hold my life in my hand continually
But I do not forget your law.
Your decrees are my heritage forever,
they are the joy of my heart.
I incline my heart to perform your statutes
forever, and to the end.

Let us pray...

Loving God, direct us in all our doings and your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help, that in all our works begun, continued and ended in thee, we may glorify you in all things; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

* HYMN #415

COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY

“RESTORATION”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from our neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. 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)*

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 25: 19-34

¹⁹ These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹ Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife because she was barren, and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²² The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. ²³ And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other; the elder shall serve the younger." ²⁴ When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵ The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle, so they named him Esau. ²⁶ Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel, so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. ²⁷ When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸ Isaac loved Esau because he was fond of game, but Rebekah loved Jacob. Esau Sells His Birthright ²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰ Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹ Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." ³² Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" ³³ Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

ANTHEM

TO THE HEART
DAVID RANKIN, KEYBOARD

JOHN LEAVITT

SECOND READING

LUKE 15: 11-32

¹¹ Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the wealth that will belong to me.' So he divided his assets between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant region, and there he squandered his wealth in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that region, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that region, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to his senses he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ "Now his elder son was in the field, and as he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father

came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command, yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your assets with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

SERMON

REV. MARTHA MACGILL

* HYMN #418

SOFTLY, TENDERLY JESUS IS CALLING

“SOFTLY AND TENDERLY”

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

SIMPLE GIFTS
DAVID RANKIN, KEYBOARD

SETTING BY REBECCA KRAMER

* DOXOLOGY #606

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSING FLOW

“OLD HUNDREDTH”

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* 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 #450

BE THOU MY VISION

“SLANE”

* 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 JESU, JOY OF MAN’S DESIRING
DAVID RANKIN, KEYBOARD

J. S. BACH, ARRANGED BY GENE ROBERSON

*(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. Martha Macgill
Liturgist.....	Cathy Levitas
Guest Orgnaist.....	David Rankin
Audio/Video Technicians.....	Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....	Jeff and Kathy Getty
Nursery.....	Randy and Nadene Stroup



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 until August 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 perform 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 Franz Lettner, Ralph and Ellen Brand, Dorothy Ross, Robert Ross, Louise Ross and Olive Wilson by Otto and Katie Ross.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE
RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of July 5, 2026
Total 2026 Pledges Promised	\$271,126.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 70,507.00
2026 Pledge Balance Promised	\$200,618.00
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 107,805.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 105,102.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 2,702.00

ONLINE GIVING



EXCITING NEWS!



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY, JULY (13)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
 8:00 AM FPC STAFF CPR TRAINING AT ACM
 4:45 PM ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING

TUESDAY, JULY (14)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
 7:30 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY (15)

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

THURSDAY, JULY (16)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
 10:00 AM VBS: CANAL PLACE FARMERS MARKET

FRIDAY, JULY (17)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, JULY (18)

SUNDAY, JULY (19)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 12:00 PM SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL:
 POOL PARTY AT LINDA MELLON'S



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

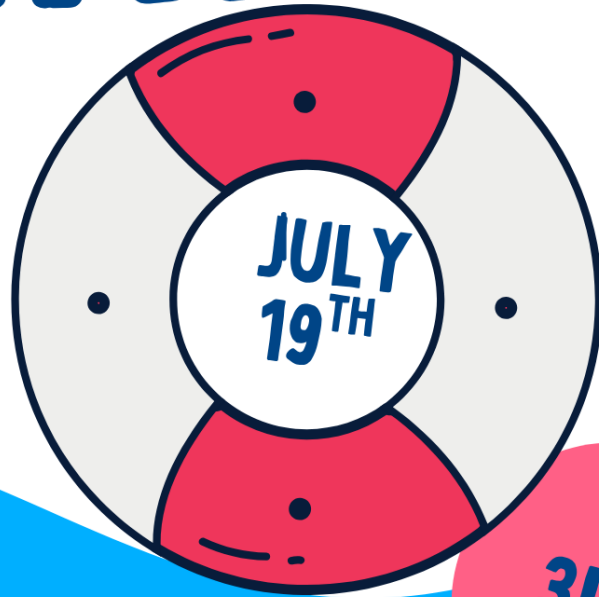
To register, please e-mail firstpresbyterianevents@gmail.com, call/text 240-727-7735, or see Kelsey Gallo.

Please remember to include your requested training date!

2ND ANNUAL CCC POOL PARTY



923 DOLLY TERRACE
LAVALE, MD



3PM

Rain date, Sun. 8/2

Your Congregational Care Committee would like to invite you to join us in fellowship and fun for our 2nd Annual Pool Party! Chips & watermelon will be provided. Bring a towel and join us!

**WATER
AEROBICS**

**VOLLEYBALL
(BEACH BALL)**

BASKETBALL

PLEASE RSVP BY 7/15:

FIRSTPRESBYTERIANEVENTS[AT]GMAIL.COM

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](mailto:FIRSTPRESBYTERIANEVENTS@GMAIL.COM)
[AIL.COM](mailto:FIRSTPRESBYTERIANEVENTS@GMAIL.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!

