

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
11 WASHINGTON STREET CUMBERLAND, MD 21502



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
JULY 26, 2026 10:00 AM

GATHERING

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

OPENING VOLUNTARY

ALLEGRO IN G  
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

HENRY HERON (18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.  
Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.  
Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.

Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,  
He is the LORD our God

His judgements are in all the earth.  
He is mindful of his covenant forever, of the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations. Praise the Lord

Let us pray...  
Speak to us, Giver of Life, and make us new. We thirst for the waters of eternal life. We yearn to know ourselves as Resurrection People. Send your Holy Spirit upon us this day, and create in us your new heaven and new earth. Speak to us words of comfort and hope, words of challenge and courage. Come, move among us we pray. AMEN

\* HYMN #403

OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY

"UNSER HERRSCHER"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we say that we want you to come and be among us. And yet we acknowledge that you already are among us, fully and completely at all times. We say that we want Jesus to return and we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus." And yet, we confess our fears and uncertainty about the return of Christ and what it will mean for us and for the world. Jesus prayed that we might be one with you and with each other. And yet, so often, if we are honest, we wish to remain separate from you, maintaining our independence and control. We resist the burden of being unified with those around us, especially when those around us want different things than we do or pull us in directions we do not wish to go. Soften our resistance, gracious Lord, and draw us into an authentic relationship with you and true community with one another. We pray this in the name of your Son, who prayed and still prays for us. 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 3:14-24

<sup>14</sup> The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.  
<sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."  
<sup>16</sup> To the woman he said, "I will make your pangs in childbirth exceedingly great; in pain you shall bring forth children, yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."  
<sup>17</sup> And to the man he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life;  
<sup>18</sup> thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.  
<sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return." <sup>20</sup> The man named his wife Eve because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup> And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife and clothed them. <sup>22</sup> Then the Lord God said, "See, the humans have become like one of us, knowing good and evil, and now they might reach out their hands and take also from the tree of life and eat and live forever"— <sup>23</sup> therefore the Lord God sent them forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from which they were taken. <sup>24</sup> He drove out the humans, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a sword flaming and turning to guard the way to the tree of life.

SOLO

"PRAYER" FROM FINLANDIA  
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

JEAN SIBELIUS (1865-1957)

SECOND READING

REVELATION 21: 1-5, 21:22 - 22:5

<sup>21</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; <sup>4</sup> he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." <sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life  
<sup>22</sup> I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.  
<sup>22</sup> Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of

fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.<sup>3</sup> Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him;<sup>4</sup> they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads.<sup>5</sup> And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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| SERMON      | “THE MASTER’S GALLERY” | JOSH GILHART |
| * HYMN #376 | WHEN ALL IS ENDED      | “YOGANANDA”  |

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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| INVITATION TO OFFERING |                                                                                                                          |                            |
|                        | <i>(Please place all tithes and offerings as well as any orange or blue prayer request cards in the offering plate.)</i> |                            |
| OFFERTORY SOLO         | PASTORALE                                                                                                                | CHARLES WESLEY (1757-1834) |
|                        | JUDITH BROWN, PIANO                                                                                                      |                            |

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| * 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

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| PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD’S PRAYER- Ecumenical Version |                                                                                           |  |
|                                                                            | <i>(You are welcome to pray the Lord’s Prayer with the version most familiar to you.)</i> |  |
|                                                                            | 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.                |  |

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| * HYMN 375 | SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER | “HANSON PLACE” |
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\* BENEDICTION

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| * 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! |          |
|                                   | <b>Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.</b>                                                    |          |
|                                   | <b>The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.</b>                                                       |          |

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| POSTLUDE | TO GOD BE THE GLORY                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
|          | JUDITH BROWN, PIANO                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |
|          | <i>(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.)</i> |  |

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\* 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                 |
| Directory of Music Ministries/Organist/Pianist..... | Judith Brown                   |
| Audio/Video Technicians.....                        | Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler |
| Ushers.....                                         | Gary and Deb Hendrickson       |



**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**

**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](mailto:firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.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](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.



# SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

## MONDAY, JULY (27)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

## TUESDAY, JULY (28)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

11:00 AM VBS: FPC

## WEDNESDAY, JULY (29)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

7:00 PM NA MEETING

## THURSDAY, JULY (30)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

## FRIDAY, JULY (31)

7:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

## SATURDAY, AUGUST (1)

## SUNDAY, AUGUST (2)

10:00 AM SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT:  
HOLY COMMUNION

# ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & CINDY CORLEY

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| <b>ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:</b>   | <b>as of July 19, 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 | \$ 112,318.00              |
| Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date | \$ 112,887.00              |
| Over/(Under)                         | \$ (569.00)                |

## ONLINE GIVING



# 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~~

~~July 25<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm~~

~~Carolyn & Tom Mathews~~

August 22<sup>nd</sup> 6pm

Aaron Hendrickson

September 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm

Buck & Jane Belt

October 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm

Debbie & Gary Roper

# 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@GM)

## 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!

