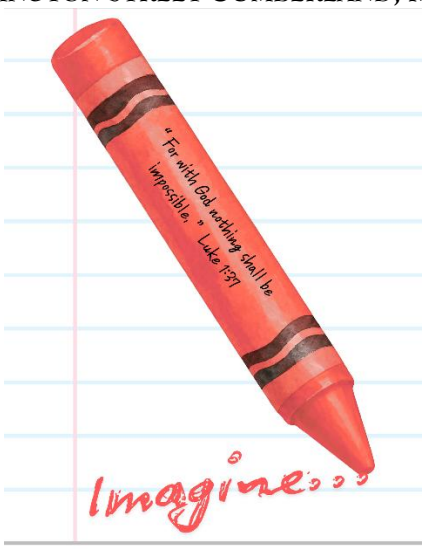
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SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 1, 2026 11:00 AM

GATHERING

11:00 AM **CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

OPENING VOLUNTARY *ORGAN PRELUDE AND VOLUNTARY* MAURICE GREENE (1696-1765)
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT *GIVE THANKS FOR SAINTS OF AGES PAST* "REPTON"
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

Give thanks for saints of ages past and saints alive today;
Though often by this world despised, their hearts by God are richly prized.
Give thanks that we may say we share their pilgrim way.

*** CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY**

Look around us: the heavens declare God's glory.
The earth is filled with the beauty of our Creator.
The mountains rise, the waters flow, and every living thing receives what it needs from God's hand.
Creation sings the generosity of God.
Imagine a world received not as a possession, but as a gift.
Imagine lives shaped by gratitude and care.
Come, let us praise the Maker of heaven and earth.
We worship the God who calls us to cherish all that has been made.

Let us pray -
Creator God, you have made a world of astonishing beauty and abundance. You paint the sky, fill the sea, clothe the fields, and give life to every creature. Open our eyes to wonder. Free us from taking your gifts for granted. Teach us to receive creation with gratitude and to care for it with reverence. May our lives join the great song of creation that praises you in every generation. Amen.

*** HYMN #15** *ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING* "LASST UNS ERFREUEN"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, we confess that we have often lived as though the earth were ours to use rather than your gift entrusted to our care. We have consumed without gratitude, wasted without thought, and ignored the consequences of our choices. We have forgotten that the creatures of the earth belong to you and that we share this beautiful world with one another. Forgive us. Restore our sense of wonder. Teach us to live more gently, to consume more thoughtfully, and to care faithfully for the world you have placed in our hands. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

RESPONSE #579 *LORD, HAVE MERCY (Vs.1)* "KYRIE ELEISON"

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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.
(If you are new to our community, we invite you to fill out one of the blue visitor cards and place it in the offering plate later in the service.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING GENESIS 2:4-15

4 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, 5 when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no vegetation of the field had yet sprung up—
for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground, 6 but a stream would
rise from the earth and water the whole face of the ground— 7 then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the
ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. 8 And the Lord God planted a
garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 Out of the ground the Lord God made to
grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree
of the knowledge of good and evil. 10 A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes
four branches. 11 The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is
gold, 12 and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. 13 The name of the second river is Gihon; it is
the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. 14 The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria.
And the fourth river is the Euphrates. 15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and
keep it.

ANTHEM O TASTE AND SEE RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS (1872-1958)

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR; KATELYN HENDRIX, SOPRANO

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is
Blest is the one who trusteth in Him.

SECOND READING PSALM 104 CARL MCCOLMAN

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty,
2 wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent;
3 you set the beams of your chambers on the waters; you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind;
4 you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.
5 You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.
6 You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains.
7 At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.
8 They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys, to the place that you appointed for them.
9 You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth.
10 You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills,
11 giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.

12 By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.
13 From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.
14 You cause the grass to grow for the cattle and plants for people to cultivate, to bring forth food from the earth
15 and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine and bread to strengthen the human heart.
16 The trees of the field are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.
17 In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.
18 The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coneys.
19 You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.
20 You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.
21 The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.
22 When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.
23 People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening.
24 O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
25 There is the sea, great and wide; creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.
26 There go the ships and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.
27 These all look to you to give them their food in due season;
28 when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.
29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.
31 May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works—
32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke.
33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord.
35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

SERMON *"IMAGINE: THE BEAUTY"* REV. ALISON PETERS

*** HYMN #22** *GOD OF THE SPARROW* "ROEDER"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

ALL SAINTS PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE AND THE TOLLING OF THE BELL

(Members of First Presbyterian Church are indicated by the asterisk.)*

***ALLEINE COURTNEY**
***ALAN CUPPETT**
GREG DRAPER
JOHN HENDRICKSON
RENEE ISAAC
BETTY J. MORANVILLE
*** BETTY RICHTMEYER**
***ELAINE SOLOMON**

(As extras bells ring, please feel free to speak names of others you have lost this year.)

HYMN FOR REFLECTION #326 *FOR ALL THE SAINTS (Verses 1 & 3)* "SINE NOMINE"

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP DEBBIE ROPER

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 *THE ROAD HOME* STEPHEN PAULUS (1949-2014)

KATELYN HENRIX, ALISON PETERS, SOPRANOS; MIKAYLA DODGE, MEZZO-SOPRANO; ZACH DODGE, BARITONE; JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

Tell me where is the road I can call my own,
That I left, that I love, so long ago?
All these years I have wandered
Oh when will I know
There's a way, there's a road that will lead me home.

After wind, after rain, when the dark is done
As I wake in a dream in the gold of day
Through the air there's a calling from far away
There's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me, come away is the call
With love in your heart as the only song
There is no such beauty as where you belong
Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home.

*** DOXOLOGY #607** *PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW* *"OLD HUNDREDTH"*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit ever more; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*** UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Loving God, thank you for all that you have given us: the people we love, the world you have made, and the gifts you have placed within us. Help us to imagine what we can do with what you have entrusted to us.
Give us eyes to see the beauty around us, hearts that notice those who need compassion,
hands ready to welcome and serve, and courage to make a difference where we can.
Take these gifts we offer, and take our lives as well. Use them to make your world a little more loving, beautiful, and whole. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Communion will be served this morning in a traditional manner –
servers will pass the plate with bread and the tray with cups of juice individually.
Today we are serving gluten-free bread for communion. We strive for an inclusive method to share communion together.
Please hold the bread and juice until all have been served, and you will be invited to partake together.)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

PASSING OF THE PLATE *(please wait until all have been served)*

SHARING OF THE CUP *(please wait until all have been served)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous God, we thank you for feeding us at your table with the bread of life and the cup of blessing. As we give thanks for the wonders of your creation—from the majesty of the earth to the breath of life you breathed into humanity—

we ask that you send us forth from this meal renewed in Spirit. Empower us to be faithful stewards who care for the world you have made, live with deep gratitude, and reflect your beauty in all that we do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*** HYMN# 14** *FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH* "DIX"

*** 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 *I SING A SONG OF THE SAINTS OF GOD* "GRAND ISLE"
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

(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.)

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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

Preacher.....Rev. Alison Peters
Liturgist.....Wesley Mason
Director of Music Ministries/Organist/Pianist.....Judith Brown
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir; Katelyn Hendrix and Alison Peters, Sopranos
.....Mikayla Dodge; Mezzo-Soprano; Zach Dodge, Baritone
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Cathy Levitas and David Stickler



SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL-THANKSGIVING GATHERING: The Congregational Care Committee will once again be hosting Second Sunday Thanksgiving Potluck next **Sunday, November 8th, 2026** in the fellowship hall, immediately following worship. The committee will supply the Turkey and gravy. We are asking attendees to bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. A sign up sheet is available in the main hallway, or by emailing Kelsey Gallo at firstpresbyterianevents@gmail.com. We hope everyone can join us for fellowship and a delicious meal!

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP: Next Sunday, Cheryl Burke and Veda Gill, of Presbyterian Education Board (PEB) in Pakistan will give the Stewardship "Moment for Mission", focusing on one of the missions we support with our pledges. PEB is educating the "poorest of the poor" alongside Muslim students with excellent results. Plan to stay after the service for the meal, and learn more about PEB.



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.

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.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER (2)
7:30 AM — CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
12:30 PM — RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
7:00 PM — CHORAL SOCIETY REHEARSAL

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER (3)
7:30 AM — CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:00 PM — MISSION MEETING
7:00 PM — BUILDING & GROUNDS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER (4)
7:30 AM — CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
12:15 PM — STAFF MEETING
5:30 PM — WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING
6:30 PM — JOYBELLS REHEARSAL
7:00 PM — NA MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER (5)
7:30 AM — CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
5:00 PM — FALL BIBLE STUDY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER (6)
7:30 AM — CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER (7)
9:00 AM — P.E.O. MEETING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER (8)
9:45 AM — ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:00 AM — SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE
RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & CINDY CORLEY

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of October 25, 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	$ 173,582.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	$ 167,384.00
Over/(Under)	$ 6, 197.00

ONLINE GIVING

BALTIMORE PRESBYTERY MEETING: First Presbyterian Church will host the Baltimore Presbytery Meeting on November 19th. We would like to invite the congregation to attend and ask for volunteers to serve as greeters, welcome our visitors, and help direct them throughout the building. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Sharon Kazary.

THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS will be exploring the words and stories of prophetic figures in Scripture which guides readers through an Advent practice that speaks ancient comfort to modern souls. This study will begin on the first day of Advent, November 29, at 9:45 AM in the Dakota Room. It will be available on Zoom. The following is from the Introduction.

Witness to the Light, An Advent Study with the Prophets by Erin Wathen

Introduction

The weight of the world is heavy these days. To spare us all a litany of gloom and doom—which would likely be updated, modified, and freshly awful by this time tomorrow—I invite us all instead to take a moment and reflect on what is feeling particularly heavy in this present moment. What issues are weighing on your heart? What worries for your family or your future are keeping you up at night? And more broadly speaking: Who is suffering in your community today? Where is the world aching from violence or disaster? Where do you witness the rich and powerful reaching for more, adding to the burden of the oppressed? Can you hear the voices of those on the margins, calling out for justice? What is making you weary these days? Is there an empty place that's aching for healing or new life? Now, holding all of that weariness together, hear the invitation that rings out from the desert:

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord! Isaiah 2

FALL BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR ALISON

"DANIEL: FAITHFUL IN EXILE"

Oct. 29th

DANIEL 1

"Faithful in Exile"

Nov. 5th

DANIEL 2–3

"Whose Kingdom?"

Nov. 12th

DANIEL 4–6

"Faithfullness under power."

Dinner will be served at 5pm followed by bible study from 5:30-6:30.

Please RSVP to the church office by 10/26.



Save the Dates:

October 9th – Kids Adventure Day with Miss Carolyn at Rocky Gap 4:30pm

October 11th – Family Sunday School, Second Sunday Baked Potato Bar & Trunk or Treat 2-3:30

October 17th – Fellowship Dinner at the Roper's (RSVP by 10/9)

October 18th – Stewardship Kickoff "Imagine..."

October 23rd, 24th, 25th
A Weekend with Carl McColman
Friday – Community Cafe
Saturday – FPC
Sun – FPC & PRIDE Festival

October 25th – 12:00-4:00 PM
Cumberland PRIDE Festival

October 29th, Nov. 5th, Nov. 12th
Thursday Night Bible Study with Pastor Alison
Dinner at 5, study 5:30-6:30 PM

November 8th – Family Sunday School & Second Sunday Thanksgiving

November 21st 2:00 – 4:00 PM
Fall Retreat with Martha
Elder Wisdom, Second Half of Life Spirituality and a Theology of Aging

November 29th – Hanging of the Greens

Additional information may be found by contacting firstpresbyterianevents@gmail.com or the church office.