

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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First
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
of Cumberland, MD

Empowered to love, serve, care, and give

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: TRINITY SUNDAY

MAY 26, 2024

11:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

TRINITY SUNDAY
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

"ST. PATRICK"

11:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

GIVE THANKS, WORSHIP AND PRAISE
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

JOHN BELL

Give thanks worship and praise the Lord
for God has done great things.

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Come, let us celebrate the Trinity, one God in three persons:

We come to worship our amazing God, who is three in one!

God the Father made the world and everything in it. He loves us and cares for us.

Thank you, God the Father, for your love and care!

God the Son, Jesus, came to save us. He teaches us how to love one another.

Thank you, Jesus, for your love and teaching!

God the Holy Spirit is with us always, helping us and guiding us.

Thank you, Holy Spirit, for being with us!

Together, let us praise the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

We praise you, God, with all our hearts!

Let us pray -

Holy, three-in-one God, all that is, all that was, and all that ever will be belongs to you alone. You have spoken to us through your Word made flesh. Now guide us into the truth by the gift of your Holy Spirit, so that we may glorify you forever and ever. Amen.

* HYMN #1

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!

"NICAEA"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, our loving Father, we are sorry for the times when we have not listened to you or done what you wanted us to do. Jesus, you showed us how to love others. We are sorry for the times when we haven't been kind or loving. Holy Spirit, you help us to do what is right. We are sorry for the times when we haven't followed your guidance. God, please forgive us and help us to do better. Thank you for always giving us another chance. Amen.

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

RESPONSE #188

JESUS LOVES ME!

"JESUS LOVES ME"

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

A MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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 29:1-11

^{1,2} Bravo, GOD, bravo! Gods and all angels shout, “Encore!” In awe before the glory, in awe before God’s visible power. Stand at attention! Dress your best to honor him! ³ GOD thunders across the waters, Brilliant, his voice and his face, streaming brightness— GOD, across the flood waters. ⁴ GOD’s thunder tympanic, GOD’s thunder symphonic. ⁵ GOD’s thunder smashes cedars, GOD topples the northern cedars. ⁶ The mountain ranges skip like spring colts, The high ridges jump like wild kid goats. ^{7,8} GOD’s thunder spits fire. GOD thunders, the wilderness quakes; He makes the desert of Kadesh shake. ⁹ GOD’s thunder sets the oak trees dancing A wild dance, whirling; the pelting rain strips their branches. We fall to our knees—we call out, “Glory!” ¹⁰ Above the floodwaters is GOD’s throne from which his power flows, from which he rules the world. ¹¹ GOD makes his people strong. GOD gives his people peace.

ANTHEM

O GOD, MY HEART IS READY
THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

PHILIP RADCLIFFE

O God, my heart is ready
I will sing and give praise
With the best member that I have;
O God, my heart is ready.

SECOND READING

ISAIAH 6:1-8

¹⁻⁸ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Master sitting on a throne—high, exalted!—and the train of his robes filled the Temple. Angel-seraphs hovered above him, each with six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two their feet, and with two they flew. And they called back and forth one to the other,

Holy, Holy, Holy is GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies. His bright glory fills the whole earth.

The foundations trembled at the sound of the angel voices, and then the whole house filled with smoke. I said, “Doom! It’s Doomsday! I’m as good as dead!

Every word I’ve ever spoken is tainted— blasphemous even!

And the people I live with talk the same way, using words that corrupt and desecrate.

And here I’ve looked God in the face! The King! GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies!”

Then one of the angel-seraphs flew to me. He held a live coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. He touched my mouth with the coal and said, “Look. This coal has touched your lips. Gone your guilt, your sins wiped out.” And then I heard the voice of the Master: “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” I spoke up, “I’ll go. Send me!”

SERMON

“3-IN-ONE”

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #69

I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY

“HERE I AM”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO OFFERING

(Please place all tithes and offerings as well as any orange prayer request cards in the offering plate.)

OFFERTORY SOLO

FOR ME TO LIVE IS JESUS
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

JOHANN PACHELBEL (1653-1706)

* DOXOLOGY #606

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

“OLD HUNDRETH”

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

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS 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 #547 GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING "AR HYD YNOS"

* 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 PATRIOTIC MEDLEY ARR. GLENDA AUSTIN
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

* 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.....Juliana Gallo
Director of Music Ministries/Organist.....Judith Brown
Musicians.....The Sanctuary Choir
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Kathy Dowell and JoAnn Brotemarkle



WELCOME: A very warm welcome to everyone who comes to worship with us here at First Presbyterian Church! We are proud of being a "Big Tent Church" where everyone is welcome to join us in worshipping and serving our Lord, Jesus Christ. We welcome and encourage worshippers 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 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 orange 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. **Nursery care is provided during worship for all children 4 years of age and younger!**

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.

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

Pastor Alison is available when requested or informed of a need. If you are aware of someone in need of a visit or phone call, please call or text her to let her know. *[Fridays are generally her day off and she will respond when she is available.]*

Ways to contact Pastor Alison: call, text, or email: 814-715- 1681 / revalisonpeters@gmail.com

**To help with scheduling,
please reach out to the Church Office:
301-777-3700/ firstpresbyteriansecretary@gmail.com**

Please note the church office will be **CLOSED** tomorrow, May 27th, in observance of Memorial Day!



Our Summer Worship Schedule will begin next Sunday, June 2nd!

Worship will begin at 10:00 AM during the summer months.

SUMMER MUSIC: Our summer music program begins next Sunday, June 2nd and goes through Labor Day. If you would like to participate one Sunday by playing an instrument or joining in song please speak to or contact a choir member or Judie Brown at browjuda49@gmail.com. Thank you!!



KICK OFF SUMMER WITH OUR VBS FAMILY FOR OUR FREE SKATING PARTY: Join us on **Saturday, June 1st** from 2:00-4:00 PM at Moon Glo Skating Rink for our Private Kick-Off Event. All ages are included.

and then...

SET SAIL for Vacation Bible School which will be held June 3rd-6th and from 6:00-8:00 PM at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Ages 5 through completion of 5th grade will participate

alongside volunteers. Grandchildren and neighbor kids are welcome with 5-6 area churches sponsoring this fun, crafty, tasty and faith-building event. We are looking for volunteers as well as children to come! Registration forms will be available.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE
RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & CINDY CORLEY



ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of May 19, 2024
Total 2024 Pledges Promised	\$220,460.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 21,721.00
<u>2024 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$198,738.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 82,133.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 75,788.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 6,344.00

ONLINE GIVING



MONDAY, MAY (27)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, MAY (28)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

WEDNESDAY, MAY (29)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
 10:30 AM STAFF MEETING
 7:00 PM NA MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY (30)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, MAY (31)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, JUNE (1)

SUNDAY, JUNE (2)

10:00 AM SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT:
 HOLY COMMUNION
SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS!