

# 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: 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 23, 2024

10:00 AM

### GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

GELOBET SEIST DU, JESU CHRIST (PRAISE BE TO THE LORD, JESUS CHRIST)

SAMUEL SCHEIDT (1587-1654)

JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

JOHANN HEINRICH BUTTSTEDT (1666-1727)

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

God is a stronghold for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.

Those who know God's name have trust.

God will not forsake us.

We sing praises to God, who dwells in Zion.

Let us declare the works of God, let us lift up God's name.

Let us pray -

Holy God, you created the world and all that is in it. The wind and the sea obey your Son. You are the source of our strength and our confidence is in you. All praise be to you, our stronghold and savior. Amen.

#### \* HYMN #442

JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA

"WOODWORTH"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In Your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways. 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

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 9:9-20

<sup>9</sup>The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

<sup>10</sup>And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

<sup>11</sup>Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples.

<sup>12</sup>For he who avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

<sup>13</sup>Be gracious to me, O LORD. See what I suffer from those who hate me; you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death, <sup>14</sup>so that I may recount all your praises and, in the gates of daughter Zion, rejoice in your deliverance.

<sup>15</sup>The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught.

<sup>16</sup>The LORD has made himself known; he has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.

*Higgaion. Selah* <sup>17</sup>The wicked shall depart to Sheol, all the nations that forget God. <sup>18</sup>For the needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever. <sup>19</sup>Rise up, O LORD! Do not let mortals prevail; let the nations be

judged before you. <sup>20</sup>Put them in fear, O LORD; let the nations know that they are only human. *Selah*

### SOLO

AIR ON THE G STRING  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

J.S. BACH (1685-1750)

### SECOND READING

MARK 4:35-41

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Be silent! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

### SERMON

"SEASICK"

REV. ALISON PETERS

### \* HYMN #463

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

"FOUNDATION"

## 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

ADAGIO  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

TOMMASO ALBINONI (1671-1751)

### \* 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 #543

GOD, BE THE LOVE TO SEARCH AND KEEP ME

"GREEN TYLER"

### \* BENEDICTION

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

ODE TO JOY  
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

L. BEETHOVEN (1770-1827)

\* 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/Pianist.....Judith Brown  
 Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler  
 Ushers.....Carolyn Mathews and David Stickler  
 Nursery.....Chris and Kelsey Gallo

Please note the Brittany is on vacation from Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>-Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. A volunteer will be in the office from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.



**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 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](http://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](mailto:revalisonpeters@gmail.com)**

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

**SUMMER MUSIC:** Our summer music program begins today and goes through Labor Day. If you would like to participate by playing an instrument or joining in song one Sunday this summer, please speak to or contact a choir member or Judie Brown at [browjuda49@gmail.com](mailto:browjuda49@gmail.com). Thank you!!



### MONDAY, JUNE (24)

BRITTANY ON VACATION  
8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN UNTIL NOON  
BY VOLUNTEER

### TUESDAY, JUNE (25)

BRITTANY ON VACATION

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE (26)

BRITTANY ON VACATION  
7:00 PM NA MEETING

### THURSDAY, JUNE (27)

BRITTANY ON VACATION

### FRIDAY, JUNE (28)

BRITTANY ON VACATION  
8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN UNTIL NOON  
BY VOLUNTEER

### SATURDAY, JUNE (29)

### SUNDAY, JUNE (30)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we worship God and promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ by loving ALL and fostering justice, peacemaking, and care of creation.

## VISION STATEMENT

We aspire to be nurtured by the good news of God's love, where ALL God's children are:

- Welcomed and appreciated
- Called to worship, learn, and grow together in faith
- Encouraged to care for one another
- Sent to show God's love

-Adopted by the Session on September 21, 2023