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CHURCH  
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*Empowered to love, serve, care, and give*

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY  
JULY 14, 2024 10:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

GIVE ME, JESUS

AFRO-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL, ARR. JASON W. KRUG

JANE WESTCOTT, HANDBELLS; JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

**The world, and those who live in it.**

For God has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

**Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?**

And who shall stand in God's holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts.**

Who do not lift up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully.

**Such is the company of those who seek God**

who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

**O God, we seek your face!**

Let us pray -

God the creator, God of redemption, you show your power in whirling galaxies and unseen forces. You show your love in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Drive out the evils that threaten to break our spirits and help us to rely on your all-sufficient grace, for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

\* HYMN #19

GOD OF GREAT AND GOD OF SMALL

"GOD OF GREAT AND SMALL"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. You show us what is good, but we choose the ways of evil. You show us what is right, but we fail to do your will. Forgive us, God of grace.

Redeem us from our sin and restore us to your image so that our lives may honor you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 24

- <sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it,
- <sup>2</sup> for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.
- <sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?
- <sup>4</sup> Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully.
- <sup>5</sup> They will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from the God of their salvation.
- <sup>6</sup> Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. *Selah*
- <sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!
- <sup>8</sup> Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.
- <sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!
- <sup>10</sup> Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. *Selah*

#### SOLO

#### THE PRAYER

CAROLE BAYER SAGER & DAVID FOSTER

JUDITH BROWN, MEZZO-SOPRANO, PIANO

I pray you'll be our eyes and  
watch us where we go  
And help us to be wise, in times  
when we don't know.

Let this be our prayer,  
When we lose our way  
Lead us to the place,  
Guide us with your grace  
To a place where we'll be safe.

I pray we'll find your light  
And hold it in our hearts  
When stars go out each night  
Remind us where we are.

Let this be our prayer  
When shadows fill our day  
Help us find a place  
Guide us with Your grace  
Give us faith so we'll be safe.

A world where pain and sorrow will be ended,  
And ev'ry heart that's broken will be mended  
And we'll remember we are all God's children  
Reaching out to touch you  
Reaching to the sky.

We ask that you be kind  
And watch us from above  
We hope each soul will find  
Another soul to love.

Let this be our prayer  
Just like ev'ry child  
Who needs to find a place,  
Guide us with Your grace.  
Give us faith so we'll be safe.

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

SERMON

"ALL THINGS"

REV. ALISON PETERS

\* HYMN #450

BE THOU MY VISION

"SLANE"

**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

BIRDSONG  
JUDITH BROWN, PIANO

JASON TONOLI

\* 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

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDER -JULIE COURTNEY (CLASS OF 2026)

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE AND STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

PROFESSION OF FAITH

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND LAYING OF HANDS

DECLARATION

WELCOME

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 #649

AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND

"AMAZING GRACE"

\* 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.

Reflective text:

Lift up the gates eternal; lift up your voices;  
The King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.  
Come, lift your heads with joy; come, lift up your tower,  
The King of glory comes in full might and power.

\* 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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| Preacher .....                                     | Rev. Alison Peters             |
| Liturgist.....                                     | Carolyn Matthews               |
| Director of Music Ministries/Organist/Pianist..... | Judith Brown                   |
| Musician.....                                      | Jane Westcott, Handbells       |
| Audio/Video Technicians.....                       | Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler |
| Ushers.....  | Cindy Corley and Evan Swanger  |
| Nursery.....                                       | Jeff and Kathy Getty           |

**SECOND SUNDAE SOCIAL:** Congregational Care and Outreach will be hosting our Second Sundaes Social. It's not a typo, you read that right! **Join us after worship today for fellowship and to make your own ice cream sundae!**



**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 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](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.



**MONDAY, JULY (15)**

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN  
4:45 PM ADMIN & FINANCE MEETING

**TUESDAY, JULY (16)**

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

**WEDNESDAY, JULY (17)**

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

**THURSDAY, JULY (18)**

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

**FRIDAY, JULY (19)**

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

**SATURDAY, JULY (20)**

ACT NOW YOUTH FELLOWSHIP OVERNIGHT STAY

**SUNDAY, JULY (21)**

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

**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)**

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



| <b>ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:</b>   | <b>as of July 7, 2024</b> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Total 2024 Pledges Promised          | \$220,460.00              |
| Pre-paid pledges                     | \$ 21,721.00              |
| <b>2024 Pledge Balance Promised</b>  | <b>\$198,738.00</b>       |
| Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date | \$ 112,528.00             |
| Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date | \$ 102,327.00             |
| Over/(Under)                         | \$ 10,200.00              |

**ONLINE GIVING**



**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!!



In loving memory of Franz Lettner, Ralph and Ellen Brand, Dorothy Ross, Robert Ross, Louise Ross and Olive Wilson by Otto and Katie Ross.

**SUMMER RETREAT: Behold! I Stand at the Door and Knock! Learn to See as the Mystics See**  
As we prepare for fall, join Rev. Martha for an end-of-summer contemplative retreat on Friday evening August 16<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday morning August 17<sup>th</sup> as we begin to examine the contemplative Christian tradition. On Friday evening, we'll gather around the fire pit in Pastor Alison's yard for dessert, evening prayers, and explore contemplative practice. On Saturday morning, we will spend time at First Presbyterian learning about the history of the mystical tradition in preparation for a course in the fall on the mystics (Thursdays Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>-November 7<sup>th</sup>). The course will be team-taught by Pastor Alison and Rev. Martha and will feature excerpts from Richard Rohr's classic on the mystical tradition, *The Naked Now*.

**To register for the retreat and get a head start on the fall class, RSVP to the church office by August 1<sup>st</sup>. We need eight folks to go forward with the retreat.**

