

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Empowered to love, serve, care, and give

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION
JULY 7, 2024 10:00 AM

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

I VOW TO THEE, MY COUNTRY (THAXTED, JUPITER, THE PLANETS)
JUDITH BROWN, ORGAN

GUSTAV HOLST (1873-1934)

Reflective text:

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test
That lays upon the altar, the dearest and the best
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know
We may not count her armies, we may not see her king
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering
And soul by soul, and silently her shining bounds increase
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace

10:00 AM

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP & PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
God's grace is sufficient for us;
in Christ, the weak are made strong. Let us worship God.

Let us pray -

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ, you show us the breadth of your power and the depth of your love. You listen to our cries of pain and hear our laments. You see the fear in our eyes and know the secrets of our hearts. You do not turn from our distress but stretch out your hand to heal, comfort, and save. All thanks and praise be to you, O God; your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

* HYMN #337

MY COUNTRY, 'TIS OF THEE

"AMERICA"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. You sent prophets to teach us, but we have not listened to them. You sent your Son to save us, but we ignore your living Word. Forgive us, God of grace. By your power at work within us remove our faithlessness and restore our faith; 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 48

¹ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. His holy mountain, ² beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.
³ Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense. ⁴ Then the kings assembled; they came on together.
⁵ As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic; they took to flight;
⁶ trembling took hold of them there, pains as of a woman in labor,
⁷ as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.
⁸ As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes forever. *Selah* ⁹ We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.
¹⁰ Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with victory.
¹¹ Let Mount Zion be glad; let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments.
¹² Walk about Zion; go all around it; count its towers; ¹³ consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation ¹⁴ that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will be our guide forever.

SOLO

THOUGH I MAY SPEAK (HYMN #693)
MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO; ZACH DODGE, GUITAR

BY HAL HOPSON

SECOND READING

MARK 6:1-13

⁶ He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.
⁴ Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house.” ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”
¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

SERMON

“PARTNERS”

REV. ALISON PETERS

* HYMN #529

DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT’S TETHER

“UNION SEMINARY”

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

WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME (HYMN #726)
MIKAYLA DODGE, SOPRANO; ZACH DODGE, GUITAR

BY JOHN BELL

* DOXOLOGY #606

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

“OLD HUNDREDTH”

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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

*You are invited to come forward and receive the elements by Intinction (take the bread and dip it in the cup).
There are also individual cups as well as gluten-free crackers available.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, we thank you for this sacred meal, and your presence in this place. Strengthen our partnership with you and with one another. Help us to be your hands and feet in the world, sharing your love and grace. Unite us in our mission to serve and uplift each other. May this meal nourish our spirits and ignite our passion to live out your will. Amen.

* HYMN #757

TODAY WE ALL ARE CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES

“KINGSFOLD”

* 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

AMERICA
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..... Wesley Mason
Director of Music Ministries/Organist/Pianist.....Judith Brown
Musicians..... Mikayla Dodge, Soprano; Zach Dodge, Guitar
Audio/Video Technicians.....Joe Aurigemma and Eric Ringler
Ushers.....Kathy Dowell and Carolyn Mathews
Nursery.....Cindy Corley and Nadene Stroup

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 next Sunday, July 14th** for fellowship and 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 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 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



MONDAY, JULY (8)

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

TUESDAY, JULY (9)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN
 5:00 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JULY (10)

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

THURSDAY, JULY (11)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, JULY (12)

8:30 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, JULY (13)

SUNDAY, JULY (14)

10:00 AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
 11:00 AM SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE
 RULING ELDERS: CARL BELT & CINDY CORLEY



ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of June 30, 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	\$ 106,945.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 98,535.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 8,409.00

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. Thank you!!