

✦ DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

It is through your goodness, Lord, that we have these gifts to share. Accept them and guide us as we seek to use these offerings to bring glory to your name. Amen.

✦ HYMN 307 - *God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

✦ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

✦ BENEDICTION RESPONSE (11:00) - *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE - Postlude on *Coronation*

arr. Jason Payne

HEARING AIDS, LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & BIBLES AVAILABLE FROM USHERS. SANCTUARY EQUIPPED WITH A T-LOOP; SET HEARING AID TO "T" POSITION.

THOSE ASSISTING THIS MORNING - **Preacher:** Dottie LaPenta; **Liturgists:** Lisa Rzepka, Gene Way (8:30), Paul Murphy (11:00); **Discovery:** Britt Griswold (11:00); **Acolytes:** Sami & Colt Jett (11:00); **Time with Children:** Miss Good (11:00); **Ushers:** Betsy Stewart, Jane MacMurray (8:30), Clair & Barbara Morris, Paul & Roberta Bensusky (11:00).

ABOUT REV. DOROTHY LAPENTA - Dottie was ordained into ministry at First of Annapolis. She served as the pastor of Hope Presbyterian in National Capital Presbytery from 2002-2015. She is currently a retired minister member of Baltimore Presbytery and serves as the parish associate of Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church in Crofton. She and husband Mike live in Odenton where they joyfully and as often as they can entertain four grandchildren.

WELCOME SHANIKA COLE - to the FPC nursery and staff! Shanika comes to us with a great deal of experience in child care. We look forward to introducing her to our families. Please stop by and say a warm hello!



FPC MISSION STATEMENT: WE ARE CALLED TO DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS AND WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD. Micah 6:8

First Presbyterian Church, Annapolis, Maryland

September 8, 2019 – 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

✦ Please rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE - *Nun Bitten Wir*

Dietrich Buxtehude

NOTICES OF CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: Introduction Rev. Jose Lopez (see announcement)
(Pass the greeter pad down the pew and back.)

CHORAL INTROIT (11:00) - *Jesus, Light of Joy Surround Us*

LAUDA ANIMA

Jesus, light of joy, surround us; let your splendid glory shine: source of every earthly blessing, heaven's everlasting sign. Alleluia, we adore you, light divine.

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather in the presence of God,

Who takes endings and turns them into beginnings.

We gather in the presence of God,

Who knows us when we soar and when we stumble.

We gather in the presence of God,

Who never hesitates to call us beloved.

We gather in the presence of God,

Who shapes us by grace and sets a table for us

when our souls are hungry and our hearts are empty.

May Jesus Christ be praised! Come, let us worship.

✦ **HYMN 667** - *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

CALL TO CONFESSION

Our sins and shortcomings are not to be hidden from God. Rather we bring them into the light trusting that God's throne is grace. With the confidence given to us in our faith, let us confess all that separates us from God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and merciful God, there are many times when we fail to sense that our souls are slipping away from you into the shadows. We have counted the cost of being your followers and we find that at times it's too much for us.

It's not convenient. Other powers are more inviting. Sometimes we don't understand you and therefore think that you don't have relevance for the lives we live and the choices we make. The world's needs overwhelm us. There are too many hurricanes, too much hunger, too many shootings. We feel hopeless and our souls slip away. Yet, you do not lift your hand from us, but continue to call us with a willingness to remake us over and over again for your will and your purpose. So forgive us Lord and loosen our grip on the need to control our lives and our life together.

Reshape us, redeem us, and renew us that we may be instruments of your peace in the creative and challenging work of healing and reconciliation for all people.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen!

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

When we face God and ourselves with the awareness of our need, we are given the grace to grow and the courage to continue the journey. Christ is for us, died for us, rose for us, and sits with the Father praying for us. Be awakened and receive God's grace. Know that you are forgiven and free to live as forgiven people. This is the good news. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE - Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CELTIC ALLELUIA



PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN (11:00)

(Pre-k to 1st grade children may attend Discovery after Time with Children; 2nd to 5th grade children remain in worship. Worship Bags and the Red Wagon are available at rear. Complete and return the questionnaire to the Activity Room for a surprise!)

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER (11:00) - *Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God. Pour out your Spirit and open our ears and our minds to what you would have us hear this day. Light our paths with your words that we may receive your truth in faith and love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen!

FIRST SCRIPTURE - Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

ANTHEM (11:00) - *Look at the World*

John Rutter

Look at the world everything all around us, and marvel every day. So many joys and wonders, so many miracles along our way. *(Refrain) Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation. Give us thankful hearts, that we may see all the gifts we share, and every blessing, all things come of thee.* Look at the earth, bringing forth fruit and flower; the sky, the sunshine and the rain; the hills, the trees and mountains, valley flowing river, field and plain. Think of the spring, the warmth of summer, bringing the harvest before the winter's cold. Everything grows, and has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold. Every good gift, all that we need and cherish comes from the Lord in token of God's love. We are the hands, stewards of all the bounty on God's earth and heavens above.

SECOND SCRIPTURE - Jeremiah 18:1-11

SERMON - "God's Investment"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

✠ HYMN 761 - *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

BEECHER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Concluding with the Lord's Prayer using "debts" and "debtors," *Hymnal*, page 35.)

CALL TO OFFERING

Our God is so generous. Thankful for this opportunity, let us bring to God our gifts and offerings.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY - *To You, O Lord, I Call*

Robert Powell

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Church	Community
Sun 9/8	FIRST SUNDAY OF PROGRAM YEAR	
	8:30 Worship (sanctuary)	9:00 CPT Coffee & Donuts (chapel)
	9:30 Education Hour	9:30 CPT (chapel)
	10:30 Coffee Hour (FH)	
	11:00 Worship (sanctuary)	
	12:05 Congregational Meeting (sanctuary)	
	12:10 Come & Consider (Library Parlor)	
	12:15 Session Questions & Answers (Fellowship Hall)	
Mon 9/9		12:00 Noon AA (FH)
	7:00 PNC (KC1a)	7:15 ACOA (Music)
		8:00 Monday Night AA (FH)
Tues 9/10	6:30 Mission (KC1a)	12:00 Noon AA (FH)
	6:30 Deacons (KC4a)	7:00 AA Board (KC5a)
Wed 9/11	12:00 Staff (KC1a)	
	4:00 Bible Study (KC1a)	12:00 Noon AA (FH)
	6:30 Stewardship (KC1a)	
	7:30 Taizé Worship (sanctuary)	
Thurs 9/12	6:30 Czech Partnership (KC4a)	12:00 Noon AA (FH)
	7:30 Choir Rehearsal (music)	4:00 STAIR Training (KC4a)
Fri 9/13	OFFICE OPEN!	12:00 Noon AA (FH)
Sat 9/14	8:30-1:00 Campus Care	11:45 ZW Tour
	tbd Middle School Lock-In	8:00 Evening AA (FH)
Sun 9/15	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
	8:30 Worship (sanctuary)	
	9:30 Education Hour	9:30 CPT (chapel)
	9:30 Listening Session - <i>Stewardship</i> (FH)	
	10:30 Coffee Hour (FH)	
	11:00 Worship (sanctuary)	
	12:00 Listening Session - <i>Stewardship</i> (FH)	

THIS MORNING AT CHURCH

COMUNIDAD PRESBITERIANA LA TRINIDAD (CPT) UPDATE - Praise God! The Comunidad community is excited to welcome Rev. José López as their new pastor. Pastor López is a Texas native and recently moved to Maryland from Michigan. His wife, Melissa, is pastor of First Presbyterian of Bel Air. They have two children, Noah (age 6) and Clara (age 4). CPT, is a new worshipping Presbyterian Community established through the Bay Area Disciples, our local ministry group of Anne Arundel County Presbyterian Churches in 2016. Many of you know CPT members who join us in Fellowship Hall after their 9:30 worship in the Shaw Chapel. The Comunidad services have been led by members of their congregation since the resignation of Rev. Migde Lucas in December 2018. We welcome Rev. López today and look forward to working with him for many years to come.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES AT 9:30 AM:

- Sunday School - For children (3rd floor) and youth (Kinhart Center). See everyone there!
- Adult Ed - KC4a. DVD lecture series, 30-minutes each, with Old Testament focus (New Testament in 2020-21). Discussion will follow videos; no homework, just show up! Copies of curriculum (yellow paper) at rear of church and from church homepage.
- The Bean - ZW House. Ease into the Sunday with coffee and a lively discussion that ranges from current social issues that effect our community to thoughtful questions about faith. Each Sunday is led by someone different who selects the topic.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWED BY SESSION Q&A - Immediately following the 11:00 am service, a congregational meeting will be called in the sanctuary to approve the terms of the Dissolution Agreement for the Dissolution of Pastoral Services for Rev. Dr. Heather Shortlidge. Copies of the Agreement will be available. Following the meeting, there will be a forum in Fellowship Hall to answer questions regarding the transition process.

COME & CONSIDER: About the Membership Process - 12:10-12:30 pm in the Library Parlor with Elder Bruce Bell. Children welcome!

Lisa Rzepka, Transitional Pastor

Bob Muckenfuss, Music Director & Organist / Miss Good, Family Ministry Director
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TAIZÉ PRAYER

2019-2020

A simple, ecumenical, Scripture-based form of contemplative prayer service
Offered jointly by First Presbyterian of Annapolis & St. Mary's Catholic Church.



"Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."
- John 15:5 -

Schedule

2nd Wednesday of the month from 7:30-8:20 pm

Sept. 11 - First Presbyterian
October 9 - St. John Neumann
November 13 - First Presbyterian
December 11 - St. John Neumann
January 8 - First Presbyterian

February 12 - St. John Neumann
March 11 - First Presbyterian
April 8 - St. John Neumann
May 13 - First Presbyterian

Locations

- Sanctuary, First Presbyterian Church of Annapolis, 171 Duke of Gloucester St. (corner of Duke & Conduit Streets; parking available at the Hillman Garage)
- Chapel, St. John Neumann Church, 620 N. Bestgate Road, Annapolis

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAMPUS CARE - 8:30 am-1:00 pm, Saturday, September 14. Work will include garden clean-up and preparations for fall, with support from youth. RSVP to lhbonner@hanifin.com.

ANNUAL FALL MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN - Saturday, September 14-Sunday, September 15. RSVP to Miss Good to save your spot (miss@annapolis-presbyterian.com).

LEARN MORE ABOUT FPC FINANCES AND SHARE WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU: Note New Dates September 15 & 22 - The Stewardship and Finance Committee, in partnership with Planned Giving and Memorials, will be presenting an overview of the Generosity Initiative during Listening Sessions in Fellowship Hall on September 15 (9:30 am and 12:00 pm) and again on September 22 (9:30 am only). Input about the church's finances may also be provided through an online survey (<https://forms.gle/EHvsDRZTbcrXdJud6>).

EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN TRAINING - Fellowship Hall. For members on September 29, 12:15-2:30 pm (for staff & officers on September 22). Will include participation from Office of Emergency Management, Fire & Police Departments. Light lunch served and child care available. RSVP by September 15 to Ted Mussenden (tedcmuss@gmail.com).

SIGN-UP FOR THE PASTOR'S WEEKLY CONGREGATIONAL EMAIL - Visit www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/congregational-email. Complete the very short form and look for a verification email in your inbox. Stay informed each week about church happenings!

"AN ORGAN TAPESTRY" CD - Recorded by Dr. Robert Muckenfuss on our organ. Proceeds of which benefit the Music Fund, may be purchased for \$20 online (annapolis-presbyterian.com/PAY) or by cash/check. Approach Bob, organist, after worship today!

LOOKING AHEAD IN WORSHIP

Wednesday, September 11 - Taizé Worship, Sanctuary, 7:30-8:30 pm

A service of prayer, scripture and chant cohosted with St. Mary's Parish. Location alternates monthly between FPC and St. John Neumann (<https://www.annapolis-presbyterian.com/library/public/documents/worshipandmusic/Taiz-Flyer-2019-20.pdf>).

September 15 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Rzepka will preach "The Drama of Dirt" from Genesis 2:4b-25 and Jeremiah 29:11.