"Whosoever will." For more than two centuries, Cumberland Presbyterians have joyfully proclaimed the Good News through the gracious call, **"whosoever will,"** and **"whosoever may come."** This loving invitation is extended to all: come and hear the Gospel, turn to God in repentance, receive divine forgiveness, and rest in the blessed assurance of salvation. We confess that salvation is God's gracious gift, received through faith, and that God lovingly works in all who answer this call.

At the heart of Cumberland Presbyterian faith is the joyful conviction that the Gospel invitation is sincerely offered to every person. Our tradition arose in response to interpretations of election and reprobation (Calvinistic doctrine) that seemed to teach that God had chosen only a limited number for salvation while predestining others to condemnation. We believe such an understanding does not fully express God's compassionate character revealed in Scripture. Therefore, with hope and biblical concern, our theology gladly affirms the invitation: **"whosoever will"** may come.

Universal Grace: With humble gratitude and abiding joy, we proclaim that Christ died for all people, not only for a chosen few. Salvation is God's gracious gift, freely offered in Christ and received through faith (Ephesians 2:8–10).

Human Response – Free Will: By the gracious leading and enabling of the Holy Spirit, every person may truly respond to God's call – receiving it in faith or choosing to resist it (Romans 10:8–13).

We also give thanks for the spiritual heritage of the Great Revival of 1800. In that same spirit of faith, prayer, and Christian welcome, we warmly invite all people to hear the Gospel, come to know Christ, and experience the new birth from above through the Holy Spirit, as proclaimed in John 3:1–16.

Doctrine	Calvinist Tradition	Cumberland “Medium Theology”
Election	Unconditional election (chosen before creation)	Conditional election in Christ (human’s faith)
Time of Election	Before humanity was created	When the sinner is regenerated by grace
Human Response to Salvation	Monergistic*: God alone initiates and accomplishes salvation	A genuine, grace-enabled response of faith: **“Whosoever will”**
Perseverance and Assurance	The saints will persevere by God’s preserving grace (eternal security)	Believers are kept in the assurance of God’s saving grace
Atonement and Reprobation	Particular or limited atonement; views of reprobation vary and may be expressed with pastoral qualification	Christ died for all; we reject limited atonement and unconditional reprobation.

**is the Christian theological doctrine that God is the sole efficient agent in human regeneration and salvation*

It would be our sincere joy and honor to welcome you.

We invite you to find a Cumberland Presbyterian congregation near you – a church family where you may worship the living God, grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, and share in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God for the gift of His gracious Word,
and may the peace of Christ abide with you.