

The LORD is
my shepherd
& shall not want

PSALM 23:1



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

10:50 a.m.

✠ We Gather in God's Name ✠

Welcome

Rev. Jennifer Johnson

Prelude

Max Jackson

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Resignation)

Bernard W Sanders

Call to Worship

Larry Wilson

Leader: Who tends to our needs and leads us safely?

People: Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Leader: Who knows each and every one of us by name?

People: Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Leader: Who seeks out the lost of this world?

People: Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

Leader: Who desires that we be as one flock – attentive to His voice?

People: Who willingly laid down His life that none should perish, but rather have everlasting life?

All: Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

† **Hymn of Easter**

#803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name.

In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.

He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways,
and leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death Your presence is my stay;

one word of Your supporting breath drives all my fears away.

Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows; Your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;

O may Your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.

There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

† **Call to Confession**

† **Prayer of Confession**

Gracious God, like sheep we are prone to wander from our Good Shepherd. We know that You alone can lead us to right paths, streams of living water and pastures that feed us, but we are easily distracted, frequently frightened, and stubbornly bent on making our own way. Still, You call us. Still, You whisper words of life. Thank You for Your relentless pursuit of us. In humility and faith, we turn to You again and seek to follow You. Forgive us for the sake of Christ our Shepherd, we pray. Amen.

† **Assurance of Pardon**

† **Response**

#245 (3)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

✠ **We Listen to God's Word** ✠

Children's Message

Lisa Stevens

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

David A White

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need Thy tender care; In Thy pleasant pastures feed us; for Thy use our souls prepare. Blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are. Early let us seek Thy favor, early let us do Thy will: Do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with Thy love our bosoms fill. Blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still!

Prayer for Illumination

The Epistle Lesson

Acts 4:5–12 (NRSV)

⁵ The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and

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Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." ¹² There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

L: The Word of the Lord

P: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 23

#801

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

The LORD's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie in pastures green. He leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make. Within the paths of righteousness, e'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk thro' death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill.

For Thou art with me, and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes.

My head Thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me.

And in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

† **The Epistle Lesson**

1 John 3:16–24 (NRSV)

¹⁶ We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷ How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before Him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and He knows everything.

²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness

before God; ²² and we receive from Him whatever we ask, because we obey His commandments and do what pleases Him. ²³ And this is His commandment, that we should believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us. ²⁴ All who obey His commandments abide in Him, and He abides in them. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit that He has given us.

L: This is the Word of the Lord! **P: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Jennifer Johnson

Shepherds and Stones

† **Hymn of Response**

#274

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.

You, Lord, are both prince and slave.

You, peacemaker and sword bringer
of the way You took and gave.

You the everlasting instant; You,
whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain,

Stripped of might upon the cross,

Shining in eternal glory,

Beggared by a soldier's toss,

You, the everlasting instant;

You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us,

Sit in power at God's side.

You, who preach a way that's narrow,

Have a love that reaches wide.

You, the everlasting instant;

You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!

Worthy is our cosmic Christ!

Worthy your defeat and vict'ry.

Worthy still your peace and strife.

You, the everlasting instant;

You, who are our death and life.

✠ **We Respond to God's Word** ✠

† **Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come again to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Acknowledgement

Special Offering: Clean Start

† **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

† **Prayer of Dedication**

✠ **WE ARE SENT IN GOD'S NAME** ✠

† **Hymn of Sending**

#187

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use Your fold prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us: we are Yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us: we are Yours.

We are Yours: in love befriend us; be the Guardian of our way.
Keep Your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear Your children when we pray.
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You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be.
You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.

Early let us seek Your favor; early let us do Your will.

Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Your love our spirits fill.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us; love us still.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us; love us still.

Closing Voluntary

Max Jackson

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (St Columba)

Robin Milford

† **Benediction**

† *Standing if you are able.*

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher: *Kim Whitman*

Liturgist: *Larry Wilson*

LAST WEEK'S RECAP

Attendance: 88

General Offering: \$1,431.00

Backpack Ministry: \$100.00

Building Rent: \$150.00

Organ Repair Fund: \$26.00

Online Offering: \$345.00

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$200.00

Total Offering: \$2,252.00

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

► Sunday, April 21

Sunday Morning Study, 9:18 a.m./Cancelled

Armchair Theologians, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Kara's Birthday Celebration, Noon

Children/Youth Membership Class/Cancelled

Nancy Payne's Birthday Celebration, 2 p.m.

Genesis Bible Study, 5:30 p.m./Cancelled

► Monday, April 22

Sew Blessed, 6 p.m.

► Tuesday, April 23

Finance Ministry Team, 5:30 p.m.

► Wednesday, April 24

Men's Bible Study, 7 a.m./Bob Evans

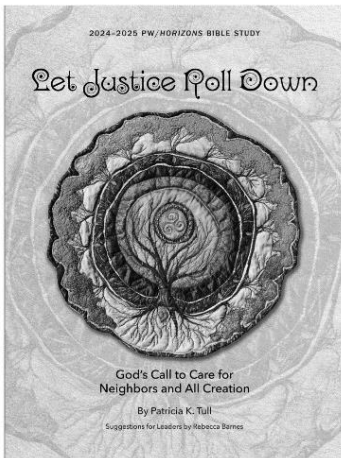
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 6:45 p.m.

► Thursday, April 25

Men's Lunch Bunch, 11:30 p.m.

Dames + Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

Summer Horizon Bible Study: *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*



Place: First Presbyterian Church

When: Mondays from 4:30 –6 p.m.

June 3–July 29.

There are 9 Mondays in June/July & 9 lessons.

Cost: \$10

Contacts: Ann Wiseman, Bettie George Frye, or Kathleen Filkins

Please let us know of your interest as soon as possible so books can be ordered.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Week ending April 25, 2024

Family of Kyle Call (Nanette & Pastor Bill)

Matt Dillon

Lee Hall

Family of Mark Hickman (Bob Hickman's brother)

Johnny Justice (Jane Justice's stepson)

Bob Miller (Cabell Huntington Hospital)

Margaret Ruth (Kelly Hanni)

Tay Thomas & family

Greg Willis

Week ending April 18, 2024

Kim Harper (Judy & Dave Eby's daughter)

Jane Justice

Week ending April 11, 2024

Joe Lane (Lee McCloud's father)

Phyllis Pennington (Nanette)

Wilma Potter

(Lois Jackson's sister and Pam & Roger Potter's sister-in-law)

Prayer requests will rotate off after three weeks. If you have an ongoing concern, please contact the church office.

Ongoing: Gretchen Dillon; Charlie Holbrook; Kenny McGill, Derek Payne; Nancy Payne, Bonnie Pettijohn, Tim Shephard, Jan Winans, Kim Whitman, Ann Wiseman

The Lantern: Barry Barbour

Morning Pointe: Carolyn Graber

Military: Erik Adkins (USAF Reserves, son of Kris Adkins)

Cadet Katie Brown (West Point, granddaughter of Kim & Mike Whitman)

Greg Weston (Kentucky National Guard)

Major Kaitlin Whitmore (US Army, niece of Don & Judy Lilly)

Sermon Notes

today is: _____

sermon title: _____

key verses: _____

Notes

worship songs:

Prayers

Puzzle!

Use the code to uncover the angel's message in Matthew 28:7 (NIV).



“ “ H



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Answer: "He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him."

STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2024	2025	2026
<i>Lee McCloud</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>
<i>J.T. Norris</i>	<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>
<i>Cathy Wilson*</i>	<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>
		*2nd term of service

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>TBD</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Trish Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Ryan Whitman</i>

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