

***I am the
Good Shepherd***



Sunday Worship
April 21, 2024
Draw near
to our Risen

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able
italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

PRELUDE

****CALL TO WORSHIP***

The God of all shepherds has called us here.

We come today, celebrating God's love for us.

The Good Shepherd has given his life for us.

We come today, thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.

The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.

We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God.

****OPENING PRAYER***

Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray. Amen.

****HYMN #410 God Is Calling through the Whisper***

1. God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs, through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise. Flash of lightning, crash of thunder; hush of stillness, rush of wonder: God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

2. God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers, through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair. Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading: God is calling—can you hear? God is calling—can you hear?

3. God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts, through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts. Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing: God is calling—and we hear! God is calling—and we hear!

CALL TO CONFESSION AND RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND BROKENESS

God of wisdom, we confess the foolishness of our ways, and our failure to follow you in your paths of right relationships—with you and with others. We have gone astray; we feel lost. We have upheld our own interests first, to the detriment of others. We have failed to be generous with the poor, and abandoned our efforts to bring about justice. We feel the stains of our sins, God. Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. Wash the sinfulness out of us, and help us to live more faithfully as your servants. We seek your unfailing Lordship and ask for your guiding hand on our lives. You are the immortal, invisible One; to you be honor and glory forever. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND BLESSING

... Jesus died for me. Jesus forgives me. Jesus loves me. Jesus is good to me. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

***HYMN # 803** My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

1. My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name. In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living streams. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 10:11-18

SERMON The Good Shepherd

***STATEMENT OF FAITH** The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING AND MOMENT OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, here are our gifts of time; here are our gifts of talents; here are our gifts of money; building stones for your Kingdom, awaiting shaping and placing within your loving purpose. Amen.

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN #187** Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

1. 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.

2. We are yours: in love befriends 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. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.

3. 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.

4. 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.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, APRIL 21, 2024

This week's carillon is in memory of Anne C. Klair. Anne lived in Buckingham Valley and was the mother of Nancy Klair Smith.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING: Tonight meet at church at 6:30pm.'

BECOME PART OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Following worship next Sunday and on May 5 a new member class will be held in the sanctuary for all those who are interested in joining Forest Grove Presbyterian Church congregation. This will be a time to explore what it means to be a part of the Presbyterian Church USA and more specifically, this congregation. Get some refreshments and let's get to know each other as we share our faith together!

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON – All ARE INVITED INCLUDING GUESTS AND MEN: Join us Wednesday, May 8 at 12noon. In honor of mothers everywhere we are once again holding a special lunch in her honor. Sandwiches and dessert will be provided by the Parish Life and Mission Committee. Participants are invited to bring a side dish. In honor of "Moms," all are asked to wear or bring something that is a reminder of that special person who was "Mom" or like a Mom. Be prepared to share a story about the item or "style" you bring with you.

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP: It is **Pet night**. We will gather Friday May 3, 5:30pm at Forest Grove Presbyterian Church. Our mission for the evening will be making toys and homemade treats for both Dogs and Cats for our Local Animal Shelter. Hot Dogs and Beverages will be served. We ask when you sign up to let us know what side dish or dessert you are able to bring. Anchor Presbyterian will be joining us for the evening. Sign-up sheet is in Fellowship Hall.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: VBS will be held once again at Anchor Presbyterian Church on June 24-28, 9:00 – noon. Registration for those ages 4 yrs. – 6th grade will begin on February 19. Teen helpers (7th – 12 grade) as well as adult leaders are needed. Please contact Pastor Su if you would like to help.

ANCHOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER: See the flyer below.

SCOUT TROOP 71 FUND RAISER: Every Monday during the month of April, the Troop is having a fundraiser at Capri Pizza. It's located at: 5855 Easton Rd, Plumsteadville, PA 18949. Dine in or Take Out. Mention Troop 71 when you place your order and they'll donate a portion of proceeds to Troop 71!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week we are asking for the following items: Canned chicken, Tuna, or salmon in water. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

This week's calendar of events:

- April 21** 10:00 am Worship and Sunday School followed by Fellowship
4:00 pm Iglesia Pentecostal Asamblea De Dios Worship Service
- April 22** 9:30 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 71 Meeting
- April 23** **General Primary - Offices Closed**
7:00 pm Session Meeting
- April 24** 7:00 pm Bring your Brown bag lunch for Fellowship

Elder of the month: Terry Holton **Deacon of the month:** Maggie Realley

Ushers: Emilie Cullerton & Kevin Realley **Fellowship:** Emilie Cullerton **Sunday school:** Ruth Squillace

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari, Jim Turner, Violet Sanders,
Mary Lou Humlhanz, Pat Pizza, Kara Holton, Becky Schroeder,
Wes Schroeder, Eloise Hyndman, Don Huber, David Posnett, Dick Wright, Bill Yerkes



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