

*FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH*



Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 21, 2024
10:00 A.M.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE Sheep May Safely Graze J.S. Bach/arr. L. Grant

WELCOME Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist

We come to God, our holy shepherd, as we come to a green meadow. **God prepares a place for us, and we give glory in God's presence.** How excellent is this dwelling place under the eyes of God's care. **We turn to God in joy. Our good shepherd provides for all our needs.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY Liturgist

Providing God, in our journey of faithfulness, we graze in the pastures you lead us to each day. As we move along, our steps may seem aimless, yet you keep watch and never leave. When we are tired, you prepare for us a table. When we are thirsty, your cup of goodness and mercy overflows. When we are lost, you seek us out. And oh, how our hearts leap when you call to us, for we know your voice and feel your love. Dearest God, we are so grateful that your staff of righteousness leads us home. **Amen.**

***HYMN** #387 Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Kaul

Risen One, we confess our silence amid the persecution of others, silence that has often complied with oppression and brought harm. What can we do to eradicate poverty, hunger, and homelessness? Help us to hear your voice above all others, and teach us how to care for our neighbor, feed the hungry, and clothe and care for those in need, for as we do these things unto one another, we do them also unto you. (*Silent Reflection*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rev. Kaul

***GLORIA PATRI**

ANTHEM Shepherd of My Heart T. English/arr. J. Purifoy

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

A TIME TO BE YOUNG

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Liturgist

Psalm 23 - Hymn # 172 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

GOSPEL READING

John 10:11-18

Rev. Kaul

SERMON

“Shepherd, What Love Means”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- Apostle’s Creed

Liturgist

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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND OFFERING

Rev. Kaul

OFFERTORY This Joyful Eastertide

Paul Bouman

***Doxology**

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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** #466 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

“May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent, one from the other.” (*Mizpah Benediction*)

POSTLUDE

The Heavens Are Telling

L. van Beethoven/arr. D. Wells

Serving Today

LITURGIST- Caroline O.

USHERS- Marie D., Joyce I., Heather N.

COUNTERS - Yvonne C.

FELLOWSHIP - Robin F.

FLOWERS - Yvonne C.

THIS WEEK

4/22 (Mon.) Personnel Committee Mtg. 11 am

4/24 (Wed.) - **Book Study 1:00 pm** A for Alabaster
in Fithian Room / via Zoom



4/25 (Thurs.) -**Crafter's Comradery** 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Bonham Hall

4/28 (Sun.) - Music Sunday



First Presbyterian Church

INDOOR YARD SALE

Friday, May 31, 2024 8 am - 2 pm
Saturday, June 1, 2024 8 am - 2 pm

First Presbyterian Church Bridgeton
119 W. Commerce St.
Bridgeton, NJ 08302

Proceeds to benefit local food programs in our community.



You may **drop off your treasures** starting Sunday, **May 19th**.
Set-up will be **Tuesday, May 28th - Thursday, May 30th**.
Volunteers are needed.

If you would like to volunteer, please let Marge know.
(Many hands make light work!)



MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE

Supporting Scout Troop 1 in partnership with Mayhew Greenhouses

Mixed Bloom Porch Pots



Choose Your Own Flat

Available Varieties May Include:

- Petunias
- Snapdragons
- Impatiens
- Vinca
- Etc

**Limited assorted flats will be available for pickup at the church on May 10. You can also go to Mayhew's Nursery with a paid voucher and pick out your own variety and color!

\$25 each

All orders must be turned in by Monday, May 6

Pick up on Friday, May 10 from 4-6 pm at First Presbyterian Church

Please see Alaina or Ryan to place your order.
All orders due Monday, May 6th.



I am the Good Shepherd.
(Remember the Stained Glass Committee Meeting Reader's
Theater on Holy Humor Sunday?)



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