

First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day
4th Sunday in Easter

April 26, 2015

10:00 a.m.

In preparation for worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music
Concerns of the Church
Prelude

“Brother James’ Air”

arr. Wright

Call to Worship

from John 10

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He lays down his life for the sheep.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He speaks and we listen for his voice.

* Hymn 801 “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.

* Call to Confession

* Prayer of Confession

Lord, have mercy on us.

We talk about love, but our actions betray us.

We talk about love, but we neglect those in need.

We talk about love, but we fail to love one another.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit,

so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ,

in whose body we live and in whose name we pray.

* Silent Confession

* Assurance of Pardon Passing of the Peace

* Response: Alleluia! (Hymnal 587)

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24 (NT, p. 240)

Psalter: Psalm 23 (Hymnal 473)

A Time with Children

Anthem

“Psalm 23”

St. Columba; arr. Marion Vree

Our young children are invited to attend “Joyful Noise” in room 103.

Gospel Lesson: John 10:11-18 (NT, p. 103)

Sermon: “How Big is Your Flock?”

Rev. Carter

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn 297

“In Christ Called to Baptize”

* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles’ Creed (Hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Response: ***Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears,
from death into life.*** (Hymnal 473)

Offering

Offertory

“Arioso”

Bach

* Doxology (Hymnal 606)

* Prayer of Dedication

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* Hymn 187

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Joyful Noise! participants will return to the sanctuary.

* Charge and Benediction

* Postlude

“Album Leaf”

Young

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* All who are able shall stand.

The flowers this morning have been given to the glory of God

- by Jeanne Comly in memory of her husband, Dave, and
- by Barbara Mellander and Carole Grodack in memory of their father, Thomas Abraham.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastor	William Carter
Director of Educational Ministries	Tina Ide
Director of Music	Susan Kelly
Organist	Kay Ten Eyck
Liturgist	Jack
Pittman	
Joyful Noise Leaders	Melba Fialko, Frank Garnecki
Welcomers	Jackie Bailey, Cheryl MacDade
Ushers	Anne Deremer, Bill Farrell



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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**The good shepherd
lays down his life
for the sheep.**



1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. 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? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

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. 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.

John 10:11-18

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they

will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay

down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”