



Good Shepherd Sunday

APRIL 21, 2024 ~ 10:55 A.M.

Service of Worship for the Lord's Day

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

organized 1873 ... a member congregation of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

a family of believers seeking to live out the truth of the Gospel to the community and the world

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AROUND 10:55 A.M.

PRELUDE & †SILENT PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

LET US USE THIS TIME OF MUSIC AND PRAYER TO INVITE GOD'S SPIRIT TO OPEN US TO HIS PRESENCE

O Father God of the risen Christ, in whose resurrection we find new life, send your Spirit to dwell among us in this day of worship. O risen Christ, Son of the Father, may we hear your word of peace today. O Spirit of the living God, teach us once more to live in the power of Christ's resurrection, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

ACTS 4:5-12

***HYMN #254**

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! HEARTS TO HEAVEN

ODE TO JOY

PLEASE BRING YOUR 2¢-A-MEAL OFFERING FORWARD AS WE SING THE HYMN

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN

1 JOHN 3:16-24

†CONFESSION OF SIN

PRAYED TOGETHER

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM 23

Beloved, the Good Shepherd finds his lost sheep and brings them home.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the 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 thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest 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 for ever.

Believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.

***HYMN**

THE KING OF LOVE

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***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

SAID TOGETHER

THE APOSTLES' 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 Spirit, 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 Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN, AGE 3 - 2ND GRADE, DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH
PARENTS MAY COLLECT THEIR CHILDREN IN THE PARLOR AFTER THE SERVICE

THE MORNING PRAYER AND 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.

THE MORNING OFFERING & OFFERTORY

***HYMN #809**

DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 15:1-7

THE SERMON

***HYMN #519**

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

VILLE DU HAVRE

BENEDICTION AND POSTLUDE

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Worship Notes

Musicians - Kathryn Tucker & Jack Criswell

Acolytes - Renea Tyler & Marley Carter

Lay Reader - Anne Camden

Audio Visual - Tim Pague, Russ & Benn Robertson

Nursery: birth - age 2 - Debora Trent upstairs nursery during the Worship hour

Children's Church: age 3 - 2nd Grade - Brenda Meredith downstairs during the Worship hour

Next Sunday, April 28, the Fifth Sunday of Easter - the scheduled texts are:

Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, 1 John 4:7-21, John 15:1-8

Communion ... We customarily celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. The next observance is planned for Sunday, May 5.

Announcements

Today Devotional Books ... The newest TODAY devotional book is available in the narthex.

Table Talk Magazine ... the May issue is available in the narthex for those who subscribed.

Prayer & Bible Study: Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. ... We'll begin with a time of prayer for those things that weigh upon our hearts, our homes, communities, nation and the world. We'll then dive deep into Jesus' description of the Kingdom of God and what it means to follow him. **We'll study Matthew 5-7 together.** Plan to join us - bring your Bible, a notebook, and a friend.

2¢-a-meal - is today ... This mission effort provides families with the opportunity to contribute regularly to the needs of the poor at home and abroad. Each family member contributes 2¢-a-meal and then brings what they have collected on the third Sunday of each month to offer during the worship service. Please bring your offering forward during the singing of the first hymn.

Join us May 5th for a Cinco de Mayo Feast ... We hope you join us after worship on May 5 for a Mexican/Latino feast. The church will provide tacos, all the fixin's and beverages. We're asking you to bring desserts. Let us know you and yours plan to attend by signing up on the sheet on the bulletin board by the kitchen window or by emailing us at elonchurch@elonchurch.org.

You all have been such a blessing to us and to our family in our time of loss and grief at the death of my father. Your kind words, the hugs, the emails, the texts, the cards, the food, your prayers and your presence are God's goodness and healing in this season of our lives. Thank you! We love you.

Birthdays, Anniversaries & Calendar This Week

Tue Apr 23	Faith Rutherford's Birthday
Wed Apr 24	Kristin Johnson's Birthday
Thu Apr 25	Debora Trent, Elijah Craft & Amanda Douthat's Birthday Kirk & Ann Rexroad's Anniversary
Fri Apr 26	Wade Camden & David Johnson's Birthday
Sat Apr 27	Brian & Jordan Pieklik's Anniversary

Attendance Numbers

Sunday	Sunday School	Sunday Worship
Apr 14	15	49
Apr 7	11	55
Mar 31	15	63
Mar 24	17	62

**2024 Stewardship Report (Totals do not include Special Mission)
rounding may cause amounts to be off by +/- \$1**

Budget	Current Expenses	Mission	Special Mission	2¢-a-meal	Building Fund	Totals <small>(CE, Mission, BF)</small>
Weekly Need	2,885	393	n/a	n/a	0	3,278
Offering Last Week	1,718	175	0	0	150	2,043
Year To Date	48,394	7,625	1,080	494	1,675	57,694
Ahead/ (Behind) for Year	5,122	1,729	n/a	n/a	1,675	8,526

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALTH

Valeria Allen: *a series of procedures to address severe back pain • 1737 Cedar Gate Rd., Madison Heights VA 24572*
Sawyer Harris: *brain tumor, loss of hearing, back on chemo • David Harris' nephew • 3550 Sterling Rd., Roanoke VA 24014*
John Herman: *inner ear balance dysfunction - blurred vision, dizziness • 121 Sage Ln., Madison Heights VA 24572*
Sally Johnson: *post surgery rehab • Guggenheimer Health & Rehab - Rm. 102, 1902 Grace St, Lynchburg, VA 24504*
Tom Moore: *chemotherapy • 967 Elon Rd., Madison Heights VA 24572*
Faye O'Brien: *back home from hip surgery and rehab • 225 Serenity Dr., Monroe VA 24574*
Jordan Pieklik (Brian): *potential complication with pregnancy (due early May) • H. L. & Heather Allen's daughter, Valeria Allen's granddaughter*
Malcolm Wills: *cancer has decreased significantly! • 2002 Elon Rd., Madison Heights, VA 24572*
All: *whose lives and families are being affected by drug addiction*

HOMEBOUND • EXTENDED CARE • THERAPY • REHAB

Edward Allen: *at home • Bettie Sue Jennings' brother; Valeria Allen's brother in law*
Starke Camden: *at home • 106 Village Park Ct. Lynchburg VA 24501*
Eleanor Campbell: *Fairmont Crossing • 173 Brockman Park Dr., Rm 122, Amherst, VA 24521*
Shelby Campbell: *at home • 703 Winesap Rd., Madison Heights VA 24572*
Brenda Carroll: *therapy for blood cancer • Mildred Riley's sister*
Bonnie Johnson: *at her daughter's home • c/o Kim Darrah, 906 N Shore Drive W., Sunset Beach NC 28468*
Betty Loving: *at home • 718 Cedar Gate Rd., Monroe VA 24574*
Russell Riely: *symptoms of POEMS • 368 Camden Dr., Madison Heights VA 24572*
Dot Stinnette: *Forest Health & Rehab • Vicky Harris' aunt. • 2406 Atherholt Rd., Lynchburg, VA 24501*
Janet Thomas: *Westminster Canterbury, Rm 332 • 501 VES Rd., Lynchburg VA 24503*
Andrea Tomlin: *oral chemotherapy for breast cancer • Pam Turner's sister*

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Hymn Lyrics

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! HEARTS TO HEAVEN

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
he who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
see the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;
once he died, and once was buried: now he lives forever more,
Jesus Christ the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Set your heart on things above:
there in all the Father's glory lives and reigns our King of love;
hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wounded hands and side;
now let every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

THE KING OF LOVE

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on His shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth.

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain:

*It is well (it is well) with my soul
(with my soul);
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin O, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.