

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

100 South Pierce Avenue
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May 8, 2022
4th Sunday of Easter
10:30 am Worship

**With the love of Jesus Christ, First Presbyterian welcomes you just as you are —
A CHILD OF GOD.**

PRELUDE

CENTERING WORDS

Christ is our shepherd, who knows us and calls us. Our shepherd gives us eternal life; no one can snatch us from his hand.

WELCOME

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #390 “Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!” (2x)

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord! Praise God’s holy name. Alleluia!
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CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is our shepherd.
We are Christ’s sheep.
The shepherd is calling us to join God’s flock.
We will follow our shepherd.
Rejoice, little one, for no one can snatch us from the shepherd’s hand.
In God’s flock, we rest secure.
Come! Let us worship.

HYMN #39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses; therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE #582 "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (Unison)

Shepherd of souls, you call us to an abundant feast at the table of your Word; open our hearts to feed on your goodness, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might dwell evermore deeply in you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 9:36-43

HYMN #802 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

SCRIPTURE READING John 10:22-30

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN #824 "There Is a Place of Quiet Rest"

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.**

INVITATION FOR GIVING

OFFERTORY

RESPONSE #710 "We Lift Our Voices (We Are an Offering)"

We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands;
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voices; we lift our hands;
we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (Unison)

**Loving Shepherd, we thank you for your tender care.
Everything we have comes from the goodness of your love.
Receive the gifts we return to you now, that sheep in other flocks may come to know you and discover that you are the one who lays down your life for the flock. Amen.**

HYMN #726 "Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)"

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG "God Be with You Till We Meet again"

God be with you till we meet again, God be in you, go in peace.
Loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you.
God be with you till we meet again, God be in you, go in peace.

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Dan and Carter Long, readers
Kim Reisinger, guest organist
Beth Ehlers, worship leader and preacher