

SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021 11:00 AM

CHIMING of the HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* arr. Carolyn Hamlin

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *"O Day of Peace"* C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916

CALL to WORSHIP

Liturgist: Christ is Risen!
People: We is risen, indeed!
Liturgist: Christ is Risen!
All: Hallelujah! Amen.

HYMN *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His name,
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream;
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake His way,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

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, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION (Unison)

Good shepherd of us all, we strive for perfection in our work and fail you and ourselves in our personal lives. We seek fame and fortune but only wander farther from your word and your love. We are truly lost sheep, straying from you and losing our way. We ask you, as the one true shepherd, to lead us home to the shelter of your warm embrace. *(continue in silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: It is the Lord who walks with us.
People: He comforts us in our grief.
Liturgist: He protects us from all evil.
People: Believe the good news, through our Lord and Savior, we are forgiven.

RESPONSE to GOD'S FORGIVENESS *Glory Be to the Father*

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM *"Easter Proclamation"* Antonio Vivaldi, 1678-1741

GOSPEL READING John 10: 11-18

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SERMON Apricity Elder Jon Lochner

MUSIC SELECTION *"Draw Us to You"* tune 1655
setting Michael Burkhardt

AFFIRMATION of FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

MOMENT for STEWARDSHIP and DEDICATION

HYMN *The Lord's My Shepard, I'll Not Want*

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie in pastures green;
He leadeth me the quiet waters by.
My soul He doth restore again; And me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.
Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill; For Thou art with me;
And Thy rod and staff me comfort still.
My table Thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.
Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling-place shall be.

CHARGE and BLESSING

POSTLUDE *"The Joyful Eastertide"* tune 1685, Kenneth T. Kosche

Congregational responses are printed in bold.



FAMILIES TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER THIS WEEK

Paul Smith
 Sandy & Mike Spaugh
 Robert Lee & Annie Sue Steele

PASTORAL NEEDS: The Session desires to be informed when members and friends of the church are in need of pastoral care and support. During office hours, please call the church at 283-3329, to ensure the elder under whose care the person or family is assigned may be notified.

Prayer Concerns

Unless a prayer request is renewed or the health condition is acute, names will stay on the prayer list for one month.

Please pray for our members: James & Martha Jo Mahaffey; Sonia Dettweiler; Derek Cercena; Peggy Bell; Locketta Stephenson.

Friends of the church: TJ Wilmore; Amaryllis Boger; Robert Stephenson, Jr.; Debbie Sowell; Anne Hinson; Lib Hutchinson; Annie Sue Steele; Mila Byrd Wood; Ron Sowell; Susan Lott.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: April 25, 2021 – May 01, 2021

Sunday	11:00 am	Worship
Saturday	1:00 pm	FPC Picnic

BIRTHDAYS: 25 Peggy Bell 27 Mark Johnson

ATTENDANCE: Worship -37
 Live Stream Worship -19

OUR GIVING REPORT

	<u>04/18/21</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Amount Budgeted	\$ 3,941.00	\$ 63,056.00
Amount Received	<u>10,255.00</u>	<u>80,511.99</u>
	\$ <u>6,314.00</u>	\$ <u>17,455.99</u>

Living God's Word, Sharing God's Love

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH We are centered in the worship of God and bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ our Lord. As Christ's disciples we strive to build vibrant lives, strong families and a fellowship in which members care for and love one another and together seek the well-being of our city, state and world. By the power of the Holy Spirit we seek to develop a vital preaching and teaching ministry, aimed at drawing men and women to Christ; healing, comforting and nurturing each in the faith; equipping each with the knowledge for service to Christ and effectively obtaining peace in all walks of life.

WORSHIP LEADER. We are pleased to have the **Elder Jon Lochner** as our worship leader. Jon has been a substitute lay preacher for over 21 years. A retired physician, avid landscape gardener, choir member and co-chair of the fellowship committee with his loving wife, Diane, Jon knew on his first visit to First Presbyterian that he had found his church home. **Welcome to the pulpit!**

MISSION MATTERS. The **Lancaster Children's Home** is in need of body wash, deodorant, underwear and our thoughtful, thankful prayers. **Throughout April, let us bring forth these items as a blessing to them.** Please place your items in the box in the narthex

PICNIC! PICNIC! PICNIC! The Fellowship Committee will host a Picnic **this coming Saturday, May 1st**, beginning at **1:00pm** (the meal and water provided). Tables will be set up in the courtyard. Four people will be seated at each round table; for more social distancing, please bring your lawn chair. **FOOD, FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP, SUNSHINE and a PICNIC!** Plan to attend.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: If you have not made a pledge or contributed to the Capital Campaign to replace the sanctuary roof, please, prayerfully, consider doing so, as soon as you can. We need to raise \$73,000.00 to replace our sanctuary roof and make other changes to the roof to help manage the leaks. Contact Phil Neely by cell phone (803.416.3443), text, postal mail (FPC, PO Box 990, Lancaster, SC 29721) or email: philip.neely@fpc-lancaster.org to make a pledge or contribute to the campaign. **Thank you.**

COMMUNION. On **May 2nd**, Communion will be served by using individually wrapped communion sets, which will be on a table in the narthex. While worshipping at home, please take Communion when Edgar instructs; use what you have for bread and juice.

We worship 'in spirit and in truth'.

