

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 7, 2006

Prelude and Acolyte

Welcome and Announcements

* Greeting and Rites of Friendship

Please sign our Friendship Registry using the pad found at the end of your pew

Preparing our Hearts to Worship

We invite you to center your hearts and minds during a few moments of musical meditation as we prepare to worship our God.

Call to Worship

Leader: *We all like sheep have gone astray.*

People: **May the Good Shepherd gather us into His flock once again.**

Leader: *Come let us worship and bow down.*

People: **Let us kneel before the LORD, our God, our Maker.**

Leader: *For He is our God and we are the people of His pasture.*

People: **We are the sheep of His hand. Let us worship God!**

* Hymn No. 422 "Amazing Grace"

Call to Confession, Unison Prayer of Confession, and Moment of Silent Prayer

Almighty God, You are the good Shepherd who cares for Your flock with great patience and compassion. We confess that we often take Your love and grace for granted; forgive us, O Lord. We act like sheep who go astray; wandering after what suits our fancy, seeking our own ways and interests. We confess that we have not loved You as we should and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us and free us to joyful service to You and others in the power of Jesus, in whose name we diligently pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

* Gloria Patri Hymn No. 546

Children's Message Wendy Stephenson

Offertory and Giving of His Tithes and Our Offerings

* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Anthem "I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary" Adult Choir

Musical Interlude: Children exit with Jeff Wood and Kelly Nordan to Children's Church

Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (we pray debts and debtors)

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 23

* Hymn No. 486 "Have Thine Own Way Lord"

Gospel Lesson John 10:11-18

Sermon "4th Sunday of Easter: Following the Leader"

* Affirmation of Faith

Leader: *The Lord is my Shepherd*

People: **I shall not want**

Leader: *He makes me lie down in green pastures*

People: **and leads me beside the still waters**

Leader: *He restores my soul*

People: **and guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake**

Leader: *Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death*

People: **I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.**

Leader: *Thy rod and thy staff*

People: **They comfort me.**

Leader: *Thou preparest a table before me*

People: **In the presence of mine enemies**

Leader: *Thou anointest my head with oil.*

People: **And my cup overflows**

Leader: *Surely goodness and mercy will follow me*

People: **All the days of my life**

Leader: *And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord*

People: **Forever.**

* Hymn No. 440 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

* Acolyte and Benediction

* Congregational Meeting followed by a Congregational Fellowship Meal

* Signifies Congregation to stand

Assisting in Worship this Sunday:

Ushers: Hamilton Greene and Johnathan Reed

Acolyte: Samuel Stephenson **Bell Ringer:** Hannah Stephenson

Infant Nursery: Heath and Heather White **Toddlers:** Beth Pickens

Providence Presbyterian Church

Assisting in Worship next Sunday, May 14:

Ushers: Randy Benson and Jim Ingram
Acolyte: Nathan Ingram **Bell Ringer:** Joshua Collier
Children's Sermon: Andrea Jones
Children's Church: Richard and Andrea Jones
Infant Nursery: Bob and Jenni Dry **Toddlers:** Courtney Walton

Events for this week:

Today, May 7: Children's Choir Rehearsal from 9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; Adult Sunday School Assembly at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Worship at 11:00 a.m., followed by a Congregational Meeting and Congregational Fellowship Meal. **Pioneer Clubs and Youth meet at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. with a Year-End Celebration! Everyone within the congregation is invited to join in for the time of fellowship, food and fun!**
Monday, May 8: AA meets at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, May 9: Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 9: Stated Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 9: Men's Softball game at 8:30 p.m. at Creech Road Park
Wednesday, May 10: Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Thursday, May 11: Men's Softball game at 7:30 p.m. at Creech Road Park
Thursday, May 11: AA meets at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday, May 14: Children's Choir Rehearsal from 9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.; Adult Sunday School Assembly at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

May 19. Men's Fish Fry from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Tickets \$7.00 per person.
May 20. Presbyterian Women Brunch at 10:00 a.m. at the Manse.
May 20. *Dinner and a Movie* night for Providence Youth (7th-12th grade) from 6:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.
May 21. Graduate Recognition during Worship at 11:00 a.m.
May 21. Bridal Shower for Joanna Wiley from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the home of Jeffrey and DeEtta Wood

The Prayer List

Don Bullard, Josephine Byrd, Betty Carroll, Mickey Carroll, Bruce Coats, Carol Clifton, Vera Critcher, Will Duncan, Lovie Dorman, Gene Glasgow, Mary Hart, Lawrence Herron, Chris Johnson, Bobbie Langdon, Betty Lou Lee, Carolyn Lewis, Carol Mayben, Lewis McLamb, Eloise McLeod, Julia Nales, Sandra Rice, Mary Serman, Alice Stephenson, Mary Stephenson, Margaret Walton, Margaret White, and Johnny Wood.



Jesus Christ touching lives through us
and growing His church

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