

4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

Our Approach to God

Prelude 1st Prelude *from* Three Short Preludes Edward Bairstow

The Call to Worship

Come, let us bow down in worship.

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

**For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.**

The Lord is our Good Shepherd. We lack nothing.

**Christ, our Good Shepherd, has laid down his life for us.
We are redeemed!**

Let us praise God who lovingly provided for our salvation.

*The Hymn of Praise *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* 123

*The Call to Confession

We all, like sheep, have gone astray. Each of us has turned to our own way. But Christ took upon himself the punishment for our sin. By his wounds we are healed. Let us confess our sin to God.

*The Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we call you our Good Shepherd, yet we stray from your ways like lost sheep. We don't trust in your loving care as we worry about our problems and try to find our own solutions. We talk about you, but we don't take the time and effort to truly know you. We say we love you and love one another, but our love is in word only and not in action. Forgive us. [Silent Confession.]

O God, have mercy on us. Help us to live as the sheep of your pasture. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*The Assurance of Pardon

Hear this good news: Jesus, our Good Shepherd, laid down his life for us, his sheep, that we might live. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*The Response *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* 106

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His Name.

The Anthem *Be Thou My Vision* John Hudson

Chancel Choir

The Word of God

The Time with the Children

The Gospel Reading John 10:11-18 page 139 NT

The New Testament Reading 1 John 3:16-18 page 327 NT

The Sermon *We Are God's Sheep* Pastor Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) hymnal, page 14

*The Hymn *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* – verses 1-3, 6 171

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer(using sins)

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; 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 Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory *Founded on an old Irish church melody* Charles V. Stanford

*The Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* 592

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* 422

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

*Postlude *Carillon* Herbert Murrill

* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist : Connor Rousseau

Ushers: Beverly Briggs, Josh Peters, Scott & Heather Rousseau

Greeter: Karen Kalina

Fellowship Hour: Linda Poplewski

Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich, Director of Music Ministry
and the Chancel Choir

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**Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for
refreshments and fellowship.**

For The Hearing Impaired

The service audio is being broadcast on 96.7-FM throughout the building and parking lot. Feel free to bring your pocket size radio, with headphones or earbuds, and listen to the service at an audio level that is more comfortable for you.

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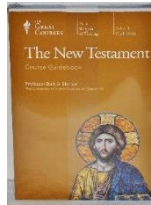


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Announcements and Upcoming Event

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Grab a refreshment and join us today after worship in the library as we continue the Great Courses Series on The New Testament.



Session Meeting

Session will be meeting this Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00 pm.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY to make a difference at Second Presbyterian Church?

If so, you may be interested in adopting an island! We are looking for approximately 10 individuals, families, or groups of friends to help maintain the island and curb areas of the parking lot.. This would entail being responsible for one (or more) of the islands or curb/gutter areas of the lot, keeping the gutters and stones free of weeds, leaves, maple helicopters, and the like. Dividing the responsibility between us divides the time and effort, allowing each individual or group to work at times convenient to them and at their own pace.



Billie Bauer maintained these areas as a “retirement mission” project last Summer and Fall during which, she realized that this is more than a “one-woman” job and came up with this idea of “adoption” (which has been presented to and approved by the Session). Contact Billie Bauer @ 989-280-7207 for more information and to sign up.



For the month of April, our Mission Focus will be through Presbyterian Giving Catalog - Livestock Gifts. The goal of the Presbyterian Giving Catalog is "To connect people as neighbors with others experiencing needs, supporting projects and friendships that grow gardens and generations, bring water and watch for corruption, share education, tools and training, and link each of us, more closely with one another and with God." Throughout the month of April, we will be collecting donations to purchase livestock, which will be given to those in need to help foster independence through farming. The amount and number of donations received will determine the

animals we are able to sponsor (flocks of chickens, piglets, goats, cows, beekeeping, or oxen/plow). These animals will help those in need to become self-sufficient, support their families, and enrich communities. Donations may be made by using a Livestock gift envelope from the Mission table or pews, and place in the offering plate. If you would like more information on the Presbyterian Giving Catalog, please visit their website at <https://presbyteriangifts.pcusa.org>.

Sincere Thanks

From the Brown family - we wanted to send out a sincere Thank You to everyone in our church family for your love, prayers & support through this difficult time. Dick's funeral & luncheon were absolutely wonderful. Thank you, Thank you!

Love & Blessings to ALL,
Gerry & the Family



The office is open Monday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) but, as unforeseen circumstances may occur, please call 989-792-1023 to be sure that someone is in the office before you drive to the church.