

**First Presbyterian Church**  
Organized May 25, 1822

*With Christ as our Savior and Guide,  
We seek to know God's love and share it  
With each other, our community, and the world.  
We invite you to join us in this journey  
of discipleship!*

*Rev. Dr. Gregory L. Glover, Pastor*

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 3, 2020**  
**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

PRELUDE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE AND GREETING

The LORD be with you.  
**And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Shepherd calls us by name and leads us to abundant life.  
**We hear your voice and hasten to follow.**  
The Shepherd prepares a table and lavishly pours out grace.  
**We hear your invitation and take our place at the feast.**  
The Shepherd gathers us in and welcomes us to the house of  
the Lord.  
**We hear your call and give you praise.**

**Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN #39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We have gone astray, O Shepherd. You call us to follow, and we hear your voice. Yet, we choose to heed other voices—voices that promise status and comfort and a carefree life. But such promises are empty, and that life does not satisfy. Call to us again, O Shepherd. Summon us onto right paths to pursue justice in your name, to seek after the well-being of all. Lead us to the table you**

**prepare for us—where rivals share both bread and blessings and discover there is enough for all.**  
**Now hear our silent, personal prayers of confession...**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn #581

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 23/KJV (p.435)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Clair de Lune"  
*By Claude Debussy/ Arr. By N. & R. Faber*  
*Performed by Allister Banasiak*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

INTERLUDE

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING John 10:1-10 (p.872)

Holy wisdom, holy word.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Where Sheep May Safely Graze"

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN #187 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Confession of 1967 (9.22, adapted)*

**New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

\*THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN #834 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE & POSTLUDE

**WORSHIP NOTES**

**Rhonda Banasiak** is today's Speaker.  
**Allister Banasiak** is today's Liturgist.  
**Beth Glover** is Interim Director of Music  
**Dylan May** is Interim Accompanist  
**Eric Salyer** is today's Audio Visual Specialist.

**\*Please stand if you are able.**

