

* Hymn: #635

"He Leadeth Me"

Charge

Sung Response : #248 (refrain)

"He Lives"

*He Lives, He Lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He Lives, He Lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.*

Benediction

Postlude:

*"Lord of the Dance
S. Carter*

Concerns of the Church

Prayer List:

Members: Nick and Becky Deschamps, Nathalie Givens, Meg and Bob Omer

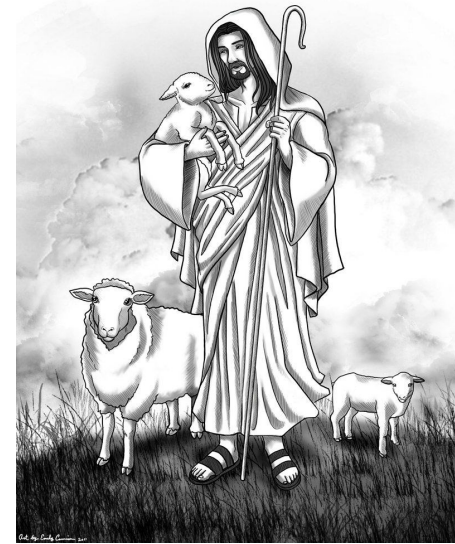
Friends and family of FPC: Chester Adams, Kathy Atkins and family (Danette's neighbors), Kenny Bintz, Mary Black, Joyce Bolton Turbyfill (Lynne Bolton's Aunt), Mick Caudill (Danette's daughter's father-in-law), Neil Dunnivant (Pastor at FPC from 1992-2003), Tim Heinlein, Jackson Hetzel (Valerie Lucas' grandson), Lynne Kessler, Laura Holt McCann, Roderick Plenge (22 yr. old friend of Hi Nicely), Mary Lee Reese, prayers for the family of Colby Trammel, (friend of Sandy Gates), the family of Dana Wilson (Sue Porter's brother).



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Service for the Lord's Day

4th Sunday of Easter

April 21 2024 —10:30 am In Person & (Live Streaming—10:20 am)

Gathering Music Lori Turner

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *"Spirit of God/How Great Thou Art"*
Atkinson/Hine

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: (responsive, from Psalm 95:1,2)

One: O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Many: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

One: Praise the Lord!

Many: The Lord's name be praised!

Prayer of Invocation

* Hymn: 747 *"Lead On, O King Eternal"*



Call to Confession: (responsive)

One: Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Many: Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

All: Let us confess our sins against both God and neighbor.

Prayer of Confession: (unison)

Almighty and most merciful Father,

We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto humankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.

* Please stand if you are able

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And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name.

Silent Confession:

Amen

Kyrie: Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us. #823

Assurance of Pardon: (responsive)

One: Hear the good news!

Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

* Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen. #805

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer



Regular Offering

Offertory Anthem

"Why Me Lord"
Kristofferson

* Doxology: 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 #808

* Prayer of Dedication



Prayer of Illumination

Old Testament Reading : (Pew bible page 476) Psalm 23

Hymn: #622 (please remain seated) *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

New Testament Reading: (Pew bible pages 933 &934) John 10:11-18;
(Pew bible page 950) Acts 4:5-12



Sermon

*"Christ, The Good Shepherd,
He Is Our Moral Compass"*

Moment for Meditation

"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"
Bradbury/McMillen

* Profession of Faith: #14

Apostles' Creed

* Please stand if you are able

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Announcements

Calendar of Events

Sunday, April 21	4th Sunday of Easter Sunday School: 9:30 am Worship Service: 10:30 am Congregational Meeting, immediately following worship service Duty Elders: Paul Phillippe & Patsy D. Fellowship Covered Dish Luncheon 🎂 Happy birthday, Craig Leisure 🎂
Wednesday, April 24	Healing Service, 5:00 pm Supper, immediately following
Thursday, April 25	🎂 Happy birthday, Debbie Coots 🎂
Sunday, April 28	5th Sunday of Easter Sunday School: 9:30 am Worship Service: 10:30 am Duty Elders: Patsy D. & Cathy G. Fellowship _____ Mennonite Choir Concert, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary 🎂 Happy birthday, Teri Walker and Lyn Burton 🎂
Thursday, May 2	Presbytery Meeting, Lynchburg
Saturday, May 4	
Sunday, May 5	6th Sunday of Easter 2 ¢ a Meal Sunday School: 9:30 am Worship Service: 10:30 am Duty Elders: Patsy D. & Cathy G. Fellowship _____ 🎂 Happy birthday, Rena Heslep and Danette Heinlein 🎂



- ◆ Please check the Fellowship calendar in the Fellowship hall and sign up for available Sundays . There are Sundays open in April and May.
- ◆ Please join us for our **covered dish luncheon** immediately follow service on Today!!
- ◆ Please review the bulletin insert and stay in the sanctuary, immediately after service for the called Congregation meeting!
- ◆ **Women's Bible study**, Tuesday, May 14 2:00, in the Fellowship Hall. We will do the last two chapters of our book.
- ◆ Plan on joining in on Wednesday, April 24 for our Wholeness and Healing service at 5:00 pm. We will share a simple supper immediately following in the Fellowship Hall. See bulletin insert for more information.
- ◆ Remember, to make sure the office knows if you have any scheduled events at the church, so we can make sure it is on the calendar!



Clerk of Session: John Kilby

Class of 2024: Cathy Goad, Paul Phillippe, Bo Trumbo

Class of 2025: Fred Coots, Lynne Bolton, Jim Porter

Class of 2026: Lyn Burton, Hal Bailey, Patsy Dickerson

The Trustees

Bob Omer, Garland Jones, Peggy Davis

The Church Staff

Interim Minister: The Rev. Dr. David Dickerson

Treasurer: Hal Bailey

Music Director: Lori Turner

Secretary/Bookkeeper: Danette Heinlein

Old Testament Reading:

Psalm 23

23 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want;
² he makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters;
³ he restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,
I fear no evil;
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff,
they comfort me.
⁵ Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup overflows.
⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for ever.



New Testament Reading:

John 10:11-18

11 I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 He who is a hireling and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 He flees because he is a hireling and cares nothing for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, 15 as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So there shall be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life, that I may take it again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again; this charge I have received from my Father."

Acts 4:5-12

5 On the morrow their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem, 6 with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, 9 if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a cripple, by what means this man has been healed, 10 be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by him this man is standing before you well. 11 This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, but which has become the head of the corner. 12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Called Congregational Meeting

Sunday, April 21, 2023

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to be held on April 21 immediately after our morning service for the stated purpose of electing a Pulpit Nominating Committee. If you would like to nominate someone to be on the Committee please be sure to confirm before the meeting that they are willing to serve and understand what is involved. If anyone has questions about what working on the Committee entails, please contact Reverend Dickerson or John Kilby.

A note of explanation:

In the session's and my best judgment, now is the time for FPC to move forward in its ministry. To that end FPC needs to find and to call, with the Lord's help, an ordained minister who will provide pastoral leadership and care in the years to come.

I have been privileged to serve as your part-time interim minister since the fall of 2017. I hope to serve you for another year (or so), but at age 72, I think (and feel) that it is in FPC's best interest to move forward toward a new minister and a new era in FPC's ministry in the service of God and God's Kingdom that is revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Your servant and friend in Christ,
David A. Dickerson



A Service of Prayer for Wholeness and Healing

Mark your calendar and come join us at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, April 24 for a special service of prayer, music, silence and scripture. This is an opportunity to gather in Christian Community and draw closer to God as we offer prayers for individuals, our local community, our country and our world.

Following the service we will gather in the Fellowship for a light supper. All are invited.

#747 Lead On, O King Eternal

1 Lead on, O King eternal,
the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
your tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
your grace has made us strong,
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

2 Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet Amen of peace;
for not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.

3 Lead on, O King eternal,
we follow, not with fears;
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er your face appears;
your cross is lifted o'er us;
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest:
lead on, O God of might.

#622 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

#635 He Leadeth Me

1 He leadeth me, O blessed thought,
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:
He leadeth me, he leadeth me,
by his own hand he leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.

2 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine,
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.
[Refrain]

3 And when my task on earth is done,
when by thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.
[Refrain]