

# First Presbyterian Church

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We welcome you not as strangers but as a part of God's family! We are a community of faith that gathers to praise our Lord and Savior, serve others, search for answers, and enjoy the fellowship of one another. We hope today you will be challenged and discover encouragement. The peace of Christ be with you!

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

*Worship begins with the Prelude. Please use this time for **silent** preparation.*

PRELUDE

Doris Akers

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

CHORAL INTROIT

Robert Gay

"No Other Name"

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: The Good Shepherd invites us to green pastures. We are refreshed beside the still waters.  
People: *God offers us everything we need.*  
Leader: We are comforted and reassured as we walk through the darkest of valleys.  
People: *God leads us in right paths. God creates opportunities that are overflowing with love.*  
Leader: God welcomes us to this time of worship and fellowship.  
People: *We have been blessed in countless ways.*  
Unison: *We respond with gratitude and acceptance to be God's helpers.*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

\*HYMN OF ADORATION # 245

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

*Good Sheperd, we have wandered down the strange pathways of Your world. We have ventured into dead-end streets that looked more inviting than the narrow ways marked by the signposts of Your love. We have trusted the voices of many compared to Your words of truth. We have failed to grasp that our gifts are from You. We have failed to use our overflowing cups to fill the cups of our sisters and brothers.*

*Restore us to a better place with You, O God. Forgive our many sins and help us to see You working in our lives. Amen.*

\*DECLARATION OF PARDON

\*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.*

A MOMENT WITH OUR CHILDREN

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 23, page 501

ANTHEM

Hand Chime Choir

“Kum Bah Yah”

GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:11-18, page 103

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

MEDITATION

The Rev. Rick Martindale

“What Jesus Bring to our Lives”

\*COMMUNION HYMN # 518

“Your Only Son”

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

*...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 **debts**, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

Joseph Barnby

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymn #606

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT # 187

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

John Rippons

"How Firm a Foundation"

*\*Please stand if able.*

**Opportunities for the Week of April 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>**

Today: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service / Communion  
4:00 p.m. Sunday Funday ages 4 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
Tuesday: Deadline for Church Mouse / Newsletter  
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice  
Friday: Youth Group Attending Christian Concert  
Saturday: High School Reunion in the multi-purpose room  
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
3:00 p.m. Presbytery Session Minutes Meeting  
4:00 p.m. Sunday Funday ages 4 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

## **Announcements**

The Men's Group is collecting paper towels and feminine products for Friend to Friend. All donations may be left in the Family Life Center. Please contact Keith Hardin with any questions at 910-603-0837. Monetary donations are accepted. Thank you for your support.

Thank you to everyone who participated or gave to the Sandhills Crop Walk. You can still give if you would like. Go on-line and google Sandhills Crop Walk and look for First Presbyterian Church Youth Group.

Rev. Martindale will lead a new Bible Study based on the popular series, "The Chosen." It will start in May. Sign up next week.

### **Dates to place on your calendar:**

Church Clean-Up Day – Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to noon

Coffee Time – in the kitchen on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

Last Sunday Funday at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

Last Youth Group Meeting at 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

Summer Schedule (worship at 10 a.m.) begins on June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Graduation Sunday and Luncheon on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>