

SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR MAY 11, 2025

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* ARR. JERRY RAY

INTROIT 182 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* (vrs.1) KINGSFOLD

Gathering Around The Word

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Rev. 7:12*

One: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

All: **The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

One: Blessing and honor is yours, O God.

All: **Glory to God forever. Alleluia!**

***HYMN 35** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERRENI

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) *from Ps. 23; Luke 1:79*

Holy God,

we confess that we have strayed

from your paths of right relationship and peace,

and we have dishonored you,

ourselves, and your creation;

we repent of these hurtful ways.

Forgive us, we pray,

as we learn to forgive others,

and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *from Ps. 23; Acts 9:41*

One: God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses; therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

We invite you to share the peace of Christ with others.

***RESPONSE 582** **NEW** GLORIA PATRI

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

**for portions marked with an asterisk, you're invited to rise in body or spirit*

Listening To the Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION OF GOD'S WORD

PSALM READING PSALM 23

(The scripture readings can be found on the back of the bulletin)

ANTHEM 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* RESIGNATION

SERMON "Staff Meeting" Rev. David Holden

Responding to the Word

***HYMN 187** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Church Creed

We believe God's love sets us free

as the church with a common heritage,

bound together as one family,

nourished by the gift of His Son.

We believe God's love sets us free

from fear, judgment, and death.

We believe God's love sets us free

with energy and strength for commitment.

We believe God's love sets us free,

renewing our faith, hope, and trust.

We believe God's love sets us free

to worship, to love, to accept love, and to live.

We believe God's love sets us free!

SHARING OUR PRAYERS *See prayer concerns list, back page*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER ("debts"/"debtors") *page 35 in hymnal*

GIVING BACK TO GOD'S KINGDOM

(Give online @ bit.ly/FPCSomersetGive or scan the code on the yellow pew card)

OFFERTORY *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* ARR. DOUGLAS WAGNER

***THE DOXOLOGY 606**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, you heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God Sends Us Forth

***HYMN 39** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

***CHARGE & BLESSING** *from Ps. 23:3, 6*

***BLESSING**

HYMN 748 *Go with Us, Lord* TALLIS' CANON

POSTLUDE

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please tell us about yourself! You can scan this QR code with your smartphone to fill out our online form, or fill out a pew card and drop it in the offering plate.



This Week

Mon., May 12 @ 5:00pm - Earth Care Team Meeting

Tue., May 13 @ 9:30am - Dress a Girl Around the World Sewing Day

Wed., May 14 @ 10:30am - PW Bible Study

Wed., May 14 @ 11:45am - Packing Food Boxes @ GFP

Wed., May 14 @ 4:30pm - Mission Committee Meeting

Wed., May 14 @ 6:30pm - Choir Practice

Thur., May 15 @ 4:00pm - Congregation Care Meeting

Thur., May 15 @ 5:00pm - Session Meeting

Fri., May 16 @ 11:30am - Lunch Ladies to Sonny's BBQ

Sat., May 17 @ 2:00pm - Food Box Giveaway

Worship Assistants Next Week

Liturgist.....Paula Burlew

Ushers.....J.B. Pitman & Laura Kamperman

Audio.....Terry Randall

Video.....Jon Burlew

Coffee Plus.....Brenda Wesley

First Reading—Psalm 23

1 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 right paths
 for his name's sake.
 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
 I fear no evil,
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff,
 they comfort me.
 5 You prepare a table before me
 in the presence of my enemies;
 you anoint 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
 my whole life long.



Prayers for Comfort, Concern, and Healing

Autumn Brock; Stephanie McClendon; Calvin Kruse; Bill McAtee; Aaron Ramsey; Tim Noel; Leslie Phillips' parents, J.R & Karen Goff; Don Haney; Rebecca Davis; David & Brenda Bryant; Jeff & Kathy Bishop's daughter, Ashley Kerr; Ed & Joyce Mick; Jennifer Williams; Bill House; Leslie Phillips

Current Giving

	Rec'd month of April	Needed Monthly	Received YTD	Needed YTD
Offering	\$19,004	\$16,522	\$73,806	\$66,088

Blessing Box Attendant

This Week.....Linda Bonardel
Next Week.....Jenny Gilmore

Assisting In Worship Today

Ministers.....Every Member
Liturgist.....Mary Jones
Ushers.....Pat Carpenter & Carol Wade
Audio.....Mary Beth Waller
Video.....Richard Wright
Coffee Plus.....Marci Randall
Director of Music.....Theresa Jean Kibby
Piano & Organ.....Debby McDonald
Pastor.....Rev. David Holden

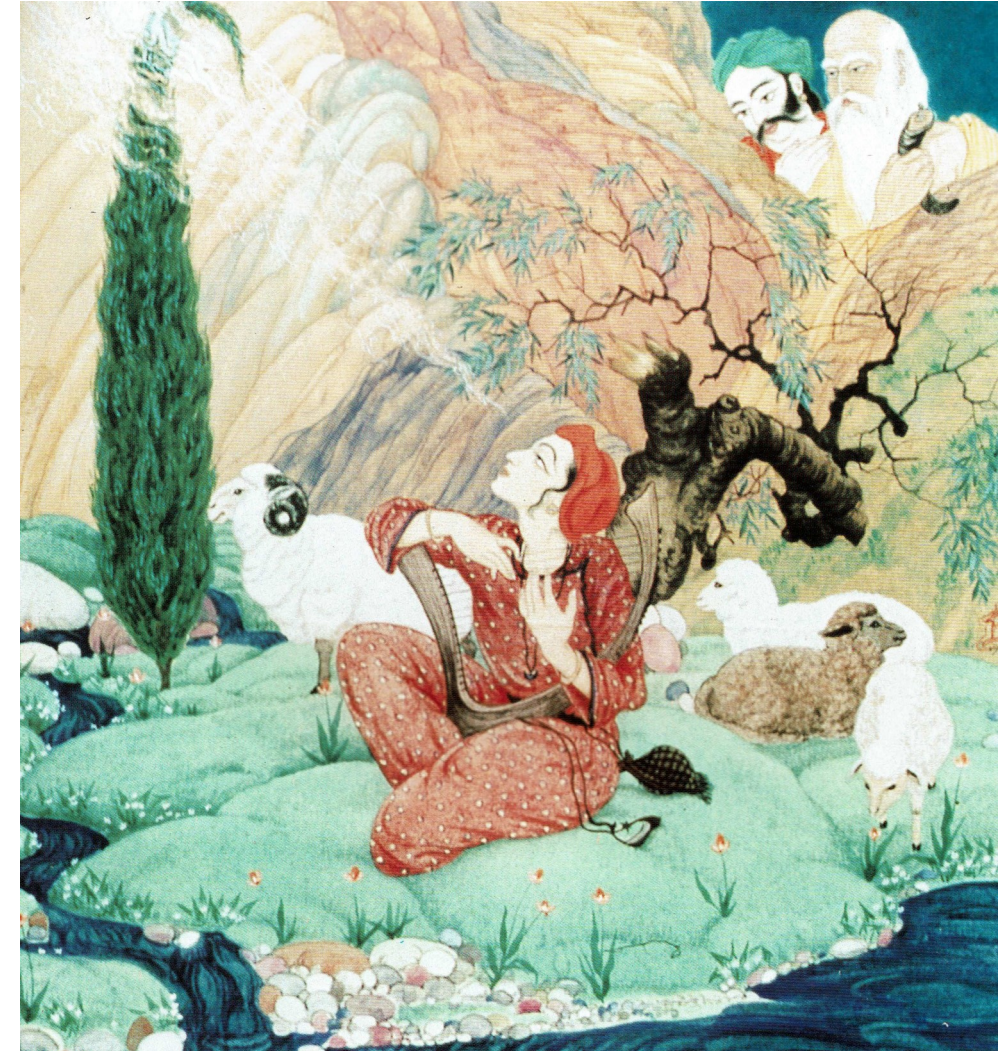
Deacons:

Linda Cook Rebecca Davis Sue Guffey
 Don Haney Nancy Holland Marshall Judy Marci Randall

Elders:

<i>Class of 2025</i>	<i>Class of 2026</i>	<i>Class of 2027</i>
Charles Leveridge	Sharon Mandt	Jo Salmon
Perry Waller	Laura Wright	Mark Dikeman

First Presbyterian Church
 May 11th, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter



Wesley, Frank, 1923-2002. Twenty-Third Psalm, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=59161> [retrieved May 5, 2025]. Original source: Estate of Frank Wesley, http://www.frankwesleyart.com/main_page.htm.

People of God, Welcome Home!

May Christ's peace and presence fill your heart as you worship this day, and may you go forth with the light and love of God shining within you.

We welcome you to worship, and ask that any electronic devices be placed on silent so that all may hear what God has to say.