

First Presbyterian Church

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Demetri Savopoulos, Video; Alycia Gardner, Administrative Assistant; Kathleen Katzenstein, Clerk of Session

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 21, 2024 10:00am



GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

BOLD means the congregation reading or singing.

*The congregation standing in body or spirit

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"This Savior Mine "

Gilbert Martin

(Please use this time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

PEOPLE: He lays down his life for his sheep.

LEADER: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

PEOPLE: He knows us, and we belong to him.

LEADER: The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

PEOPLE: He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We are your people, O God—the sheep of your pasture, the flock you have gathered. Lead us beside still waters; teach us the way of righteousness; and feed us at your table; through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. Amen.

*HYMN 455 *(At Home See Page 8)*

All Creatures of Our God and King

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor. We talk about love, but we fail to love one another. Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. *(Our silent prayers continue...)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

LEADER: We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us. This is the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI** (*New version on pg. 577*)

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

LEADER: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us share signs of reconciliation and peace with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

LEADER: Please greet one another with the peace of Christ.

ANTHEM

"I Will Rejoice"

B. Harlan

Chancel Choir

GOD'S WORD IS PROCLAIMED

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, good shepherd, by the leading of your Spirit, help us to listen for your voice and follow in your paths all the days of our lives; in Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 3:16-24

RESPONSIVE 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.**

GOSPEL READING: John 10:7-18, 27-30

WE RESPOND TO GOD

*HYMN 387 (See Page 9)

Savior, like a Shepherd Leads Us

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From the PC(USA) "A Brief Statement of Faith")

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

DONATING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS (See Announcements)

OFFERTORY

"Thy Perfect Love"

Michael Shea

*THE DOXOLOGY (New for Easter and the Next Few Weeks. Hymnal PG. 593)

**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. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have shown us the meaning of love through Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us. Show us how to share Christ's love by giving our lives for one another; to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

*HYMN 172 (See Page 10)

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

WE GO TO SERVE GOD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE - Hymn 593

7-Fold "Amen"

*POSTLUDE

"All Now Sing Forth In Praise"

Edward Broughton

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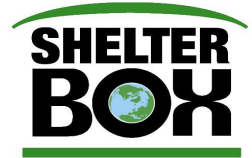


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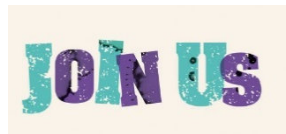
April 21, 2024

WELCOME! We give you warm greetings on this 4th Sunday of Easter. We hope you feel welcome here and have been inspired by our worship. Please join us for Coffee Hour and conversation after worship in the Fellowship Hall next door.

SECOND QUARTER LOCAL MISSION - ShelterBox USA is a top-rated charity that helps families affected by natural disaster around the world. With a score of 93% by Charity Navigator, this organization believes that all families require shelter - and that all families deserve to feel like their shelter is a home. Shelter Box delivers disaster relief by providing emergency shelters and the tools needed to help rebuild and recover after the event of a natural disaster. These tools include family-sized tents, solar lights, temporary shelter build kits, blankets, mosquito nets, water filters and carriers, and sturdy, portable kitchen sets. Their disaster relief projects have positively impacted families dealing with situations including flooding, earthquakes, storms, and war in places such as Syria, Turkey, India, the Caribbean, and Ukraine. As Presbyterians, we are dedicated to providing relief to those in need and the Mission Committee is excited to support this new cause. Please consider donating to the 2nd Quarter Mission over the next three months to make a difference in the lives of those families facing unthinkable situations.



For more information about ShelterBox, go to <https://www.shelterboxusa.org/>



JOIN US FOR WALK N' TALK: 9AM-10 AM each Monday thru Saturday, all winter, spring, summer, and fall. On Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday we walk around the circle by Selective Insurance, (the old fairgrounds), or through town. We park and meet by the tennis courts. Tuesday at Frankford Park, we park and meet by the basketball court. Thursday at Woodbourne Park, we park and meet by the first parking lot. Any questions – please direct to Beverly Keur. Hope to see you there!

ADULT EDUCATION

- The Women's book study will be "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant. We will meet once a month on a Wednesday 4:30-6:00 pm Room 4.
 - May 15 - My Story pp. 75-210
 - June 19 - Egypt pp.213 - the end
- If you need a copy of the book, please contact Trish Cherney (973-600-3918) as she is ordering used ones (\$4) online. We hope you come and join us!
- The Soup and Study continues, Thursday's at 5:30 with the new series "How the Bible Came to Be." Please join us!
- As part of Adult Education, we are assessing interest in traveling to the Baps Hindu Temple in Robbinsville, NJ? It is 2 hours away (outside of Trenton). It is the 2nd largest temple of its kind in the world. Please check out the link below and see if you would be interested in visiting. Most likely we will carpool down to keep things easier. See the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. We have 8 people signed up and need 10 for a guided tour. BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir <https://www.baps.org>



VBS SUMMER PROGRAM –

- We are excited to announce we will be supporting Frankford Plains Methodist church in Augusta with their VBS program. They have a fun and dynamic VBS which has been going for 60+ years! This year it will be the week of August 12th to 16th. Please inquire at: frankfordplainschurch@gmail.com or call the church office at 973-702-0334.
- We need VBS volunteers. Use the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall to let us know if you're interested.
- Sunday School next month will be taught by Lisa Hughes and Liz Dietz with the theme of Noah's Ark. It is important to note that the last week of Sunday School for the year will be on 6/2, with the children participating in our service. The rehearsal will be on Sunday 5/19 after church.



THE DAISEY ROE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

The Spring Flea Market is here, and the First Presbyterian Church of Branchville and the Daisey Roe Chain are planning our 27th Annual Indoor/Outdoor Spring Flea Market including the Thrift Shop on Saturday May 18, 2024, from 9 am to 2 pm. Our group will be renting tables indoors / outdoors for \$20.00 each. Please stop by to shop and support our efforts. Contact First Presbyterian Church of Branchville at 973-948-3495.



The Thrift Shop is requesting items for sale as well as volunteers for the Spring Flea Market event, The Thrift Shop will be serving coffee, bagels, and lunch. Please plan to attend and volunteer!

The Spring fundraiser is C & C Growers and is scheduled April 1 through May 25, and flyers will be available for pick up for your friends and neighbors. C & C Growers are located on Route 206 across from Tractor Supply. Hostesses are Gay Plog and Nancy Clink. Please plan to join us but note that a pink flyer is needed to receive the 10% discount.



THE FOOD PANTRY is in need of eggs and granola bars. Please consider donating to this continuous need in our community.

FISH & CHIPS DINNER AT FRANKFORD PLAINS UMC on Tuesday, May 7th from 5 to 7pm. Take-outs are available. Adults \$18, kids \$7. Advance ticket purchase required by May 5th. We are serving fish and chips, homemade coleslaw, homemade sunshine salad, homemade tartar sauce, green beans, roll and homemade dessert.



FELLOWSHIP NAME TAGS - The Fellowship Committee has provided name tags to be worn during church service and fellowship hour following the service. We are requesting that everyone wear a name tag provided as this will help us all with getting to know each other and will be especially helpful to new members and visitors. The magnetic name tags can be found at the entryway of the church. We will provide baskets for you to return the name tags each week at the back of the church or in the Fellowship Hall.

Dear Church Family:

I'd like to thank everyone for the care, support, concern, and love that you've shown me at this point in my life. I'm sure I wouldn't have been able to hold it together without all of you, my family, and friends. The texts, Facebook posts, phone calls, cards, food, taking me places and love is overwhelming. I also very much appreciate the repast for after Jolene's funeral. The Deacons and others pulled it all together to make it very memorable, especially when everyone was so busy with their own Easter weekend celebrations. I can't thank you all enough. My family from Pittsburgh was very impressed with everything our small-town church did for Jolene's beautiful memorial service. I am truly blessed to have all of you in my life. It means so much to me to have such a support team. Thanks again. We love and appreciate you all!

Love, John Newcomer, Bailey (the pup) and the cats.



CHURCH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES AND MINISTRIES

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY</u>
Today	10:00am	Worship – “4 th Sunday of Easter”
Wednesday	10am-12:00pm 4:30pm-6:00pm	Food Pantry Open Women’s Book Study
Thursday	5:30-7pm 7:00pm	Adult Soup & Study Chancel Choir
Saturday	9am-Noon	Daisey Roe Thrift Shop

<i>Next Sunday</i>	<i>10:00am</i>	<i>Sunday Worship “5th Sunday of Easter” Livestreamed via Facebook</i>

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Francis of Assisi, 1225

Trans. and para. William Henry Draper, c. 1910; alt.

Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623; alt.

Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Unison

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice
 2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail
 3. Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, Make mu-sic for
 4. Thou fer-tile earth, that day by day Un-fold-est bless-

Harmony

and with us sing, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 in heaven a-long, O sing ye! Al-le-lu-ia!
 thy Lord to hear, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 ings on your way, O sing ye! Al-le-lu-ia!

Unison

Thou burn-ing sun with gold-en beam, Thou sil-ver moon with
 Thou ris-ing morn, in praise re-joice, Ye lights of eve-ning,
 Thou fire so mas-ter-ful and bright, That giv-est us both
 The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, Let them God's glo-ry

Harmony

soft-er gleam,
 find a voice! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
 warmth and light,
 al-so show!

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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| <p>5. And everyone of tender heart,
 Forgiving others, take your part.
 O sing ye! Alleluia!
 Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
 Praise God and cast on God your care!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> | <p>6. All creatures, your Creator bless,
 And worship God in humbleness.
 O sing ye! Alleluia!
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
 And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 8 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> |
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Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

BRADBURY 8.7.8.7 D

Thrupp's *Hymns for the Young*, 1836

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859



1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten - der care;
 2. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;
 3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;



In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare:
 Thou hast mer - cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 Bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bo - soms fill:



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;



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My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 172

RESIGNATION CMD

Para. Isaac Watts, 1719; alt. 1972

Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835
Harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986

C C G C G Am AmG C Am Em F C G C

1. My Shep-herd will sup-ply my need; Je-ho-vah is His name:
2. When I walk through the shades of death Your pres-ence is my stay;
3. The sure pro-vi-sions of my God At-tend me all my days;

F C G C Em Am F G C F C F C G C

In pas-tures fresh He makes me feed, Be-side the liv-ing stream.
One word of Your sup-port-ing breath Drives all my fears a-way.
O may Your House be my a-bode, And all my work be praise.

G C F C Dm G C Am Em F Dm Am

He brings my wan-dering spir-it back, When I for-sake His ways;
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, Does still my ta-ble spread;
There would I find a set-tled rest, While oth-ers go and come;

F C G C Em Am F G C F C F C G C

And leads me, for His mer-cy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.
My cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows, Your oil a-noints my head.
No more a strang-er, or a guest, But like a child at home.