

Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Him Known

Welcome to today's worship service. We are delighted that you are here. If you are visiting, we invite you to join by profession of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, by reaffirmation of faith, or by transfer. Please speak to the pastor after the service.

SERVING TODAY

Jackson Weller	Minister of Discipleship
Ashley Stanley-Robey	Music Director
Patricia Taylor	Organist
David Parris	Sound
Brenna Takata	Liturgist
Jackie Rochford	Security, side door and offering
Eddie Blount	Greeter

BUDGET UPDATE

	March 31	YTD
Contributions	\$72,044.33	\$121,710.65
Expenditures	\$48,729.76	\$127,972.20

First Presbyterian Church

April 21, 2024

11 a.m.



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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to Noon

Our Missionaries—Ian and Stephanie Fraiser

Our missionaries Ian and Stephanie Fraiser are working out of VIA headquarters (formerly Center for Mission Mobilization) in Arkansas to recruit, train, and equip indigenous missionaries in Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America.

Currently, 80% of the world’s Christians live in Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America but they produce only 20% of the world’s missionaries. VIA plants teams of mobilizers in countries like Peru, Kenya, and China to help start missions movements in the global church. Almost three billion people are unreached; they don’t know anyone who knows anything about Jesus; and VIA is focused on mobilizing the unsent, those who know and love Jesus but aren’t engaged in missions, to share the gospel with them.

VIA engages with students, families, and leaders worldwide to point their hearts towards God’s Great Commission: go into the world and raise up disciples.

Pray for the Lord of the Harvest to raise up more laborers!

“All in the April Evening”
Hugh S. Robertson (1974-1952)
Lyrics by Katharine Tynan (1859-1931)

All in the April ev’ning, April airs were abroad;
The sheep with their little lambs pass’d me by on the road.
The sheep with their little lambs, pass’d me by on the road,
All in the April ev’ning I thought on the Lamb of God.

The lambs were weary and crying with a weak human cry,
I thought on the Lamb of God going meekly to die.
Up in the blue blue mountains, Dewy pastures are sweet,
Rest for the little bodies, rest for the little feet.

But for the Lamb, the Lamb of God, up on the hilltop green,
Only a cross, a cross of shame, two stark crosses between,
All in the April ev’ning, April airs were abroad;
I saw the sheep with their lambs, and thought on the Lamb of God.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even the obstacle of death has been removed between us and God. If death no longer stands in our way, we can be sure that our sin does not either. Let us confess our sins that they may be washed away by the mercy of our risen Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of many pastures, we never tire of hearing the voice of our shepherd; we never tire of hearing the call to lay our burdens down; we never tire of hearing the invitation to dwell in your house forever.

Forgive us, loving shepherd, when we try to keep you as our own— thinking that we alone have your love, thinking that others wander alone without your care and guidance. Open our eyes, that we may recognize the sheep of your fold wherever they may be and whatever they may look like. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The one who lays his life down for the sheep
will surely rescue us and lead us to safe pastures.
Through the love and grace of our shepherd,
goodness and mercy shall follow us
all the days of our lives,
and we shall dwell securely forever.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us, the children of God, stand and greet each other with cupped hands filled with God’s blessings and remain standing for the “Gloria Patri”.

RESPONSE

“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.

