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

A Service for the Worship of God

GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

As you enter the sanctuary please end your conversations and respect those worshipers who seek quiet time for prayer and meditation. Please silence all electronic devices. If you need a hearing assistance device, please request one from the usher. Remaining seated is as worshipful a posture as standing. Please worship in a way that is comfortable for you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "O Rest In The Lord" F. Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside the still waters.

They shall mount up with wings like eagles.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in the paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

They shall run and not be weary.

Yea though I walk through the valley

of the shadow of death I shall fear no evil,

for thou art with me.

They shall walk and not faint.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

INVOCATION

Shepherding God, you bring us into your presence and shower us with your love. You lead us beside the still waters and restore our souls. Touch our hearts and minds, that we may live your love and abide in your grace. Amen.

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND MEETINGS

SUNDAY, April 21 "Musical Harmony," a recital of organ and piano music, will feature organist Sarang Hong, from Cave Spring UMC, and pianist Juliet Cho, music director at Mt. Vernon UMC. A free will offering will be taken. 5:00 pm, Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church.

TUESDAY, April 23 Handbell Rehearsal at 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, April 24 NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, April 25 Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. in Westminster Classroom

Choir Rehearsal at 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, April 27 Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m.

Saturday Lunch Ministry from 10:30 a.m. until Noon. Come and help us prepare and serve meals to

our guests.

SUNDAY, April 28 Day School Sunday—Lunch will be served to the congregation, day school students, staff, and parents.

WEDNESDAY, May 1 The annual **Low Country Boil**. Tickets are \$9. Sign-up sheets are in the sanctuary windows and should be turned in by Thursday, April 25 as an accurate head count is needed for this meal. Payment is due at the door.

SATURDAY, May 4 "Surprise Concert" by Danville Symphony Orchestra, Pack a picnic to enjoy before this free outdoor concert! The stage and seating area are sheltered from rain and sun. 1 p.m. at Carrington Pavilion.

List of Session members

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Elizabeth E. Broschart

Class of 2024:Kathy Dolianitis, Brenna Takata*, Barbara Wilkins*, David Swann Class of 2025:David Clark, Sam Meadema*, Eddie Blount*, Jackie Rochford* Class of 2026: Randy Brooks, Barry Cutright, Gail Jones*, Kim Wimer

^{*}Denotes Steering Committee Members

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. Roberton (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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of great gifts: This morning we give you praise, we give you glory, we give you thanks! With resurrection humming in our hearts, our minds are tuned to your song of peace! We joyfully present these gifts to you, a tangible chorus of thanksgiving, a harmony of hope for your kingdom come! Amen.

OFFERTORY

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" H. Purcell, arr. Berry

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.,

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM "All In The April Evening" Roberton and Tynan

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Merciful God, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Stir up within us the gift of faith that we may not only praise him with our lips, but may follow him in the way of the cross.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23, 1 John 3:1-7, John 10:8-18

SERMON "Truly A Good Shepherd"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic church; The communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting.

Amen.

HYMN "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" **GTG#353**

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

POSTLUDE "Allegro" A. Vivaldi

BENEDICTION