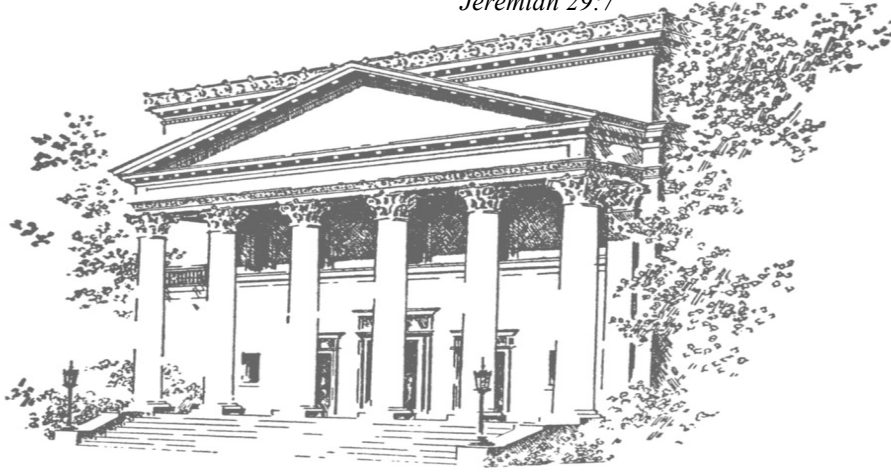


Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...  
And pray to the Lord on its behalf

Jeremiah 29:7



# First Presbyterian Church

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The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers  
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## The Worship of Our Lord

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 21, 2024  
10:30 AM

Welcome to First Presby! We are grateful you chose to worship with us today. Please take a moment to sign in via the Friendship Pads located at the end of the pews. We use this information for contact tracing and to keep in touch about church events. We hope you will take a moment to read the electronic newsletter "First Presby Press" and the weekly Green Sheet. Please share news and notes with your friends and neighbors. Thank you!

### REFLECTION FOR WORSHIP

The following scriptures are provided for silent Meditation during the Prelude.

Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

"How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods  
and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help?"

1 John 3:17

\* indicates congregation standing, as able

### THE CHURCH GATHERS TO . . .

#### PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Prelude on "St. Columba"

Healy Willan

INTROIT

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation  
Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone;  
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;  
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

WELCOME

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

#### PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Barb Hopta

One: Beloved, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

All: For many signs and wonders are being done among us.

One: Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

All: Let us give what we can to all who have needs, so all people may regard us with good will.

One: Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

All: In this way, God will add to our numbers every day.

CONFESS TO OUR FORGIVING CREATOR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Macy

One: Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

All: **In humility and faith, we confess our sin together.**

God of community,  
You call us to a world radically different  
From what we are used to.  
You ask us to lay aside our ideas of “mine” and “yours.”  
You show us a life where goods are shared,  
Where all are loved,  
And faithfulness is shown through generosity.  
But we cling to our possessions,  
Trusting them more than we trust you.  
Forgive us, merciful God.  
Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful realm  
And to work to make it so.

*(Silence is kept for personal confession)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor Macy

One: God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

All: **Through Christ’s death and resurrection we are a new creation – ready to sing God’s glory and testify to God’s grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #591

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Pastor Macy

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 23 (OT p. 501) & 1 John 3:16-24 (NT p. 240)

Barb Hopta

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Sheep May Safely Graze

J.S. Bach

Sheep may safely graze and pasture where their shepherd guards them well.

Those who rule, with wisdom guiding,

Bring to hearts a peace abiding,

Bless this land with joy made bright.

Rest and peace.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 10:11-18 (NT p. 103)

Pastor Myers

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Myers

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Rob and Theresa Kuenzel and Emmett, Emma, Adlai and Ansel Pepper, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ’s church. As we are all one in Christ, we promise to love, cherish and support you, to share the good news of the Gospel with you, and to help you to know and follow Christ.**

*(Children in grades 1-5 are dismissed to Children’s Church in Room E-117 or they may remain in the sanctuary with their parents.)*

SERMON

“How Do We Know?”

Pastor Myers

\*HYMN #802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

DEDICATE OUR LIVES TO GOD

JOYS & CONCERNS

Pastor Macy

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Montreat

Pastor Macy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Macy

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.

SUNG RESPONSE TO PRAYER #245 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

LLANFAIR

*"Christ the Lord is risen today!" Alleluia!  
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!*

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

Religioso

Pastor Macy  
J.L. Battmann

*(Please bring your offering forward during the offertory.)*

\*Offering Response #607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Pastor Macy

\*HYMN INSERT

Renew Your Church

ALL IS WELL

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Myers

\*POSTLUDE

Marche

J.L. Battmann

*Our worship continues in our service to others.*

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship today.  
May the gift of worship we offer today honor God and serve as a blessing to you.  
Worship is broadcast at 11AM on WCHS-580AM  
Worship is also available on our YouTube channel.

All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.

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#### WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. William C. Myers  
The Rev. Marietta Macy  
Barb Hopta

#### THE MUSIC TODAY

Jayson Keeton, Director of Music and Organist  
The Sanctuary Choir

#### ALSO SERVING TODAY

Chiming the Trinity: David Cottrell  
Greeters: John Mitchell and Micki Black  
Kiley and Jack Mitchell

Audio & Video: Byron Goodew & David Cottrell  
Custodial Services: David Feibelmann

#### WORSHIP NOTES

Please remember that we worship every Sunday Sabbath Day, and that is available via YouTube and the radio broadcast. Thank you for connecting for worship with First Presby.

#### The Staff of First Presbyterian Church

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