

# First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11, 2025

Greeting: The Lord has risen! Alleluia!

**Response: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!**

Announcements

Opening Prayer

Prelude

\*Praise Medley

Insert

Prayer of Confession:

The Lord is our Shepherd, our needs are and always will be met;  
**but Lord God, our culture has enticed our souls to want more  
and to never be satisfied with what we have.**

**Lord, have mercy!**

*(Silence)*

The Lord provides rest for our souls.

**We are sorry Lord but we have so many things to do and even  
more things that we would like to do. Christ, have mercy!**

*(Silence)*

The Lord leads us to quiet still waters, that truly refresh;  
**and we tend toward polluted streams that corrupt the soul.  
Lord, have mercy!**

*(Silence)*

Good Shepherd, we call you good;

**but sometimes our thinking and our choices seem to indicate  
that we think there is something better. Lord, have mercy!**

*(silence for personal confession and reflection)*

Response:

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care.  
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.**

Assurance of Pardon:

When we go astray, the Good Shepherd comes looking for us  
and upon finding us, picks us up and puts us on His shoulders  
lovingly carrying us back to His fold. Dearly beloved,  
hear and believe the Good News;

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!**

**\*Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
He who on the cross as Savior for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.**

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Choral Anthem: *Open the Eyes of My Heart* (P. Baloché)  
Cliff Smith

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:36-43

Pg. 918, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

Pg. 458, Pew Bible

Sermon Text: John 10:22-30

Pg. 896, Pew Bible

Sermon: *It's All About Relationship*

Affirmation of Faith (*adapted from Revelation 7, NLT*):

**A vast crowd, too great to count, from every nation and tribe  
and people and language, are standing in front of the throne  
and before the Lamb. They are clothed in white robes and  
hold palm branches in their hands, shouting with a great roar,  
"Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne and  
from the Lamb!" The angels are standing around the throne  
and around the elders and the four living beings. They fall  
before the throne with their faces to the ground and  
worshipping God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and  
wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength  
belong to our God forever and ever! Amen." Those clothed in  
white are the ones who died in the great tribulation. They have  
washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them  
white. That is why they stand in front of God's throne and**

**serve him day and night in his Temple. And He who sits on the throne gives them shelter. They will never again be hungry or thirsty; they will never be scorched by the heat of the sun. The Lamb on the throne is their Shepherd. He leads them to springs of life-giving water. And God wipes every tear from their eyes.”**

\*Hymn: *Ye Servants of God*

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INTERCESSIONS / PRAYER CONCERNS:

Sunny Johnson, Holly Werner, Wendy Hawkins, Mary Rushford, Ralph Kramer, Scott Doda, Kathy Eavenson, Chris Hanley, Bonnie Hyde, Phil Peterson, Anne Starr, Carl VanDusen, Floyd Kucharski, Emily Cummings; the PNC; missionaries, Sam and Cayla

The Offering

Offertory

\*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.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Hymn: *I Am*

**There's no space that His love can't reach.**

**There's no place where we can't find peace.**

**There's no end to amazing grace.**

**Take me in with Your arms spread wide.**

**Take me in like an orphan child.**

**Never let go never leave my side.**

Chorus

**I am holding onto You. I am holding onto You.**

**In the middle of the storm, I am holding on I am (*repeat*)**

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Response: *I Am* (Chorus)

\*Postlude

\*Those who are able, please stand.

## CHURCH NOTES

**Today: 10:30a.m. New Member Classes**  
**Monday:** 5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)  
**Tuesday:** 1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry  
**Wednesday:** 10:00a.m. Reflections with Pastor Bob  
Young Disciples: (*last one*)  
3:30p.m. 4yrs. old – 6<sup>th</sup> Graders  
5:00p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders  
**Thursday:** 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That  
**Friday:** 11:30a.m. Women's Luncheon  
*at Peking*

**Congratulations to** Corey and Laura Sarder on the birth of their daughter, Brinley Suttyn Sarder, on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Brinley's grandma is Sara Miller.

**New Member Classes** will be offered today for anyone interested in becoming a member.

### **VBS: June 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m**

All children 4-years old through those completing 6<sup>th</sup> grade are encouraged to attend. Registration forms are available on the VBS table in the Fireside Room. You may also register online on our website [kingsfpc.org](http://kingsfpc.org). Many volunteers are needed to make this event successful. Please see the sign-up sheets in the Fireside Room for volunteer opportunities.

**All women are invited** to the Women's Luncheon this Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at Peking at 11:30a.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Fireside Room.

**Scholarship applications** are now available for undergraduate students who are pursuing a 2-year or 4-year degree. To qualify, a student must be an active member of our Church. Applications can be picked up in the office or you can request one by email: [maryjean5775@gmail.com](mailto:maryjean5775@gmail.com). Applications need to be turned in by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Ushers:** Ferrand and Gladys Ethington; Cliff and Logan Smith

## **THE HOLY HEART** CCLI Song # 1041359 Anne Barbour | Marsha Skidmore

The holy heart was broken, sent from the Father's side.  
The Son of God forsaken, the holy sacrifice.

### CHORUS:

For me He was forsaken, for me He died alone.  
My sin forever taken, that I might be His own.

### VERSE 2

The holy Lamb was stricken, abandoned and alone.  
He bore the world's affliction, He bore it as His own. *chorus*

### VERSE 3

And when my heart is broken, torn by my sin and pride,  
The Son of God now risen will draw me to His side. *chorus*

## **STEP BY STEP** CCLI Song # 696994 David (Beaker) Strasser

O God You are my God and I will ever praise You.  
O God You are my God and I will ever praise You.  
I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn  
to walk in Your ways.  
And step by step You lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.  
And step by step You lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.

## I WILL TRUST IN YOU

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When I can't see You, I know You're here  
When I can't feel You, I will not fear  
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid

And when the battle is close at hand  
I know You're with me to help me stand  
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid *chorus*

### CHORUS:

I will not be afraid, I will not be afraid  
I will trust in You, I will trust in You

And when the darkness is closing in  
And I am running against the wind  
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid

'Cause when I'm standing upon that shore  
And all the battles they have gone before  
I will trust in You and I will not be afraid *chorus*