

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2026

Preservice Music

Boyd Thomas

The Lord has risen! Alleluia!
Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Announcements

Sandy Petroff

Opening Prayer

Prelude

Crystal Hogan

*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 reflection and personal confession)

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;
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Assurance of Pardon:

Dearly beloved, hear and believe the good news of the gospel,
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

Choral Anthem: *Blessings* (L. Story, arr. H. Sorenson)

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Pg. 912, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

Pg. 458, Pew Bible

Response: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Text: John 10:1-10

Pg. 896, Pew Bible

Sermon: *"Choose to Follow the Good Shepherd
to an Abundant Life"*

Jim Petroff

*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.”

Prayers of Intercessions

Prayer Concerns:

Margaret Spooner, Sue Fraker, Lorna March, Anne Starr, Phil Peterson, Chuck Jennings, Geri Anderson, Charlie and Jo Ann Novara, Scott Doda, Kathy Eavenson, Bonnie Hyde, Mary Rushford; the PNC; missionaries, Sam and Cayla

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.

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: *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* No. 688, vv. 1, 2

*Charge and Benediction

*Response: *Savior...* vv. 3, 4

*Postlude

*Those who are able, please stand.

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