



GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

APRIL 30, 2023

Welcome to Good Shepherd

Thank you for joining us for worship today. If this is your first time with us, we are especially glad you are here. Please don't hesitate to ask one of our greeters regarding the location of the nursery, restrooms, or just a cup of coffee!

We realize that the flow and order of our worship may be unfamiliar, so there are notes in the margins that will offer some explanations and hopefully help you participate. Our service is designed to be both biblical and Christ centered as we cycle through the wonderful truths of the Gospel each week. We gather not for a lecture, conference, or concert, but for an encounter and covenant renewal with God. Therefore, our service follows the pattern God gave his people thousands of years ago: God speaks and we respond.

We also hope that you will join us after the service. Downstairs in the fellowship hall you will find plenty of refreshments and snacks as well as a warm welcome from our church family. If you have any questions from the sermon you can return to the sanctuary about 15 minutes after the service for our *Ask the Pastor* time. This is a great place to process the wonderful truths of the Gospel that we proclaim.

Lastly, we would love to know that you were here this morning. In the backs of the pews there is an info sheet that you can fill out and put in the offering basket during the service. Don't worry, we won't bombard you with endless emails. We just want an opportunity to say hello. If there is any way that we can pray for you, or if you have questions about the church, you can write those on the back as well.

Wherever you are this morning, our hope is that God would attend to the ministry of His Word, and that you would know the love of your blessed Savior.



A Word to Parents with Young Children

First, we want you to know that we are delighted to have your children in worship with us this morning. There is nothing better that we can give our children than the opportunity to know and worship their Heavenly Father. Any noises that they may make are not an embarrassing distraction, but a beautiful reminder that they are participating in God's means of grace.

We do understand, however, that it is sometimes helpful to have other means of serving our children and families. Through the back doors of the sanctuary you will find a **cry room** if you have little ones that are getting fussy or who need to nurse. We also have an **overflow room** with a live-stream of the service in the downstairs fellowship hall.

Lastly, we have a **nursery** downstairs for children ages 0-3. Staff in the nursery are background checked and trained.

Order of Worship

Preparation

We invite you to take a few moments this morning to prayerfully prepare to meet with and worship the living God.

Preparatory Thought.....

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. - Hebrews 12:1-2

Prelude.....

Welcome and Announcements.....

Praise

Call to Worship*.....Isaiah 44:21-23

God's people come because he first calls them. We open our services this way as a reminder that it is God himself who is calling us into his presence this morning.

Leader: Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you. Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the Lord has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.

Prayer of Adoration*.....

Hymn #92*.....*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*please stand if able

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Renewal

Recitation of the Apostle's Creed.....

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....

Assurance of Pardon.....Joel 2:12-13

Leader: "Even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning." Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

Offering/Psalm 34.....*Through All the Changing Seasons of Life*

Congregational Prayer.....

While it is right for us to confess our sins in light of God's holiness, our forgiveness is not merited through this act or the absolution of a priest. Rather, it is Christ who saves and speaks through His Word to assure us that our sin has been pardoned.

If you are visiting with us there is no expectation for you to contribute to this morning's offering. For those who are giving we remember that we are called to joyful worship of the God who continues to give us all that we need in Christ.

Through All the Changing Seasons of Life

1. Through all the chang - ing scenes of life, in
2. His sav - ing mer - cies I will sing, till
3. Oh, mag - ni - fy the Lord with me; let
4. The an - gel of the Lord sur - rounds the

trou - ble and in joy, the prais - es of my
all that are dis - tressed shall hear the won - ders
us ex - alt His name; when in dis - tress I
dwell - ings of the just; His arm is strong to

God shall still my heart and tongue em - ploy.
God has done, and lay their griefs to rest.
called to Him, He to my res - cue came.
save the ones who in His ref - uge trust.

5. Oh, taste and see the Lord is good!—
oh let His goodness prove
how blest are they who seek the Lord,
whose refuge is His love.

6. Oh fear the Lord, all you, His saints,
and nothing shall you fear;
His service shall be your delight:
your needs shall be His care.

*Each week, we preach, verse
by verse through books of the
Bible so that we are
instructed by the full counsel
of God, rather than whatever
the preacher deems most
important.*

*We celebrate the Lord's
Supper every week trusting
that our Lord is truly,
spiritually present
nourishing His people. If you
are a member of a local
church, have been baptized,
and believe that you are
saved by grace through faith,
then we welcome you to
participate with us.*

Proclamation

Hymn #605*.....*All The Way My Savior Leads Me*

Prayer for Illumination.....

Sermon.....Rev. Neil Quinn

"Living By Faith"
Hebrews 11:1-3 (p. 1007)

Response

Celebration of the Lord's Supper**.....

Hymn #274*.....*Thine Be the Glory*

Benediction*.....

Postlude.....

**To allow full participation for all members, the Lord's Supper is served with gluten free bread.

All The Way My Savior Leads Me

Musical notation for the first system, including treble and bass staves with chords and lyrics.

1. All the way my Sav-ior leads me; what have I to ask be-side?
 2. All the way my Sav-ior leads me, cheers each wind-ing path I tread,
 3. All the way my Sav-ior leads me— O the ful-ness of his love!

Musical notation for the second system, including treble and bass staves with chords and lyrics.

Can I doubt his ten-der mer-cy, who through life has been my guide?
 gives me grace for ev-'ry tri-al, feeds me with the liv-ing bread.
 Per-fect rest to me is prom-ised in my Fa-ther's house a-bove:

Musical notation for the third system, including treble and bass staves with chords and lyrics.

Heav'n-ly peace, di-vin-est com-fort, here by faith in him to dwell;
 Though my wea-ry steps may fal-ter, and my soul a-thirst may be,
 when my spir-it, clothed, im-mor-tal, wings its flight to realms of day,

Musical notation for the fourth system, including treble and bass staves with chords and lyrics.

for I know, what-e'er be-fall me, Je-sus do-eth all things well; well.
 gush-ing from the rock be-fore me, lo, a spring of joy I see; see!
 this my song through end-less a-ges: Je-sus led me all the way; way!

Sermon Outline

“Living By Faith”

Hebrews 11:1-3 (p. 1007)

Big Idea—Living by faith is the most rational way to live.

Introduction: The Righteous Live By Faith

Living By Faith is Holding the Hoped For and Seeing the Unseen

Living By Faith Pleases God

Living By Faith is Infallible

Conclusion: Take the Hand of Your Father and Follow Him

Sermon Notes

Thine Be the Glory

1. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly he
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with -

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won; an - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom; let the church with glad - ness,
 out thee: aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes,
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for her Lord now liv - eth,
 thro' thy death - less love: bring us safe thro' Jor - dan

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring Son;
 to thy home a - bove.

end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won.

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Announcements

- A special service of **Scripture and Song** is scheduled during the evening service on Sunday, **May 7**. Please plan to join us for the first of what is planned to be an annual evening of praise and thanksgiving.
- Please join us for **Ladies Swap Night** on **May 15** at **7pm** in the fellowship hall. Contact Lynn Kloosterman or Juhae Lee with any questions.

Financials

- Total Giving through March 2023 (\$70,659)
- Total Expenses through March 2023 (\$75,535)
- Welcome Home Contributions (\$43,997)

Get Involved

- Join us after the service for our **Ask the Pastor** time where you can follow up on the sermon or ask other Bible and faith questions you may have.
- **Sunday School** classes run after the morning service from 11:45am until 12:30pm
- **Fellowship groups** meet every other week. Please contact Pastor Ryan if interested.
- **Senior and Junior High** students are invited to attend our weekly catechism class after service in the upstairs classrooms.
- **Young Adults** meet every Wednesday for fellowship and a sermon discussion.
- **Men's Bible Study** groups meet weekly in the morning and evening.
- **Women's Bible Study** meets on alternating Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 pm in the church Fellowship Hall.
- **The choir** practices every Tuesday at 7pm.