

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2009

11:00 A.M.

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. John 10:14-15

PRELUDE Pastorale Dale Wood

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall want for nothing.

People: You, O Lord, make me lie down in green pastures and lead me beside still waters.

One: You revive my soul and guide me in the pathways that are right.

People: Though I walk in death's presence, I will not fear, for you are with me always.

One: You spread a feast for me; you anoint my head; my cup overflows with goodness.

People: Your goodness and mercy will follow me forever, and I will dwell secure in your house. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #171 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful Shepherd, you lead us and guide us in the way we should go. You have set before us the way of life, having borne upon yourself our sin and death, so that we might live forever. Yet we have wandered from your fold and strayed from your path; we have chosen to stumble in darkness, rather than walking in your light. By your merciful Spirit, draw us back unto yourself, and set our feet on your sure path, that step by step, and day by day, we may truly glorify your holy name. (Silent Confession) Amen.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (Hymn #262, stanza 4)

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way, lead us from night to neverending day; Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Pearl Richardson

FIRST LESSON OF SCRIPTURE Psalm 23

(Pew Bible, pg. 501, OT)

ANTHEM We Remember Joel Raney Chancel Choir

SECOND LESSON OF SCRIPTURE

John 10:11-18 (Pew Bible, pg. 103, NT)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION A Voice Like No Other Randall C. Stevens

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed, pg. 14, Trad.Version)

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.

TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD

SERVICE OF GIVING

The Offering

An Offering of Music My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Dale Wood

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Communion Hymn #387 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: (Prayer continues)

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Closing Prayer

TO GO FORTH AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN (See insert) A Parting Hymn We Sing

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE I Come With Joy

POSTLUDE Fanfare Eric Thiman

*congregation standing

IN MEMORIAM Dr. Joseph Campbell April 24, 1933-April 24, 2009

LECTIONARY READINGS

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

Welcome to our visitors today! We are glad you are here and we hope you will join us for worship again. If you are interested in joining our church, there are three ways you may do so. They are: transfer of letter from your church of previous membership; reaffirmation of faith if you have already been baptized; and baptism and affirmation of faith if you have not been baptized. If you are interested in joining, please ask one of our pastors for more details.

Please use the friendship register to indicate your presence in worship. Pass the register back to the center aisle and note those who are seated with you on the pew and greet them following the worship service. If you are visiting with us for the first time, please include your address, telephone number, and e-mail as well.

Children's Worship: Children who were three years old by October 1, four-year-olds and children in Kindergarten and first grade are invited to participate in Children's Worship. They will leave the sanctuary following The Word for Children and may be picked up at the Children's Worship Room, near the library, after Worship.

Greeters: Anne Vipperman and Victoria Esarey.

Ushers: Ralph Shank, Jr., Manly Boyd, Bob Clark, Joe and Jerri DeVault, Dick Pilson, Bobby Wilson, Chris Wingfield.

Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and placed in loving memory of Barbara Richman by her family.

Thanks to Bill Plonk who is assisting in worship this morning and Pearl Richardson who is reading the scripture.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Dr. Joe Campbell on his death in Bassett, Virginia. Joe, a member of First Presbyterian since May 15, 1966, joined the Church Triumphant on April 24, 2009. The white rose on the lectern is placed in thanksgiving of his life among us.

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Sarah Altizer, Office Manager

Session Highlights for April 27, 2009

- *The opening devotional and prayer were given by elder Bill Peterson.*
- *The minutes for the Session's stated meeting on March 30, 2009 were approved.*
- *Transferred the memberships of Duke and Debbie Easley and Cheryl Rigney to the First United Methodist Church of Martinsville, VA.*
- *Noted the death of Dr. Joe Campbell (a church member) on April 24, 2009.*
- *Voted to recommend to the congregation that the size of the Session be reduced from 24 elders to 18 elders (beginning with 6 elders elected to the Class of 2012).*
- *Voted to allow Grace Network to use the church's facilities on an as-needed basis (when available).*
- *Elected Ann Reaser and Darla Main-Schneider to be commissioners to the Presbytery of the Peaks' meeting at First Presbyterian Church in South Boston on May 7, 2009.*

The Flower Committee has the following open dates on the calendar for 2009: May 17, June 14, July 19, August 9, November 1 and 22. If you are interested in putting flowers in the sanctuary on one of these dates, please call Margaret Knight at 638-2755.

The Youth Group will leave the church parking lot at 12:30 p.m. today for lunch at Jerry's Pizza followed by an afternoon at the SPCA helping with the animals. The bus will return to the church at 3:15 p.m. All youth are invited to bring their friends!

Grace Network: Our congregation continues to collect food for the food pantry at Grace Network. Our assigned items are **spaghetti sauce and pasta**. The agency is now also recycling used printer cartridges. Thank you for your diligence in contributing to Grace Network. Keep up the good work!

The Presbyterian Women invite **all** women in the church to attend their General Meeting tomorrow evening at 7:00, in the Fellowship Hall.

Parents of College Seniors: If you have a student graduating from college this year, **please call** the Church Office and let us know so we can include their names in the list of graduates for the year 2009.

The Martinsville & Henry County Mental Health Association invites you to its ninth annual **Men Who Cook**, Saturday, **May 9**, from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** at the Martinsville Farmer's Market Uptown Martinsville. Tickets (\$10 Adults, \$5 Child) are available in advance or at the door! Questions? 638-6801 or info@mhcma.org

Calendar for the Week

Sunday, May 3

8:35 a.m.	Gathering Music
8:45 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Reception
9:45 a.m.	Church at Study
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship
12:30 p.m.	Youth Group to Jerry's and SPCA
4:30 p.m.	Guitar Lesson

Monday, May 4

9:00 a.m.	Weekday School
2:45 p.m.	Orff
4:30 p.m.	Youth Jam
7:00 p.m.	Presbyterian Women's General Meeting

Tuesday, May 5

9:00 a.m.	Weekday School
9:30 a.m.	ELI
11:00 a.m.	Music Together
12:00 p.m.	Kindermusik I
5:30 p.m.	Mission Committee
7:00 p.m.	Worship Band

Wednesday, May 6

9:00 a.m.	Weekday School
9:30 a.m.	ELI
5:30 p.m.	Fellowship Committee
6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Ringers
7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 7

9:00 a.m.	Presbytery Mtg. in South Boston
9:00 a.m.	Weekday School
9:30 a.m.	ELI

Sunday, May 10

8:35 a.m.	Gathering Music
8:45 a.m.	Contemporary Worship
9:30 a.m.	Fellowship Reception
9:45 a.m.	Church at Study
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship
4:30 p.m.	Guitar Lesson
5:00 p.m.	Youth Group

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1901 Patrick Henry Avenue

Martinsville, Virginia

May 3, 2009

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Share God's love, embrace our neighbors, nurture each other.*

Prayer Concerns

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Values: commitment, integrity, courage, and service.

Priorities are: worship, youth, pastoral care, leadership, and the last one is a three-in-one combination of evangelism/education/ community.

Given the future to which God is calling First Martinsville and the recent changes in staffing, we will be gathering to **brainstorm and discern:** what the mission, values and priorities mean to us the congregation; what they might look like more specifically in terms of mission and ministry; and what staffing model is needed to best meet the needs of the congregation and community.

Your input is important and we hope you can attend. **Nancy Dawson** will be here to meet with our congregation and would like to have groups of **more than 10 and less than 30** meet with her on one of the following dates and times.

Sunday, May 17 **3:00 - 4:30 p.m.**
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Monday, May 18 **9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

The meetings will take place in the Reed Classroom, and you are asked to call the Church Office (632-3431) to register for a date and time or fill out the form below and drop in offering plate. Your **participation is vital** in order to gather the necessary information and steer our church in the right direction.

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