

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES		
<b>Today</b> (04/26)	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service
<b>Monday</b> (04/27)	9:00a	Bulletin Information Due Website Information Due
	6:30p	Triad A Capella Connection
<b>Wednesday</b> (04/29)	9:00a	WW Meeting
	7:00p	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Sunday</b> (05/03)	9:30a	Sunday School
	10:30a	Worship Service

**Pennies for Hunger:** Don't forget to drop your pennies in the "Hunger" pail located in the Narthex.

**Dollars for Missions:** All loose dollar bills placed in the collection plates will be earmarked for mission work—divided between FPC Mission Team and a Salem Presbytery mission.



# First Presbyterian Church

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April 26, 2026—Fourth Sunday of Easter

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: How awesome to gather before God! We are here to celebrate with wide-eyed wonder.

**All: *The God of all worlds is with us. Praise God for this season of Easter.***

One: Praise God for all the signs of new life. Praise God for all we can do together.

**All: *Praise God for the life and ministry of Jesus. Praise God for all who share that ministry today.***

One: Christ came to offer us abundant life. We are here today to reclaim that gift.

**All: *We gather in the name of Jesus Christ. We want to follow in the steps of Jesus. Let us worship God!***

\*HYMN NO. 187

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

BRADBURY

\*Those who are able, please stand.

*Financial Update can be found on the bulletin board.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we do not want to admit that our possessions possess us. Yet we do seem captive to all the things we have acquired and all the things we want. We are reluctant to share too much, lest we be deprived of the comforts we cherish. We do not want to suffer for our faith. There are limits to our willingness to follow Jesus. O God, help us trust you beyond these limits. *(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.)*

Amen.

### RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God provides for us as a good shepherd provides for a flock of sheep, seeking green pastures and still waters for us even in periods of famine and drought. In fearful times, amid loss, the Shepherd's care is always available. Surely God's goodness and mercy will restore all who give up their own pretensions in order to live in community, with glad and generous hearts. Friends, believe the good news...

**All:** *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

### \*RESPONSE

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All:** *And also with you.*

*(Please share a sign of peace with others.)*

## ANTHEM

### THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All:** *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 23

John 10:1-10

### SERMON

*"The Abundant Life"*

Rev. John Pruitt

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 803

*"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"*

RESIGNATION

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*"The Apostles' Creed"*

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.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### 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 DEDICATION

### \*HYMN NO. 542

*"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"*

GOD BE WITH YOU

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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Serving Today (Apr 26)

Greeters/Ushers: Joy Budkey, Jim Ingram

Serving Next Sunday (May 03)

Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Darcy Polinski

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