

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CELL PHONES ARE TURNED OFF.

Welcome, Gathering, and Announcements Sandy Geary

Prelude "The Lord's Prayer" Malotte
Pouring the Waters of our Baptism: *reminder that we are baptized children of God***

*Call to Worship Sandy Geary, Lay Reader

L: Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.
ALL: He leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul.
L: Even though we walk through dark valleys;
even though we are fearful and in need of comfort,
**ALL: Our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy;
We shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long!**

*Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #366

*Call to Confession Sandy Geary
The joy of this Easter season continues as we are called to Word and worship.
Let us pause to confess our sins to our Good Shepherd.

*Prayer of Confession
**Savior God, you guide us, but sometimes we are fearful and slow to follow.
Forgive those times when we wander into ways that alienate us from you and
from one another. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us to be faithful as your flock.
Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon Sandy Geary
Christ forgives. Christ transforms. Christ renews. Christ leads us down the path of
new beginnings. We are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to
God's grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria Patri
**"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was
in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. amen."**

Prayer for Illumination
**ALL: God our helper, guide us into and through your Word, that we might be shaped
by your Spirit's message to us today and transformed for service in your world.
Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:16-24 Sandy Geary

Special Music "Deep River" *FPC Choir* Spiritual

Second Scripture Reading: John 10:11-18 Pastor Betsy Stow

Sermon "The Love of the Good Shepherd" Pastor Betsy Stow

Sung Response The Gift of Love vs. 3 #693
**"Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control; our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed."**

*Affirmation of Faith Psalm 23, KJV
**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green
pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth
me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through
the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod
and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely
goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.**

Our Offerings
March/April Dollars for Mission will assist the "Community Care Clinic."

Offertory "The Lord is My Shepherd" Traditional

*Prayer of Dedication and Doxology Pastor Betsy Stow

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.**

*Hymn "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" #802

*Charge and Benediction Pastor Betsy Stow

Postlude "Create in Me a Clean Heart" #422
Frank Armato, Church Musician

*Stand as you are able. **Doris Munday or Dixie Ramsdell, "the waters", Dennis Dalgleish, candle
lighting, Jerry Blaydes, sound system. ***FPC Mission Statement. Call to worship confession
prayers, and prayer for illumination by Teri McDowell Ott of the Presbyterian Outlook.

The congregation is invited to read the print in **BOLD**.

Keeping Close 2024

THIS WEEK AT FPC

Sunday, Apr 21

9:00 a.m. Sunday School FH "The Wired Word"
10:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary- Rev. Betsy Stow
after Worship "Welcome Lunch for Pastor" TH

Monday, Apr 22

9:00 a.m. Exercise/10:00 a.m. Yoga FH

Tuesday, Apr 23

No Activities Planned

Wednesday, Apr 24

2:00 p.m. Sharing the Journey M2
4:00 p.m. Choir Practice Sanctuary

Thursday, Apr 25

9:00 a.m. Exercise/10:00 a.m. Yoga FH
11:00 a.m. Lunch at Ugly Dog (Highlands)
Meet at church parking lot
11:30 a.m. PM Lunch @ **Graff's Tavern**

Fri, Apr 26

12:30 p.m. Bible Study w/ Melissa McClure M2

Sat, Apr 27

No Activities Planned

Sunday, Apr 28

9:00 a.m. Sunday School FH "The Wired Word"
with Sharon Ramsy and Jeff Gillette
10:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary- Rev. Betsy Stow

April 21, after worship, **Welcome lunch** for our new Pastor, Reverend Betsy Stow. Please bring side dishes and desserts to accompany beef brisket, tea, and coffee.

Prayer Partners: If you would like to receive emails when there is a prayer request or add someone to the prayer list, please contact Judy Comer @ comerj1049@gmail.com.

Weekly Offering 4/14/24 Weekly Needs

\$ 4,388.61 \$ 3,804.00

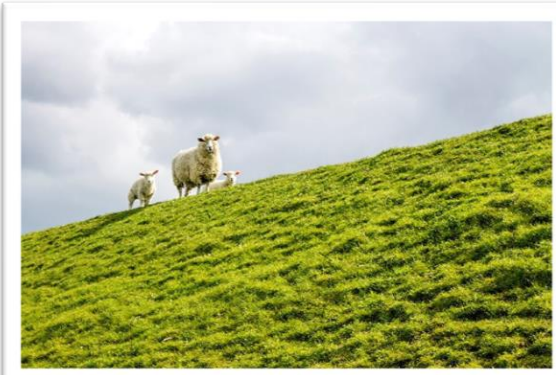
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\$52,007.61 \$57,060.00

We thank God for you!

Happy Birthday: Victor Keller **4/23**, John Duncan **4/25**, Lisa Fagg **4/25**, Sue Joiner **4/26**

On Tuesday, April 30, FPC members will be leaving for Montreat Conference Center for a meeting to receive Pastor Betsy Stow. If you are interested in going, they will be leaving at 7 a.m. from the church.



Save the Date: Lovely Ladies luncheon, **April 25**, at Ugly Dog Café in Highlands. Meet at the church parking lot at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome!

Reminder: We are updating the directory. Please send any changes to the church office via email or phone.

Bible Study with Melissa McClure on April 26 at 12:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church

April 21, 2024 10:00 a.m.

4th Sunday of Easter

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growing in Faith, serving with Hope, sharing God's Love***

