



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF
KIRKWOOD

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
April 21, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mission: We are called to be a welcoming and supportive community whose inspiring worship of God encourages everyone to deepen their faith and to respond to the needs of the world with the compassion of Christ.



The Good Shepherd , Dupre, Julien, 1851-1910

ORDER OF WORSHIP

_____ ***Please rise in body or in spirit.** _____

Chiming of the Hour

We encourage you to quiet your minds and hearts for worship at this time.

Welcome and Announcements

Sign the Friendship Register at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor.

Organ Voluntary

“Adagio” (Sonata No. 1)

Felix Mendelssohn

WE ADDRESS OURSELVES TO GOD

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather to hear the words of the Good Shepherd,
who lays down his life for the sheep.

**People: Let us open our hearts to the message of love
and compassion.**

Leader: We come, seeking the guidance and comfort of the Good
Shepherd,

People: Who knows us intimately and calls us by name.

Leader: We come, seeking the inclusive embrace of the Good Shepherd,

People: Who welcomes all into his flock without exception.

***Processional Hymn**

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Hymn #260

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**Gracious God, as we come before you, we know that we may stray
from the flock, or fail to follow your guidance; we may falter on
our path towards your promised kingdom, but we live and rejoice
in the knowledge that your forgiveness is given freely, and that it
is by the gift of your grace that our lives remain blessed.**

***Silent Confessions**

***Assurance of God’s Grace**

***Congregational Response**

"We Are Forgiven"
We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Hymn #447

***The Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share that peace with one another.

Reception of New Members

Vinita Alexander and Eric Roehl, Charles and Sarah Bauer, Pat and Irina Dawson, Heidi and Dan Meckes, Hallie and Taylor Moon, Robbie Noonan, Ruth Noonan, Jessica Schutte, Nina Windsor

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23; Pew Bible, O.T., pg. 501

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Feed My Lambs"

Natalie Sleeth

Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep. In my name lead them forth gently as a shepherd. When they wander, when they stray, their protector be. As ye do unto my flock, thus ye do to me. Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep. In my name lead them forth gently as a shepherd. Unto all who lose the way, hope and comfort be. As ye do unto my flock, thus ye do to me. Feed my lambs, tend my sheep, over all a vigil keep. In my name lead them forth gently, as a loving shepherd of the Lord.

Scripture Reading

John 10:11-18; Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 103

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Beauty in brokenness

Rev'd. Gary Noonan

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn**

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Hymn #187

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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.**

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Solo

"Like Him We Rise"

Tom Trenny

*He came down that we may have love. He came down that we may rise.
"Come unto me," our Savior said, "ye weary, come, I'll give you rest."
From stable room and manger bed to paradise forever blessed. Made like
him, like him we rise! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies; light and life to
all he brings risen with healing in his wings. "Come, all who thirst, be
satisfied with water I alone can give." Upon the cross, "I thirst," he cried,
conquering death that we might live! "When in the shadow, do not fear.
I am your light, your lamp, your sun." The sting of death shall disappear.
The fight is fought! The battle won!*

Prayer of Dedication

WE DEPART TO SERVE THE LORD

***Closing Hymn**

"O Sing to the Lord"

Hymn #637

***Benediction**

Choral Response

"Blessed Jesus"

William Bradbury

Worship Leaders:

Rev'd. Gary Noonan, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Linda Maconochie, *Interim Associate Pastor*

Music Ministry:

Bill Stein, *Director of Music Ministries*; Hayden Vaughn, *Music Associate*;
Olivia Rekittke, *soloist*; Jamie Decker, *guest organist*; Chancel Choir;
Julie Grant and Peter Hurd, *bells*

Acolyte: Dagny Dunaway

Cross Bearer: Henry Meyer

Ushers:

Missy Wulff, John Becker, Jason Mitchell, Kristy Mitchell

Assistant Head Ushers:

Larry Erwin, Art McDonnell, Robert Schneider

Usher Captain: Amy Freshwater

Livestream Host: Gary Hepp