



Welcome to Worship

April 21, 2024

9:00 and 11:10

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (#2)

David Cherwien

As the prelude begins, you are invited to begin your personal preparation for worship.

SILENT MEDITATION

We cannot pray in love and live in hate and still think we are worshipping God.

A.W. Tozer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the LORD is God. It is the LORD who made us and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Come, bow down and worship, kneel to the Lord, our Maker.

This is our God, our shepherd, we are the flock led with care.

Let us worship our Faithful God!

PRAISE AND ADORATION

*HYMN #803

(*Please stand, if you are able)

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Savior God, you guide us, but we are slow to follow and stubborn. You welcome us to your fold, but we make others feel as if they don't belong. Forgive our life-alienating ways, our exclusion and judgment; the way we evaluate and compare, demean and degrade. Redeem us. Restore us. Help us be faithful as your flock. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND PETITION

KYRIE ELEISON (#551)

"Lord, Have Mercy"
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

LAND OF REST

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (#240)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks!

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

Je - sus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of cre - a - tion. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -

lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, Give praise to his name.

WELCOME

During the welcome, children are invited to come forward for a time with Dr. Zieman

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

OLD TESTAMENT READING (unison)

The Twenty-Third Psalm

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I 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 my enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (9:00)

Amy Boesen,
co-Moderator of the Membership Committee

Anthony Billings, Joe Trapp, Scott and Kim McCormick

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 10: 11-18

page 872 of the pew Bible

SERMON

"Why Is the Good Shepherd So Good?"

Dr. Zieman

PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Sicilienne (9:00)

Maria Theresia von Paradis

The Lord Is My Shepherd (11:10)

Howard Goodall

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The elders will serve you in the pews. All baptized Christians are invited to partake.

We ask that you hold on to the piece of bread or the cup until all have been served, so that we may partake as one body.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from a Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

***SANCTUS (#572)**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

SANCTUS (Pavlechko)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. ——— Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in — the high - est.

SERVING OF THE BREAD

Dr. Zieman will walk down the center aisle with gluten-free bread.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

"Loure" from Partita No. 3 in E Major (9:00)

J.S. Bach

SERVING OF THE CUP OF THE NEW COVENANT***PRAYER**

Gracious God we thank you. We thank you for loving us so much that we are called your children. We thank you for the opportunity to gather around your table together – to be filled, to be nourished, to be made whole once again. May the love you have for us, be the love we give to others as we serve you with our hearts, minds and souls. Give us courage, grace, and strength to live as your disciples. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***HYMN #11**

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

ABERYSTWYTH

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION*POSTLUDE**

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (#5)

David Cherwien

SERVING IN MINISTRY TODAY**Music**

9:00 Anne Nagosky, violin; Mark Kanitz, organ

11:10 Alleluia Singers; Mark Kanitz, organ

Childcare Ministry

Kari Bernet, Chelsea Spielman, Brandon Fisher

Elders serving Communion

9:00 Roger Utman, Nancy Utman, Tim Graumann, Brenda Graumann, Linda Miller, Laurie Kerr, Marsha Marron, Gary Marron, Kristi Jacobi, George Morgan

11:10 Keith Allen, Paula Allen, Josh Murry, Cindy Rieke, Stephanie Weaver, Kathryn Vint, Jean Lynn, Sandi Stuckey, Anna Sumner, Neal Hubbard

Ushers

9:00 Tim Graumann, Captain; Brenda Graumann, Kathy Moore, Jeff Boyum

11:10 Josh Murray, Captain; Joe Weaver, Tim Jerry, Richard Meyer

Greeters

9:00 North Door: Kristin Jacobi

Welcome Center Door: Doug Larson

11:10 North Door: Linda Grohs

Welcome Center Door: Stephanie Weaver

Information Center

9:00 Judy Thomas

11:10 Kris Goodman

Coffee Host

Toni Craig



Announcements

For the week of April 21, 2024

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, April 21 – Pantry Sunday

- 9:00 Worship with Communion
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship, Children and Youth SS
- 10:00 Agape Spring Speaker Series
- 11:10 Worship with Communion
- 12:30 APNC Committee
- 4:45 Youth Bible Study with Marshall

Monday, April 22

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi

Tuesday, April 23

- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 Staff Meeting
- 1:00 Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study
- 2:00 Active Minds
- 6:00 Cross Care

Wednesday, April 24

- 5:30 Chamber Singers
- 6:30 Alleluia Singers

Thursday, April 25

- 9 & 11 Music and Movement
- 10:00 Tai Chi
- 6:00 Carillon Choir
- 6:00 GALS at Kiewit Luminarium

Sunday, April 28

- 9:00 Worship
- 10:00 Coffee Fellowship, Children and Youth SS
- 10:00 Agape Spring Series
- 11:10 Worship
- 12:00 SHF/JHF Fellowship to the Zoo

Joys & Concerns. Dennis Boesen is hospitalized at Methodist Hospital with severe back pain.

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Dave and Mary Ann Pederson to honor their church family.

Adult Sunday School Spring Speaker Series concludes today -

Today's topic is Connecting with the Empowerment Network, with Willie Barney - Founder and President of the North Omaha Empowerment Network. The Network was launched in 2007 to improve the economic condition and quality of life for African-Americans, North Omaha residents, and citizens in the Greater Omaha Area. This movement, started by Mr. Barney, has evolved into a nationally recognized approach for community engagement, collaboration, capacity-building and leadership development with a focus on transforming Omaha into a GREAT city, in every zip code and neighborhood. The comprehensive community-based development organization has launched major initiatives with measurable outcomes including increased high school and college graduation rates, reduced unemployment, decreased gun violence, and the rebirth of an African-American centered arts, culture, entertainment, and business district.

Active Minds is playing Spades for the month of April. On Tuesdays, join us in the Lower-Level Great Room from 2-4 p.m. This is an easy game to learn, and we have patient teachers available to help. Coordinator: Earlene Uhrig.

Celebrating Women Baskets

Silent Auction. Do you have a special woman in your life that deserves to be pampered? Not sure what to get her? Well, look no further because SHF is assembling baskets just in time for Mother's Day. The silent auction begins April 14 and ends on May 5. Come by the Lobby and find the perfect gift for the woman in your life. You'll be notified right after late church on May 5 if you win. As always, SHF thanks you for your support!



PCOC GALS at the Luminarium on April 25. Join GALS for an evening at the Kiewit Luminarium on Thursday, April 25, at 6:00 pm. We will meet at the church and carpool to the science museum. Thursdays are adult only nights and the cost of entry is \$20, which you can pay online or at the door. In addition, the Fig Cafe is open on the premises that evening for food and beverages. You can reserve your spot by going to the PCOC Sign Up page on our website. If you have any questions, please contact Staci Voss.

Presbyterian Women on May 2. Presbyterian Women will have a special meeting time at 10:00 a.m. in Room 15. We will have a salad luncheon after Carol Sorensen shares Lesson 9, Sacred Encounters: People Encounter Jesus Through the Work of the Disciples. Bring a salad to share as this is our last meeting until September. Questions? Contact Cindy Nisley

49ERS on Tuesday, May 7. Our speaker will be Matthew Hansen, editor of the Flatwater Free Press, Nebraska's first statewide nonprofit news source. Hansen, a 16-year veteran of Nebraska newspapers, has previously worked as a reporter at the Lincoln Journal Star and then a reporter and metro columnist at the Omaha World-Herald. During his time in newspapers, he travelled to Cuba and Afghanistan and won multiple state, regional and national awards for investigative stories, feature stories and columns. We meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at WHEATFIELDS, 1224 South 103rd Street (One Pacific Place). We order from a special menu provided for our group. Everyone is welcome - whether you are 49, younger, or older - come join us! For reservations and/ or questions, please contact Mary Ott or Judy Sundberg. Sign up in the white binder at the Information Desk.

Habitat for Humanity Build – May 18, 8 am to 3:00 pm. We need your help to make the dream of decent, affordable housing a reality for all our neighbors in Omaha! Presbyterian Church of the Cross will again be participating in a Habitat build day. Registration is available online here: <https://cerv.is/0119gBpaWmz>. Registration is limited to the first ten volunteers. Must be 16 years of age and no tools or previous construction experience is required. Please contact Matt Darling with questions on the registration process.

Pentecost Offering begins. As one of the four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. 40% of the amount PCOC collects will remain with us to support ministries with children and youth in our church and local community. We will officially collect this special offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, but donations may begin now by making your check out to PCOC and indicating Pentecost Offering in the memo line.



Time to Play Ball. BATTER UP! SAFE! IT'S A HOME RUN! These are words you will hear on the AllPlay Miracle Buddy League at Seymour Smith Field, May 4th. Over 400 players are registered and we need volunteers to help with a wide variety of activities to make a great experience. Contact Sani Stuckey for details.

Volunteer with Meals on Wheels. We currently have a need for volunteers to take open delivery spots near the PCOC neighborhood in May and June, particularly Tuesdays. Contact John or Patti Sparks for details.

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