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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 30, 2023 – 10:30 AM

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements-Thank you for joining us for this morning's worship service. We are glad to have you here! If this is your first time visiting with us, please fill out a visitor's form, found in the back of most pews. We would be pleased to add you to our email list. Welcome!

Prelude "Pastorale" C. Franck

Call to Worship

We come to worship the risen Christ.
Praise to Christ, the good shepherd!
Alleluia, praise to Christ, the gate!
Alleluia, praise to Christ, the Lamb!
Alleluia, praise to Christ, our savior!
Christ is risen still! Alleluia!

Hymn 321 "The Church's One Foundation"

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession-followed by a time for silent confession and prayer

God of community, you call us to a world radically different from what we are used to. You ask us to lay aside our ideas of "mine" and "yours." You show us a life where goods are shared, where all are loved, and faithfulness is shown through generosity. But we cling to our possessions, trusting them more than we trust you. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful realm and to work to make it so.

Assurance of God's Grace

Beloved, hear this good news: through Christ you have come to trust in God, who raised Christ from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

We are born anew, through the living and enduring word of God. Alleluia! Praise to the risen Christ!

Week of April 30- Prayers of the People

- Deb Hardie
 - Gene Dawson and Family
 - Jennifer Edinger
 - Frances Hasty
 - Paul Butler
 - David and Debby Garth
 - Greg Graupmann
 - Lane Pittman
 - Robert Norfleet
 - Mae Holoman
 - Emily Bond
 - Monica Manley
- Those who have COVID

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 6 | Donald Hall |
| 11 | Norma Halterman |
| 14 | Lane Pittman |
| 17 | Estelle Englund |
| 19 | Jerry Freeman |
| 19 | Sofia Calicchio |
| 21 | Grady Kenrick |
| 25 | Raymond Rodrigues |
| 28 | Sharon Conklin |
| 29 | Alice Butler |

- Our Ladies' Circle (a Presbyterian Women Group) meets on the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be a luncheon and will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at the Olive Garden in Chesapeake Square. ALL are welcome.
- **The Presbyterian Women celebrate their birthday on Mother's Day. The special offering taken each year will go to mission projects that benefit families. Special envelopes will be available. Please make checks payable to "Presbyterian Women"**
- The Presbytery of Eastern Virginia's (PEVA) Hunger Ministry Team is grateful for the 160 cans of protein that were collected by our congregation for their initiative that supports the hunger missions of churches that are hosting presbytery meetings. Over 250 cans of protein were collected at the meeting at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, April 25th, 2023.

Response "Gloria Patri" Hymn 581

**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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem "He Aint Coming Here to Die No More" Spiritual, arr. N. Ryder

My Lord ain't comin' here to die no more. He ain't comin' here to die no more.
Virgin Mary had a son, the wicked people had him hung. Halleluia to the Lamb,
Jesus died for ev'ry man, but He ain't comin here to die no more. He ain't comin
here to die no more. He died for the rich, He died for the poor, but He ain't comin
here to die no more. He died for the blind, He died for the lame, He bore the pain
and all the blame, but he ain't comin here to die no more.

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.**

Prayers of the People

**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 441 "Hear the Good News of Salvation"

Lesson Psalm 23

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.

Lesson 1 Peter 2:19-25

For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering
because they are conscious of God. But how is it to your credit if you receive a
beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you
endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called, because Christ
has suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he
made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. "He
himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live
for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." For "you were like
sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of
your souls.

Sermon "Your Soul Protector" Dr. Steve Frazier

Hymn 187 "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Benediction

Postlude "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. W. Held

Please join us in the Courtyard Lobby for refreshments after worship!