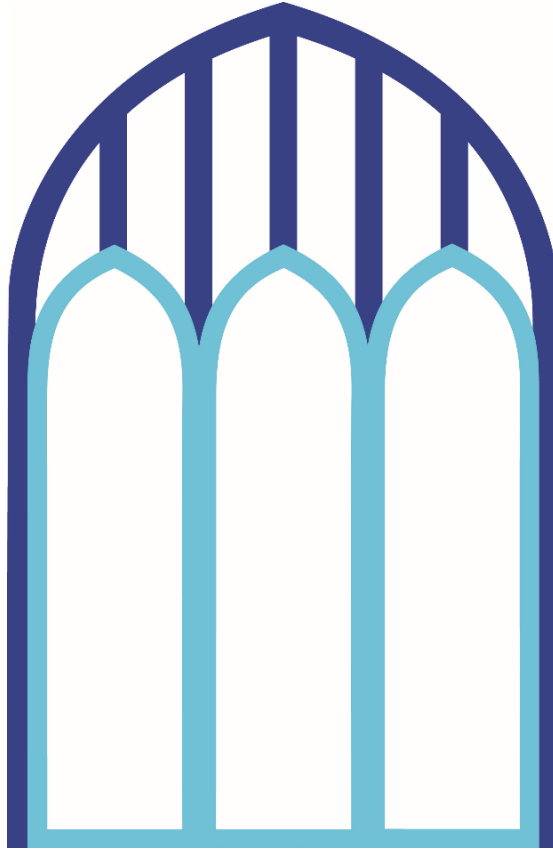


# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 2024



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*A Servant Church in the City Since 1827*

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

# SERVICE OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

11:00 A.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 2024

*"I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep,  
and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God." Ezekiel 34:15*

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

**PRELUDE**                      The King of Love My Shepherd Is                      arr. Dale Wood

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF ADORATION

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**                      No. 39                      *Tune: FAITHFULNESS*  
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, you sent Jesus, our good shepherd, to gather us together. We have wandered from his flock and have not followed where he guides us. Ignoring his voice, we have failed to stay near him. We confess there is much in us that deserves your displeasure. In your mercy, forgive us, we ask you. Feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PETITION**                      No. 421                      *Tune: AMAZING GRACE*

Have mercy, God, upon my life, and make me clean within:  
pour out your ever-faithful love and wash away my sin.

## DECLARATION OF PARDON

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**                      No. 421                      *Tune: AMAZING GRACE*  
Then I will praise you with my heart, my mind, my soul, my voice.  
You save the least and seek the lost; let all the world rejoice!

## \*WORDS OF PEACE

Minister:      By dying, Christ destroyed our death; in rising, he restores our life; in giving us his Spirit, he grants us peace. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People:      And also with you.  
(Please greet your neighbors with words of God's peace.)

## WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers at this time.).

## STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION OBSERVANCE

Sentences of Scripture

## Litany Prayer

Leader: Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,

People: Nourish the life of the world in our care.

## Response

No. 713

Touch the earth lightly, use the earth gently,  
nourish the life of the world in our care;  
gift of great wonder, ours to surrender,  
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.

God of all living, God of all loving,  
God of seedling, the snow, and the sun,  
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us,  
using us gently and making us one.

## INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN

### UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep.  
Grant us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that by it we may be prepared for every  
good word and work, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 23

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### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 10:11-18

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### SERMON

"My Shepherd, My Need"

Dr. Williams

*"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Psalm 23:1*

### \*HYMN

Psalms 23

Tune: FOREST GREEN

As faithful shepherds tend their flocks, so God will care for me;  
and from God's store of grace my needs are met abundantly.  
In pastures green, by waters still, my soul new life doth take;  
and in the paths of righteousness I follow, for God's sake.

When death surrounds I will not fear, God's strength dispels my dread;  
I hold God's blessing in my heart and face my fear instead.  
For as a lamb, my comfort rests upon the Shepherd's rod,  
to bring me home, where e're I stray, into the fold of God.

A bounteous feast for me is placed in presence of my foes;  
my head with oil the Lord anoints my cup with grace o'er flows.  
The loving kindness of the Lord is mine for all my days;  
and in God's house forevermore, I'll join the songs of praise.

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Presentation and Profession of Faith

Davis Holland Francis Cuning  
son of Jenny and Kevin Cuning

**\*The Apostles' Creed****Thanksgiving**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**The Baptism****Response**

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign,  
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

**Welcome**

All: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you, Davis, into Christ's church  
to share with us in his ministry for we are all one in Christ.

**THE PRAYERS AND OFFERING****OFFERTORY**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need  
*The Chancel Choir; Kristi Kiene, oboist*

Mack Wilberg

*My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name;  
in pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.*

*He brings my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;  
one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.*

*Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O, may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise!*

*There would I find a settled rest while others go and come;  
no more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.*

*No more a stranger nor a guest; but like a child at home.  
But like a child at home. No more a stranger nor a guest;  
but like a child at home.*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

No. 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)**

\*HYMN

No. 187

Tune: BRADBURY

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

Majesty

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\*Congregation please stand in body or in spirit.

**GUEST ORGANIST** is Katy Larson, who has served churches in Virginia and Maryland and is a member of the American Guild of Organists, Annapolis chapter.

**INSTRUMENTALIST** is Kristi Kiene, a native of Lorain, Ohio, who holds a Master's Degree in Music Performance from Georgia Southern University and founded Ugly Duckling Oboes in 2014 to teach the instrument.

A promotional poster for Vacation Bible School. The background is a light blue color with a pattern of white circles of varying sizes, resembling bubbles. The text is centered and uses a mix of blue and green colors. The main title 'VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL' is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, the dates 'JULY 22-25' and the time '9AM-12PM' are in a bright green color. The phrase 'SIGN UP TODAY!' is in bold black letters. At the bottom, the location 'First Presbyterian Church, Savannah' and the website 'www.savannahfpc.org' are listed in black text.

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BIBLE SCHOOL**

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# Welcome to All!

If you are a newcomer, please sign the friendship register at the end of the pew and introduce yourself to the minister. Join us as we grow together in our love for God and neighbor. Ask yourself how you can make a difference in this "Servant Church in the City."

## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS - WEEK OF APRIL 21

#### Sunday, April 21

First Ringers.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....	9:30 a.m.
Confirmation Class.....	9:30 a.m.
Chancel Choir.....	10:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship.....	10:30 a.m.
Worship Service.....	11:00 a.m.
Youth Dinner.....	5:00 p.m.
Youth Fellowship.....	5:30 p.m.
Youth Music.....	6:30 p.m.

#### Monday, April 22

Session Meeting.....	7:00 p.m.
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#### Tuesday, April 23

Men's Book Study.....	5:00 p.m.
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#### Wednesday, April 24

Facilities Task Force.....	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Dinner and Program.....	6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....	7:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, April 27

Music With A Mission Concert.....	7:00 p.m.
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**CHILDREN, KINDERGARTEN AND UNDER** Worship bags, designed to help children participate in worship more meaningfully, are available in the narthex. Children in kindergarten and younger may go to the Preschool for Extended Session following the children's sermon.

**CHILDREN, 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> GRADERS** are invited to leave the service after the "Invitation to the Children" to attend a worship service led by Allison and Tanner in the Choir Room. Exploring worship through art, music, faith questions, and interactive prayer will be the focus. They will return to sit in the balcony or with their parents during the singing of the second hymn.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by Don Stuber and family to the glory of God and in memory of Betty Stuber.

**STATED SESSION MEETING** will be Monday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m.

**MEN'S BOOK STUDY** will meet on Tuesday, April 23 at 5:30 p.m. in Imlay House to discuss "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown. Newcomers are always welcome!

**FACILITIES TASK FORCE** will meet on Wednesday, April 24 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 115.

**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY**, April 24, will be an intergenerational Game Night! We will be playing Family Feud, Church Edition. A dinner of chicken and beef tacos with all of the accompaniments and dessert. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. \$8/adults, \$4/children under 12.

**MUSIC WITH A MISSION** concert will be held on Saturday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. featuring Spectra, a feminist femme choir in Savannah committed to innovative music. The concert will benefit Union Mission and conclude the 2023-24 series. There is no charge for the concert and a free-will offering will support Union Mission.

**WHAT DO YOU THINK?** All parents of children and youth are invited! Please join us for the Focus Group on Sunday, April 28 at 12:00 p.m. in Stewart Hall to talk about how our church can journey with your family in faith formation. Sunday School and childcare will be offered as needed and refreshments will be provided.

**MEN GATHER FOR FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** Annual Men's Breakfast with Butler Memorial Presbyterian Church will be held on Saturday, May 4 at 8:00 a.m. at Butler Church, 603 W. Victory Drive.

**CRADLE ROLL DEDICATION PLANNED FOR MAY 12** Mark your calendar for Mother's Day, May 12 to be in worship at 11:00 a.m. as children who have not yet celebrated their third birthday—will be blessed during the service of worship. This is an annual event that has great meaning for the whole congregation! Call the church office to let us know if your family will be present.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** will be held Monday, July 22 through Thursday, July 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at First. We're excited to use the Scuba: Diving Into Friendship with God curriculum. You can register on the VBS page on the church website. <https://www.savannahfpc.org/vacation-bible-school.html#/>

**THE SESSION - Class of 2024:** G. Robert Bennett, Carol J. Booker, Michael P. Brooks, Allison D. Johnson, Paul M. Pressly, Ellen M. Tate; **Class of 2025:** Natalie F. Chase, Myra P. Hill, Elizabeth H. Longley, Eric J. McManus, Colin A. McRae, William M. Schriefer; **Class of 2026:** Judith G. Crawford, John H. Hinman III, Brett J. Lundy, Emily C. Salzer, Marti Stein, Daniel R. Walters; **Clerk of Session:** Paul M. Pressly. **Elder Emerita:** Rose M. Donnelly.

**CHURCH STAFF** - Stephen C. Williams, *Minister*; Allison B. Shearouse, *Director of Christian Education*; C. Tanner King, *Associate Director of Music*; Mallory T. Abshire, *Office Administrator*; Barbara G. Roush, *Financial Secretary*; Dorothy S. Bunker, *Preschool Director*; Brent J. Bissell, *Communications Coordinator*; Hope J. Boyd, *Sexton*.

**MISSIONARIES** - Farsijana and Bernard Adeney, Yogyakarta, Indonesia; Nancy and Shelvis Smith-Mather, Yei, South Sudan; Ellen D. Smith, Warsaw, Poland.

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**CHIMING OF THE HOUR** marks the beginning of the Lord's Day service. The Prelude is a time for quiet preparation and private prayer as the congregation prepares to worship God.

**GREETER:** Charlotte Keenoy... **USHERS:** Colby Longley, head usher, Larry Stuber, Matt Chase, and Larry Koch... **ACOLYTE:** Elliot Chase... **EXTENDED SESSION TEACHER:** Summer Roberts and Lindsay McRae.

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**FIRST'S MISSION STATEMENT** The life of the church is the response of faith and obedience to the call of God in Christ. Gathered: We worship and sing, study and pray. We enjoy fellowship together. Forgiven by God, we learn to forgive other people. Sent forth: We serve as leaven, salt and light, to be agents of God's love in Savannah and the larger world.



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