



# Faith Global Methodist Church

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Organist – Christine Hankins

Pianist – Holly Kwaczala

Hymn Leader – Bud Robinson

A/V Coordinator – Colton & Melissa Kalmar

8:00 AM

Worship Leader – Jodi Beech

Greeter- Joy Spang

Acolyte- Brendan Beech

Social Media Coordinators – Lisa Popovich &

Sarah Raptosh

Video/Digital Production Assistants – Sam

Popovich

10:15 AM

Worship Leader – Joy Spang

Greeter- Howard & Patty Thomas

Acolyte- Nick Popovich

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## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Laity Sunday

April 21, 2024

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*indicates the congregation may stand

#### PRELUDE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is our Shepherd.

**People: Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd.**

Leader: Our shepherd knows us and calls us by name.

**People: We follow him because we know his voice.**

Leader: Our shepherd is completely trustworthy.

**People: He leads us to that which makes for abundant life.**

Leader: Green pastures, refreshing water and safe shelter. These are the gifts of our shepherd.

**People: In trust, we follow our shepherd.**

Leader: In peace, we rest secure.

**People: In joy and thankfulness, we celebrate our shepherd's goodness.**

Leader: The Lord is our shepherd. Thanks be to God!

#### \*OPENING HYMN

#### ***Morning Has Broken***

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 145

(1) *Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!*

(2) *Sweet the rain's new fall sun lit from heaven,  
like the first dew fall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.*

(3) *Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!*

**OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

**In these familiar words, O God, speak to us once again of the mystery of your grace and joy. Remind us that we are not alone, for we have a Shepherd who continually watches over us, eager to give us all we need for our own flourishing and the flourishing of the entire human community. Quicken our hearts and minds, that we might respond to your invitation to peace and abundance. For the sake of Jesus Christ, our Shepherd, we pray. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 23

(NRSV) PG. 501

PASTORAL PRAYER

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (In 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

***Father Of Creation***

Colton Kalmar- Soloist

Words and Music by Rob Eastwood

\* DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, from Whom All Blessings  
Flow***

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 95

*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.*

\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

(Offering plates will NOT be passed)

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)**

**You have blessed us with every good gift, generous God. Our hearts overflow with joy and love for the privilege of walking with you and being called your own. Receive these gifts, we pray, as our faithful and grateful response to your gifts of grace and mercy in our lives. Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

***The Day of Resurrection***

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 303

*(1) The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the passover of gladness, the passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.*

*(2) Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see a right  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own 'All Hail!' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.*

*(3) Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!  
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is there in!  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

MESSAGE

***Jesus, the Good Shepherd***

***Lisa Popovich, Lay Speaker***

\*RESPONSE TO THE WORD

A MODERN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (In Unison)

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

**People: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

***Glory Be to the Father***

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 70

*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.*

\*CLOSING HYMN

***Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us***

(U.M. Hymnal) No. 381

(1) *Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;  
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.*

*Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.*

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(2) *We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.*

*Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.*

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(3) *Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.*

*Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.*

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(4) *Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;*

*blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.*

*Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.*

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## \*BENEDICTION

Leader: We leave this place to hear – and heed – the voice of our Good Shepherd.

**People: He will never lead us astray but will lead us only to life, abundant and everlasting.**

Leader: Follow him, with absolute confidence, for we are his sheep, redeemed by his blood, loved from the foundation of the world.

**People: In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

Leader: And all God people said,

**All: Amen!**

## POSTLUDE

Please stay in the pews until the Pastor and the Choir have exited.

**\*\*OUR MEMBER TO REMEMBER** today is Jack & Emogene Blair. Please take a few moments to sign the greeting card on the Action Table to wish them God's blessings. \*\*

### Prayer List – Faith UMC

(Any requests received after bulletin completion will still be passed on to the Prayer Chain; but will be listed in next week's bulletin.)

#### Prayer request to mention week of April 21<sup>st</sup>:

1. Mike Vonsik- had recent transplant surgery, going into hospice
2. Prayers for Pastor Ron who is healing from surgery.
3. Continued prayers for Tracey Albert
4. Elaine & John Jonston- were in a bad car accident prayers for healing from injuries
5. Katie G- Traveling mercies as she heads to Utah for a Special Olympics skiing event
6. Jack- had a buckle fracture in his leg- cast was put on and will stay on for 3 weeks, then ortho will reevaluate.
7. Irene- still at Magee being treated with antibiotics for sepsis, needs surgery but still pending
8. Nick- had surgery to remove glass fragments following his dump truck accident, has a fractured skull and broken ribs, but is healing. More surgeries may be needed
9. Prayers for a church member following a scary diagnosis. Prayers for strength throughout the following months
10. Christian sympathies for the family of Lt. Col. Bill Costello, who died unexpectedly last week
11. Roger- in Forbes hospital- he fell and hurt his leg and has diabetes. Prayers for Roger and his wife Jane.
12. Lola- after several diagnoses- she has chosen the comfort option. She will be staying at a nursing home in Somerset under hospice supervision. Prayers for peace and comfort for her family.

#### Continued prayers for:

Dick & Natalie Berlin, Dick & Pat Bush, Nick Coppage, Joan Nellis, The White Family, Michael Scoletti, Bill & Mary Weyel, Jane Rivers, Carolyn Carroll, Julie Kovacs, Joey Kasunic, Shirley Fabrizi, Stephanie Taczak, Fred Roach, Bob & Mary Zacharias, Straw Soffronoff, Beth Tyson, Pam Scalf, Dave Morris, Marge Kratofil, Jack & Emogene Blair, Sue Harmuth, Martha, Karen, Dan Loughry, Jean Loughry, John Womer, Linda, Barb Kaufman, Gloria, Dennis & Gerrilynn Butterfield, Louise Gladkowski, Tracey Albert

#### Allegheny West Prayer Requests

Please join in supporting our conference by lifting up these requests.

Please pray:

- That all plans, procedures and venues for our Allegheny West Annual Conference May 22nd – 25th emanate from God's throne

- That the Lord would infill our congregations with young people to find genuine faith and fresh, vibrant hope in a strong Gospel-centered family of God
- That God would raise up youth leaders to “live Him” in front of our young people

### OPPORTUNITIES IN THE KINGDOM

<b>Sunday</b> <b>April 21<sup>st</sup></b>	8:00 AM	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter- Worship Service
	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	9:00 AM	Fellowship Hall Coffee Hour Fellowship & Service
	10:15 AM	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Worship Service
<b>Monday</b> <b>April 22<sup>nd</sup></b>		
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>April 23<sup>rd</sup></b>		
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>April 24<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00	Choir
<b>Thursday</b> <b>April 25<sup>th</sup></b>	6:00 PM-7:00PM	Walking Group
<b>Friday</b> <b>April 26<sup>th</sup></b>	7:00 PM	GriefShare
<b>Saturday</b> <b>April 27<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Sunday</b> <b>April 28<sup>th</sup></b>	8:00 AM	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter- Worship Service
	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	9:00 AM	Fellowship Hall Coffee Hour Fellowship & Service
	10:15 AM	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Worship Service

### FGMC ANNOUNCEMENTS 4.21.24

This year’s theme for National Day of Prayer will be "Lift Up The Word - Light Up The World" taken from 2 Samuel 22:29-31. It will be Thursday May 2, 7pm at the Delmont VFD Hall, 2360 Route 66, Delmont, PA 15626.

Graduation Sunday at Faith Church is June 2nd, when we will honor our 2024 spring and 2023 winter graduates during that morning’s worship services. If your child is graduating from high school, college, trade/tech school, or any institution of higher learning, please contact the church office by May 1st to learn what information is needed from your student to be recognized in the PowerPoint celebration presentation. Please know we will not presume to automatically identify individuals nor will we include their data in the presentation without specific permission to do so.

WESTMORELAND CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING CONCERT – Sunday May 5, 2024 3 PM at First Presbyterian Church, 300 South Main St. Greensburg PA. Come enjoy an afternoon of beautiful and inspiring Choral Music. 70 voices under the direction of Tom Octave. General admission \$15, Seniors \$10, Students \$5. See Bud Robinson for tickets.

The first event of the 2024 season of Faith GMC Visions & Dreams activities will be held on Thursday, May 30th at 6:30 p.m. with "Pie on the Porch". The sign-up sheet is on the Action Table. Read more about this fellowship opportunity on page 3 of April's issue of the Faith Flyer.

**Grief Support Group to meet Thursday evenings.**

Grief Share is a weekly seminar featuring some of the nation’s foremost experts on grief recovery topics. Each seminar is combined with a small group discussion time to allow participants to talk about the content of the seminar and about how they are dealing with the death of their loved one.

Our spring session will be on Thursdays at 7:00 pm. Each week is independent of the others so no worries if you miss one. These meetings are held in the conference room here at Faith Church

Please feel free to contact Sue Sonafelt 724-875-8439 if you have any questions or would like more information on Grief Share.



Join our walking group from 6-7pm in the fellowship hall every Thursday. Alyce Urban will lead the class using Leslie Sansone’s YouTube exercise videos. Video sessions will be projected on the large screen in fellowship hall for all to follow as we walk and move to the lively music and instruction. Each 15-minute session can result in almost 2000 steps or close to one mile.

**Receive the Faith Flyer newsletter in your mail:** If you are new to our church and would like to receive the monthly Faith Flyer newsletter, please reach out to the office so we can get your address in our system.

**Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month from 9:30-10:30 AM** in the room off the gathering area. If you feel called to intercessory prayer, or if you need prayer, please come. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie at 412-334-0920 or [carriebortz@yahoo.com](mailto:carriebortz@yahoo.com). Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this God’s will for you in Jesus Christ. 1Thes.5:16-1



**OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES**...are now available in the small room in the gathering area. Take as many shoeboxes as you plan on filling. Each shoebox gift provides an opportunity to present the Good News of Jesus Christ to a child. To help you get started supplies remaining from our parking party in October (crayons, chalk, paper, etc.) are available in this room. Return your filled shoeboxes anytime during the



year.

**OFFER THE GIFT OF SIGHT:** A Lions International collection box is in the Gathering Area for your used glasses, including sunglasses and reading glasses.



**Fellowship and service continues.** Join us at 9 am in the fellowship hall for refreshments and fellowship.

“Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours.  
 Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.  
 Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.  
 Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.  
 Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
 Christ has no body on earth but yours.” -Teresa of Avila

In-person attendance week ending 04/14/2024 = 161

Tithes, offerings, and gifts received for the week ending 04/14/2024

**OUR GIVING IS A REFLECTION OF OUR COMMITMENT TO JESUS CHRIST!**

2024 Annual Operating Budget: \$348,767.79

NEED EACH WEEK	\$ 6,707.07	NEED TO DATE	\$ 100,606.05
RECEIVED 04/14/2024	\$ 6,070.00	RECEIVED TO DATE	\$ 108,923.37
(-)SHORTAGE/(+)SURPLUS + \$8,317.32			
CAMPERSHIP GOAL 6/1/2023-5/31/2024:			\$ 10,000.00
RECEIVED	\$ 0.00	RECEIVED TO DATE	\$ 9,755.03

**DISAFFILIATION ACCOUNTING:**

RECEIVED 04/14/2024 \$408.00 CURRENT LOAN AMOUNT: \$86,202.86