



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DEFIANCE

April 21, 2024 – 4th Sunday of Eastertide

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WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DEFIANCE

***As you enter this holy space, please enter with reverence,
respecting those who are preparing for worship.***

GATHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay for breakfast: there's plenty of food.

Pastor Ann will be at the church Monday & Wed. mornings this week and at St John Tues. & Thurs mornings.

Wednesday: 5:30 pm Pizza & Program, ice cream bar. Program is Paige Johnson & 4 flags of freedom project in Defiance.

Thursday: 7 pm Session meeting

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O Jesus, our risen Savior, be present with us as you were with your first disciples, and make yourself known to us in the breaking of bread. Amen.

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The King of Love my Shepherd is,

P: Whose goodness never fails.

L: I nothing lack if I belong to him

P: And the Good Shepherd is mine forever.

***HYMN 591**

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH! (WHOLE SONG)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Because of the steadfast loving kindness and mercy of our God, we can come to God in confession of our sin. May the written prayer inform your silent confession

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our hearts. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Forgive us and restore us according to the promises declared to the world in Jesus Christ our Lord, and, for his sake, grant that we may live a holy, just and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name and you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Hallelujah, Amen!**

***THE PEACE**

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also, with you.

L: Please share Christ's peace with one another

***HYMN 582**

GLORY TO GOD WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

HEAR

WeKIRK WORD

LOAVES AND FISHES

SCRIPTURE READING

HYMN 473 WITH THE READING OF PSALM 23

JOHN 10: 11-18

SERMON

"Being called one of God's sheep is not necessarily a compliment." Ruling Elder Sue Johnson, Gotebo, Oklahoma shepherd and musician.

RESPOND

OFFERING NOTE

May our gifts to God and to Christ's church reflect our love for God and our call to serve God in Christ.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 803

MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

PLEASE PRAY FOR Evan Bates, Larry Bates, Joy Reid, Lynn Peters, Alton Myers, Sheron Lee, Wilma Sponsler, Scott Solether, Jack Hess, Dave Roth (Youkers), Karen Solether, Nancy Black, Karl Leckrone, Raegan Wonderly, Sue D'Ambrosia (Nikki's mother-in-law), Marty & Deb Kennedy (Elaine), Nicole D'Ambrosia, Delilah Joy Clapp (home), Isaac (cancer; Aubrey's friend), Rita Gehring (Kristal's mother-in-law), Shelly (cancer; Kristal's cousin), Jeff (stage 5 kidney disorder; Kristal's cousin), Scotty (rehab, Kristal's brother-in-law), James Myers (Nikki's grandfather), Aaron Quinn Long (Heidi's brother-cancer), Chaz Meyer (type 2 diabetes), Matthew Alford, Janet Price (fire), Ann Small, Chuck Fitzenrider, Greg & Pat Evans (Pr. Ann family), Kent Spees