First Presbyterian Church

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*April 21, 2024*



Mission Statement

Proclaiming the Love of Christ

in the Heart of Norfolk

 “Since 1896”

 Order of Worship

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**April 21, 2024**

**First PC, Norfolk, NE**

**Prelude**

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Passing of the Peace:**

Signing in American Sign Language (ASL)

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

**Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

**People: He makes me lie down in green pastures,**

Leader: he leads me beside quiet waters;

**People: he restores my soul.**

Leader: He guides me in paths of righteousness for his

 name’s sake.

**People: Even though I walk through the valley of the**

 **shadow of death,**

Leader: I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

**People: your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of

 my enemies.

**People: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Leader: Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days

 of my life,

**People: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

-- Psalm 23

**Opening Hymn (video)** “I Love You, Lord”

**Call to Confession**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

*(We observe a time of silence for personal confession.)*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! Jesus Christ, our

 Good Shepherd, laid down his life for us, his sheep.

**People: Jesus laid down his life for us that we might**

 **live.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Response (579)** “Glory to the Father(Gloria Patri)”

**Choir Anthem** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

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**The Word**

Scripture: 1John 3:16-24

Sermon: “Nothing But the Truth ” Pastor Brian

**Hymn of Response (394)** “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

**Offering our Gifts**

**Response (592)** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

(Doxology)

**Call to Prayer**



**Prayers of the People/ 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.***

**Final Hymn (376)** “Love Divine, all Loves Excelling”

**Blessing and Sending**

**Postlude**

***Your song meaning will appear once it has been deemed awesome byour team of wizards. Add more meanings to earn more points!*We are glad** you chose to spend your Sunday morning with us, and we encourage you to return!

**Children of all ages are welcome in worship.** Children’s worship materials are available from the book cart. A Cry Room is located at the back of the sanctuary.

**The Mission Candle** is in memory of Sarah Fuhs, niece of Bev and Chuck Henkel.

**Food Pantry.** May is the month for FPC to serve the Food Pantry. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Three volunteers are needed each day. Please give prayerful thought to fulfilling our mission. Thank You!

**Deacons Project for April is The Orphan Grain Train.** In loving response to Christ, the Servant, the Orphan Grain Train encourages and enables God’s people to share personal and material resources to needy people both far and near. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food and other aid to meet real needs. 97% of all monies go directly to missions, with only 3% used for overhead expenses.

**Birthdays**

 Greta Johnson 4/23

 Jabin Sateren 4/24

**Anniversaries**

None this week

**Prayers for God’s Children**

*🟅For healing and pain relief for those living with physical and emotional pain and for their families and friends*

*🟅For our members who are home-bound or in nursing facilities*

*🟅For our mission partners*

*🟅For the men and women serving in our armed forces*

**This Week at First Pres**

Today: 10:00 AM – Worship

 3:00 PM Kindermusik Program (sanctuary/narthex)

 11:00 PM – N/A (fellowship hall)

Monday: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM N/A (fellowship hall)

Tuesday: 8:00 PM – 9:30 PM N/A (fellowship hall)

Wednesday: 2:00 PM – *Bulletin Information Deadline*

 6:45 PM – Choir Rehearsal

Thursday: 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM TOPS (fellowship hall)

Saturday 1:00 PM – 8:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous

 Speakers’ Event & Potluck Dinner

 (fellowship hall/kitchen counter)

**Next Sunday at First Pres**

10:00 AM – Worship

10:00 AM – Good Morning, Good News

**Elders Deacons**

**Class of 2024 Class of 2024**

Linda Cox, *Personnel* Mark Johnson, *Moderator*

Kathy Naranjo, *Worship/Cong.* Sherry Johnson, *Treasurer*

Jayne Mtika

**Class of 2025 Class of 2025**

Teri Wendel, *Christian Ed.* Shelley Dahl, *Secretary*

Dave Gerharter, *Finance* Joyce Zittritsch

Pat McCollough, *Properties* Sonja Jones

**Class of 2026 Class of 2026**

Dennis Sateren, *Missions* Doug Kuper

Barb Beckmann, *Worship/Cong.* Kathy Sateren

Erin Beckenhauer

Renee, McClymont, *Clerk of Session*

**Elders of the Month –** Dennis Sateren & Teri Wendel

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| **2024 YTD Financials – through March 31st, 2024**Receipts $50,927.21 – Disbursements $58,619.51 = Net ($7,692.30)Last Sunday Attendance 48 |

**Worship Leaders & Staff**

PASTOR Rev. Brian Johnson

MUSIC DIRECTOR Greta Johnson ORGANIST Steve Reinke

SOUND TEAM Joe Mtika, Barb Beckmann

PRAISE TEAM Kim Rusk, Brynn Rusk, Joe Mtika

LAY READER Dennis Sateren

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| **Credits: “I Love You, Lord” by Maranatha** **is used under CCLI license #1820283.** |

**Office hours: 9 am to 1 pm Mon.**

**9 am to 4 pm Tues. – Thur.**

**9 am to 1 pm Fri.**

**or other times by appointment**

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**The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

The King of Love my Shepherd is,

Whose goodness faileth never;

I nothing lack if I am His

And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,

My ransomed soul He leadeth,

And where the verdant pastures grow,

With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,

But yet in love He sought me,

And on His shoulder gently laid,

And home, rejoicing brought me.

In death’s dark vale I fear no ill,

With Thee, dear Lord, beside me.

Thy rod and staff my comfort still;

Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;

Thine unction grace bestoweth,

And oh, what transport of delight

From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days

Thy goodness faileth never;

Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise

Within Thy house forever.