

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEW BERN, NORTH CAROLINA

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Established 1817

April 21, 2024 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship

*Building Community ~ Transforming Lives ~ Engaging the World*

*Trusting that God's grace embraces and makes a covenant with all believers, First Presbyterian Church intends to be an inclusive place of spiritual growth for all. All persons are welcomed into this fellowship and membership, regardless of age, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic or racial identity, economic or educational status, or political affiliation.*



**WELCOME!** Members and visitors are invited to sign the Worship Register during the service.

**NAME TAGS** are available in the narthex and vestibule. Everyone is invited to wear a name tag so we can greet one another by name! For name tag assistance, church@firstpresnb.org

### RESTROOMS

(including a family restroom) are available in the Ministry Center.

### HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES

are available in the narthex. Ushers are available to help if needed.

### CHILDREN

are welcome here! The nursery is available for infants, toddlers, and preschool children in Room 1.23 in the Ministry Center from 8:15 am to 12:15 pm.

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

**AND WONDER** follows the Children's Moment during the 11:00 am service; 2nd grade or younger may follow Ms. Kerri to the Ministry Center, across the hall from the Nursery. For all children in worship, there are Worship Bags available at the front and back of the Sanctuary.

## Words in Preparation for Worship

*Your sure provisions gracious God attend me all my days;  
oh, may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
no more a stranger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.*

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need, by Isaac Watts

## Welcome

## The Chiming of the Trinity

### Prelude

*Simple Gifts*

Hal H. Hopson

### Introit

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* African American spiritual

## \*Call to Worship

God invites us to come in and go out and find pasture:  
**to come into the kingdom, into abundant life, into the light;  
to go out to serve, out to live our faith, out to be the Body of Christ.**

Christ calls us to hear his voice  
**and so we come to listen and seek and follow.**

We stand at the threshold of God's future,  
**the Spirit stands at the door and knocks.**

Let us worship God!

### \*Hymn 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

Heber/Dykes

## Psalm of Praise

Psalm 23, King James Version

**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**

### John 10:11-18

<sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away – and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

What are **God's Tithes and our Offerings**? Biblically, tithes are 10% of all that we receive -the goal we set for ourselves. Practically, it is the % you set aside first and give in recognition of the centrality of your relationship with God. Offerings are what we give above 10%, recognizing that the world needs to know generosity and love that exceeds expectation.



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**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 for ever.**

### Children's Moment

Catherine Campbell

### Anthem

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Watts/Thomson

### Prayer for Illumination

### Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

New Testament pg. 103

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

*Sheep and Shepherds*

Anna Pinckney Straight

*(after the sermon we pause for a time of silent reflection)*

### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### \*Hymn 187

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Thrupp/Bradbury

### Giving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

### Offertory

*Love Divine! All Love Excelling*  
Patty Philipps, Pat K. Rowlett, sopranos

John Stainer

### \*Doxology

Hymn 606

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God, above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### Reception of New Members (11:00am)

### Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of L.C. and Sheila Conway by Kevin and Leslie Pinkston.*

### Prayers of the People and the 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. Amen.**

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The art at the top of the bulletin is a photograph of a 17<sup>th</sup> century European needlepoint textile. It is a part of the Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum collection.

The Call to Worship is by the Rev. Teri Peterson.

**\*Hymn 722**

*Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak*

Havergal/Schumann

**Benediction**

**Response**

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

Duck/Walter

**Postlude**

*Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux*

Clérambault

**Liturgist:** Patrick Ryan

**Musicians:** Daybreak and Sanctuary Choirs; Sanctuary Bells

**Ushers:** (8:30 am) Leslie and Kevin Pinkston, Barbara and Sam Bidwell, Mark Dail  
(11:00 am) Chip Chagnon, Dave and Carol Hale, Bob Little, Nancy Melling



HAITI  
REFORESTATION  
PARTNERSHIP

**You are invited** to a sandwich luncheon

Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30pm

in the Session House.

Our guest speaker will be Michael Anello, the Executive Director of the Haiti Reforestation Partnership. He was in Haiti until just a few weeks ago, and will be sharing the current state of the Haiti Reforestation Project, a long-time mission partner of First Presbyterian Church, New Bern.

The cost of the luncheon is \$10

and can be paid the day of the luncheon.

Please RSVP using the QR code to the right or by calling the church by Monday at 12:00 pm.



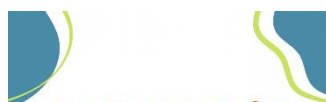
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MAY 3, 2024

7:00 PM

400 NEW STREET, NEW BERN



**CHILDREN'S  
SABBATH**  
SUNDAY, MAY 5



**Children's Sabbath – Sunday, May 5**

We are excited to welcome Tracy Radosevic as our guest preacher for this year's Children's Sabbath!

Following the 11:00am worship, there will be a BBQ Chicken picnic lunch AND BOUNCE HOUSES!!

Donations for the lunch will go towards the Preschool Scholarship Fund.

Please use the QR code to RSVP for lunch.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>Sunday, 4/21</b>	8:30 am	Worship	<b>Wednesday</b>	11:45 am	Preschool Choir Rehearsal
	9:30 am	Fellowship Café		12:00 pm	Life of Prayer
	9:40 am	Sunday School		1:00 pm	Lunch Wagon Committee
	10:00 am	Confirmation Week 3		3:30 pm	Welcoming Committee
	11:00 am	Worship		5:00 pm	Contemplative Worship
	12:00 pm	Cookie Fellowship	<b>Thursday</b>	2:30 pm	Pickleball
	4:00 pm	Calvin & Hops (Brewery 99)		5:00 pm	Pickleball
	5:30 pm	Youth Group (Grades 6-12)		5:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Monday</b>	12:00 pm	Divine Sleep Yoga	<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	Pickleball
	2:00 pm	Knit 4 Others	<b>Sunday, 4/28</b>	8:30 am	Worship
	3:45 pm	Covenant Choir		9:30 am	Fellowship Café
	6:00 pm	Administration Commission		9:40 am	Sunday School
	7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)		10:00 am	Confirmation Week 4
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	Staff Meetings		11:00 am	Worship
	12:30 pm	Haiti Luncheon		12:00 pm	New Members Luncheon
	2:00 pm	Divorce Recovery Group		5:30 pm	SALT (Grades 3-5)
	2:30 pm	Pickleball		5:30 pm	Youth Group (6-12)
	6:00 pm	T-Ball Game (Pierce Park)			

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

For full class descriptions, locations, and more, visit the website ~ [www.firstpresnb.org](http://www.firstpresnb.org)  
or pick up a brochure in the Sanctuary or church office.

Present Word	Session House Parlor	Creation Care	Owl Room
The Story	Conference Room	Grades K-5	Worship and Wonder Room

## SESSION

**Clerk:** Karen Reed

### Class of 2024

James Copland  
Christin Grady  
Kenneth Holton  
Carole Koi  
Vaughn Purnell  
Helen Robinson  
Joyce Weaver

### Class of 2025

Stephanie Brinson  
John Finlayson  
Sarah Catherine Gibbs  
Rufus McAden  
Yvonne Olmstead  
Linda Staunch  
David Stevick

### Class of 2026

Janet Benrey-Swain  
Fossie Lathan  
Debbie Murray  
Pam Pope  
Darryl Warren  
Gray Wheeler  
David White

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*Those who agree to carry and love what God loves, both the good and the bad of human history, and to pay the price for its reconciliation within themselves — these are the followers of Jesus. They are the leaven, the salt, the remnant, the mustard seed that God can use to transform the world. The cross is the dramatic image of what it takes to be such a usable one for God.*

*—Richard Rohr*

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