

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2014

Today's Liturgist is Lucas Lloyd.

The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God, and in celebration of Hilary & Beryl Bradford, by Jamey, Caroline & Nellie.

**Welcome to all visitors— you have a friend at First Church!** If you would like to learn more about our diverse, welcoming faith community, please speak to a Deacon after worship.

If you have a prayer request to include during Prayers of the People, please use one of the blue prayer cards available in the Narthex or by asking a Deacon. Please write neatly and give your card to a Deacon.

### COUCHSIDE CALVIN

The Young Adult Couchside Calvin group will meet at Phil Gittings' home (54 Irving Pl, in the back) on Tuesday, May 20 at 7:00 PM. Street parking is available. Copies of the chapter to be discussed can be picked up from Phil's mailbox in the Church Office.

### WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

Themed Basket Auction —  
Today during coffee hour, bid on the one you would like to take home.

Annual Hat Tea —  
**Sunday, June 1st** after worship in the chapel. Don your favorite hat and enjoy special delicacies to satisfy your sweet tooth! Proceeds to be donated to Child & Family Services!

### MOTHERS' DAY SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR

TODAY after worship in the Chapel  
with fresh fruit  
Sponsored by the Church Life Committee  
*Celebrating all women!*

### PRESBYTERIANS TODAY

The new issue of *Presbyterians Today* is available for pickup on the counter in the Church Office. This month's issue focuses on young adults. The Membership Committee purchased this subscription for church officers and congregation members. Donations are welcome to help cover the cost.



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 11, 2014

*Wherever ♦ appears, you are asked to stand if you are able to do so.  
Text in **bold print** indicates congregational responses.*

- PRELUDE Sarabande: *Land of Rest* Gerald Near
- ♦CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)  
Jesus said: I am the good shepherd and the gate for the sheep.  
**He leads me in right paths; I will fear no evil.**  
Jesus said: I came to give life, and to give it abundantly.  
**At the table of the Lord my cup overflows.**
- ♦PRAYER OF THE DAY (*responsive*)  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:  
Good Shepherd, you call us by name, and we know your voice. Open the gate for us, that we may come and go freely, have life, and have it abundantly. **Amen.**
- ♦HYMN 469 "Morning Has Broken" Bunessan

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Living God, we confess that we look for the living among the dead. You lead us toward green pastures but we wander in dark valleys. You call us by name but we pretend not to hear. Forgive us; give us new life! Return us to your flock and fold that we may have abundant life, the life that death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

All of us, like sheep have gone astray, but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

◇CANTICLE “Glory to the Father” *Richard Wetzel*  
**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as in the beginning, so now, and forever. Amen.**

◇PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

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FIRST READING: Psalm 23 *OT page 501*

ANTHEM The King of Love My Shepherd Is *Edward Bairstow*  
*(Text: Hymn 171)*

SECOND READING: John 10:1-10 *NT page 103*

SERMON “A Gate, A Shepherd, & Banditry” *Rev. Dr. Philip S. Gittings*

◇HYMN 387 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” *Bradbury*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*responsive*) *Adapted from Heidelberg Catechism Q49*

How does Christ’s ascension to heaven benefit us?

**First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit’s power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD’S PRAYER (*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 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.**

OFFERTORY Prelude on *Suo Gân* *Gerald Near*

◇DOXOLOGY 591 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” *Old Hundredth*  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

◇PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*responsive*)

Living God, source of all life and hope, all joy and peace, all compassion and justice—transform us by your power to make all things new.

**May the gifts of our lives be a witness to the new life you offer in Jesus Christ. Use all the gifts we share this day to bring the promise of new life to our neighbors, near and far. Amen.**

◇HYMN 538 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing” *Sicilian Mariners*

◇CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Prelude on *Puer Nobis Nascitur* *Gerald Near*

## CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 11	Mothers’ Day
9:30 a.m.	Adult Christian Education — Pastor’s Study
11:15 a.m.	Worship, Rev. Dr. Philip S. Gittings preaching — Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Sunday School — Classrooms
12:15 p.m.	Coffee Hour Honoring All Women — Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Women’s Association Basket Raffle — Chapel
12:15 p.m.	Board of Deacons Meeting — Historical Hall
Monday, May 12	Building Closed
Tuesday, May 13	
12:30 p.m.	Food Bag Assistance — Historical Hall
4:30 p.m.	Literacy Tutoring — Chapel
5:15 p.m.	Membership Committee Meeting — Pastor’s Study
6:30 p.m.	Christian Education Committee Meeting — Historical Hall
Wednesday, May 14	
4:30 p.m.	Literacy Tutoring — Chapel
5:45 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting — Pastor’s Study
Thursday, May 15	No events
Friday, May 16	No events
Saturday, May 17	No events
Sunday, May 18	
11:15 a.m.	Worship, Quinton Meyer preaching — Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	Sunday School — Classrooms
12:15 p.m.	Fellowship Time — Chapel