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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PENDLETON, OREGON – APRIL 21ST, 2024  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL

MUSIC LEADERS: CARLY ELDER, STEVE MULLER

LITURGIST: ALICE HEPBURN

- **Bold** words are spoken together.
- The nursery is open for children aged 0-5
- There are children's activity booklets available to keep!
- Beautiful flowers were provided by Judy & Don Witte with love for their grandchildren, Alara, Saralen, Meadow, and Abbie.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN #187            *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

CALL TO WORSHIP    FROM PSALM 23, 1 JOHN 3, AND JOHN 1

**The Lord is my shepherd, I will fear no darkness.**

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

**Christ, the Good Shepherd, has compassion for all.**

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

**Open your hearts to goodness and mercy today.**

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

**Love, not merely in thought and word, but in truth and action.**

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

**Come, let us worship the LORD!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

FROM PSALM 3, ACTS 4

**O God, you have called us to love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.**

**You have called us to be one flock, but we are sometimes divided.**

**Lord, we often offer empty thoughts and prayers when the world needs our hands and our feet.**

**Lord, we often fail to share our lives with the world, preferring self-gratification over serving others.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and by your grace, raise us to new life in you.**

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM PSALM 23, ACTS 4, JOHN 10

...Join me in these words of forgiveness:

**By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

...May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

*Greet one another with the peace of Christ*

ANTHEM *Standing in The Need of Prayer* CHANCEL CHOIR

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

PSALM OT P. 474 PSALM 23

EPISTLE LESSON NT P. 226 1 JOHN 3:16-24

GOSPEL LESSON NT P. 97 JOHN 10:11-18

SERMON *Shepherding*

\*HYMN #482 *Baptized in Water*

BAPTISM MARCOS DOMINGO BACA

*See Insert*

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY GTG #607

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Christ all people here below;*

*Praise Holy Spirit evermore;*

*Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen*

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN 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.**

\*HYMN #480

*Take Me to the Water*

\*BENEDICTION

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at the end of the pews. It is a great way to find out who is sitting in the pew next to you. Please join us for coffee hour following worship.
- Pentecost is May 19th. The liturgical color for that day is red. It is our tradition to bring Geraniums to church on Pentecost Sunday and then they are planted in the flower beds. By May, it might be hard to find Geraniums. If you wish to participate, you may want to purchase them now and take care of them until Pentecost. Please get upright Geraniums, not the "creepers." Also, please wear red on May 19th. It is a wonderful way to celebrate Pentecost!
- Hope Fischer's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday reception will be taking place today, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm in the Rogers Room. There will be a light meal.
- Sign up to be a part of our study group throughout April to see where God is leading our Presbyterian church. More information is displayed in the flyer behind your bulletins.
- There is an Alzheimer's and Dementia support group that will be taking place in the St. Anthony Hospital in the month of April. If you are interested or need more details, a flyer with information is displayed at the back of your bulletins.
- Beautiful flowers were provided by Judy & Don Witte with love for their grandchildren, Alara, Saralen, Meadow, and Abbie.

## **RENEW, Thinking, Listening, Dreaming**

### **Be Part of the 2024 Self-Study Where is God Leading First Presbyterian Church**

By now, you have heard about the Self-Study more than once. The information below will answer some of the questions you may still have.

**WHAT:** The Self-Study is a process through which we determine where the church is now, and where God is leading us in the future.

**HOW:** Parishioners will meet in small groups of 10 or less and discuss a series of questions. Each group will discuss the same questions. Each discussion group will have a moderator and a recorder. The information gathered by the recorders will be compiled and organized. With this information in hand, the Session will prayerfully plan and implement 3-5 action plans. Comments during the small group discussions will remain confidential.

**WHY:** Experts on church leadership say a "Self-Study" should be done every 5 years. First Presbyterian did a Self-Study in 2018 in preparation for calling a new pastor. It's time to go through this process again. Additionally, we have entered the post-COVID era. Now is a good time to think about how First Presbyterian can be faithful to its calling.

**WHEN:** Small group meetings will occur through the month of April. See the post card flyer below.

**WHERE:** The small group meetings will be in the Vert Room. One session is planned on Zoom.

**WHO:** You! If you have not already done so, please sign up for a small group discussion. See the times/dates in the post card flyer below.  
Call the church 541.276.7681 and reserve a spot now!

# RENEW

Thinking, Listening,  
Dreaming

Be part of the 2024 Self-Study  
Where is God leading  
First Presbyterian Church?

Sign up for your Date —Please Call NOW!  
Sunday April 14, after worship  
Monday April 15, 6:00PM  
Thursday April 18, 10:00AM  
Sunday April 21 after worship  
Wednesday April 24, 6:30PM  
Thursday April 25, 7:00PM Zoom call

First Presbyterian Church  
201 SW Dorion Ave, Pendleton, OR 97801  
Call 541-276-7681







## **ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS**

# **SUPPORT GROUP**

The purpose of this support group is to provide a safe environment where people caring for those with Alzheimer's or other dementia can mutually support one another by sharing their thoughts, ideas, concerns, questions, and coping strategies in a non-judgemental and caring atmosphere.

**2nd & 4th Mondays of each month**

Starting April 2024

**10:30AM - NOON**

**St. Anthony Hospital - Conf. Rm 3**

2801 St. Anthony Way - Pendleton

**Questions? Call 541-278-2627**