



GATHERING

GREETING AND WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak, *pastor*

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed!

PRELUDE

Collin Whitfield, *organist*

Excerpt from *Pastorale* (Collin Whitfield)

▲ OPENING PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak

O God,
Your Son, Jesus, is the good shepherd of us all.
Grant that when we hear his voice
we may know him, follow him, and love him;
for he calls us each by name.
Teach us how to follow where he leads,
whether the road leads through sorrow or joy.
Through Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen.

▲ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hymn No. 610

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (AZMON)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Paul Ytterrock, *pastor*

Lord, you come to us,
but we do not recognize you;
you call, but we do not follow;
you command, but we do not obey,
you bless us, but we do not thank you.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us.

Lord, you accept us, but we do not accept others;
you forgive us, but we do not forgive those who wrong us;
you love us, but we do not love our neighbors.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us.

Lord, you showed us how to carry out your mission,
but we still insist on our own;
you identified yourself with outcasts, the needy, and the poor,
but we do not bother to find out what is happening to them;
you suffered and died for the sake of all,
but we do not give up our comfortable lives.

**Forgive us, Lord, and help us,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

▲ SHARING OF PEACE

THE WORD

▲ GATHERING SONG

Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

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CHILDREN'S SERMON + BLESSING

REFRAIN

Be not afraid; sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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Hymn No. 243
BE NOT AFRAID

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING: ACTS 4:5-12

Elena Moeller-Younger, *lector*

REFRAIN

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Hymn No. 243
BE NOT AFRAID

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:16-24

▲ GOSPEL READING: JOHN 10:11-18

REFRAIN

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Hymn No. 243
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SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak

"Christ is the Good Shepherd"

▲ HYMN

"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" (BRADBURY)

Hymn No. 187

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on 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 Ghost;
the holy universal Church, the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING + CHORAL ANTHEM

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (arr. Mack Wilberg)
Natalie Lindsey-Dean, *flute*
Grace Holmberg, *oboe*

*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.*

*And so through all the length of days,
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever!*

▲ PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God, who keeps promises:
Hear our prayers.

DEPARTING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

▲ HYMN

Hymn No. 203

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" (CHERPONI)

▲ CHARGE

▲ CHORAL BENEDICTION

"We Are Praying in the Light of God/Siyahamba"

*We are praying in the light of God;
We are praying in the light of God.
Siyahamba, hamba, siyahamba, hamba
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.*

▲ POSTLUDE

Natalie Lindsey-Dean, *flute*

Adagio and Allegro from *Flute Sonata No. 1* (G.F. Handel)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



FESTIVAL OF CHOIRS: TODAY

Join us this afternoon at 4:00p in the sanctuary as we present the Festival of Choirs featuring our Chancel Choir, FPCF Brass, Concert Handbells and Organ. Come join us as we celebrate music for all ages. There will be a reception to follow and this concert is free of charge.



PIPE YOUTH

There will be no Pipe today or next Sunday, April 28.

Join us **April 26-28** for the Spring Service Retreat! We will be hearing from local speakers and serving local non-profits to further learn about our Flint community! Text or email Kira to get signed up! You won't want to miss this!

We are going to NYC for our Summer Engagement Trip from **July 21-26**! We will be partnering with *Experience Mission* and other non-profits in Harlem, Brooklyn, and the Bronx! If your high schooler is interested, reach out to Kira (knieman@fpcf.org or 509.842.0541).



FLINT 6K: MAY 18, 2024

The Flint 6k is a family-friendly run/walk through Chevy Commons impacting local and global water initiatives. Each race registration provides clean drinking water for one person in the developing world through World Vision + a donation to the Flint Kids Fund through our sponsors. For more information and registration, visit flint6k.run



WEDNESDAY FAITH FORMATION SERIES: "THE ECHO OF A TUNE NOT YET HEARD"

On Wednesday nights through May 15, we are exploring the relationship between music and our faith, treating our favorite songs as "echoes of a tune we have not yet heard." We will be using the music we turn to to express our emotional peaks and valleys as vehicles to consider how they might also be pointing us toward the kingdom of God exploring a different theme each week. For more information about each theme, visit: www.fpcf.org/faith-formation.



FPCF KIDS

The FPCF Kids Spring Musical will be held during Worship on **Sunday, April 28**. The children will be collecting change and other donations for our community partner, Motherly Intercession. Be sure to bring some extra change to help them make a change!

We will have a dress rehearsal at **5:30p on Wednesday, April 24** and a pizza party/final dress rehearsal on **Saturday, April 27, 10:00a-12:00p**. Everyone with a part in the musical will need to be there!

Save the Date! Family Movie and Game Night will be **Friday, May 17, 6:00-8:00p** in The Grove. Dinner and snacks will be provided! Bring your favorite game to share with friends!



THE GERHOLZ CENTER IS HIRING

Opportunity is knocking! Join our exceptional team at the Gerholz Center for Christian Counseling. We seek qualified individuals who share our passion for providing support to individuals facing emotional and mental health challenges. We offer an array of professional development opportunities designed to enhance your knowledge and skills. Additionally, we provide supervision to limited licensed therapists. To apply for this position, scan the QR code or go directly to our website: www.gerholz.org/employment.



SCAN ME



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Pastors

Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak (Senior Pastor)
Rev. Paul Ytterock (Associate Pastor)

Liturgist

Elena Moeller-Younger

Organist

Collin Whitfield

Acolytes

Cordner Rossmassler, banner
Gideon, light

ASL Interpreter

Karly Blandford



LIVING PLANT MEMORIALS

In loving memory of **Dennis Johnson** by his wife, Mary Lou, children: David, Dana, Drew and Deane, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

TODAY (04/21)

8:00a Neighborhood Breakfast
9:00a Choir Rehearsal
9:30a Faith Formation
10:30a Worship Service
12:00p Handbell Rehearsal
4:00p Festival of Choirs + Reception

MONDAY (04/22)

8:00a Jeremiah Project Meeting
5:30p Women's Bible Study

TUESDAY (04/23)

10:00a Women's Bible Study
4:30p Facilities Team Meeting
4:45p Koinonia Team Meeting
5:30p Session Meeting

WEDNESDAY (04/24)

10:00a Sewing Ladies Meeting
10:00a Women's Bible Study
5:15p Family Dinner
6:00p Adult Faith Formation
FPCF Kid's Choir
Pipe Youth Bible Study

THURSDAY (04/25)

9:00a Food Bank Volunteer Group (Offsite)
10:00a Women's Bible Study
10:00a Gerholz Staff Meeting
5:00p Gerholz Workgroup
7:00p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY (04/26)

12:00p Church Office Closes
6:00p Pipe Youth Service Retreat Begins

SATURDAY (04/27)

9:00a Men's Bible Study
10:00a Children's Musical Dress Rehearsal

SUNDAY (04/28)

8:00a Neighborhood Breakfast
9:00a Choir Rehearsal
9:30a Faith Formation
10:30a Worship Service/Children's Musical
12:00p Handbell Rehearsal

