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Adjective: Done on purpose; deliberate.

**Trinity Presbyterian Church
Arlington, Virginia**

**Service for the Lord's Day
Sunday, April 26, 2026**

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Worshipping in the Sanctuary

11:15 AM



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*Welcome.
We are glad that you are here.
As an inclusive community of faith, we welcome you just as you are.
We celebrate that God's love and grace extends to all, and affirm that each person has sacred worth.
So take a moment.
Breathe.*

This service is livestreamed and recorded. People in the first eight pews might be visible on camera.

Welcome

Prelude

A Shepherd's Medley
Matt Wheeler, piano

Paul A. Tate

Announcements

Please take this time to sign and pass the red Friendship Pad.

Call to Worship

Please stand as you are able.

Liturgist: In the darkest valley,
All: at the banquet table;

Liturgist: in the hard work of life,
All: at the moments of ease;

Liturgist: in our day-to-day reality,
All: at times set aside—

Liturgist: like this time, now—
All: for worship, for listening, for paying attention;

Liturgist: with every step we take:
All: goodness and mercy follow us; our cups overflow.

Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Congregation

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Call to Confession

Please be seated.

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

All: But, O Lord, we are consumed with wanting more.

Liturgist: He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

All: But, O Lord, other pastures seem greener.
The waters aren't always still.
Our souls still thirst.

Liturgist: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

All: O Lord, we long to be led by you,
though we may complain along the path.

Liturgist: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

All: And yet, O God, we do sometimes fear.
May we feel your presence, your comfort and your forgiveness anew.

Liturgist: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

All: O God, sometimes we refuse to sit down at your table.
Forgive us and help us to see your overflowing mercy.

Liturgist: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

All: Forgive us, God, and lead us into your house.

Silent Confession

Words of Assurance & Faith

Liturgist: We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters,
and gives us refreshment of soul.
Christ our Shepherd shows us the way we should go,
So that the name of God will be glorified.
Though all manner of evil befall us, we will not be afraid,
For the Great Shepherd of our souls is with us.
We are never away from the love and mercy of the Lord,

All: Friends, rejoice in the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Response to Grace

Please stand as you are able.

Be Not Afraid

Congregation

Passing of the Peace & Greeting

Children's Message

Children are invited to attend Godly Play after the message or to remain in the sanctuary during worship.
Please be seated.

Blessing of the Children

All: You are God's beloved child; with you God is well pleased.

Anthem

The 23rd Psalm
Trinity Singers

Bobby McFerrin

Reading

John 10:1-10

NRSVUE

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with

them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Intentionally Christian: Following the Shepherd

Rev. Judith Fulp-Eickstaedt, Pastor

Hymn

Please stand as you are able.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Congregation

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Life of the Church, Joys, & Concerns

Please be seated.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Invitation to Stewardship

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Offertory & Reflection

Shepherd Me, O God
Congregation (Refrain), Trinity Singers (verses)

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Prayerful Setting of Intentions

Please take this moment of silence to set an intention for the week ahead. Your intention might be a response to today's worship, or it may be something that has been on your heart – a desire for change, an inner nudging, a move toward deeper discipleship. Write your intention down or note it on your phone and take it with you as you go.

Prayer for the Coming Week

All: Good Shepherd,
Teach me to follow you
and to learn from you,
Keep my feet on good paths
and provide for my needs.
When I see others who struggle
or who need help along the way,
help me to be a shepherd in your name. Amen.

Hymn

Please stand as you are able.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Congregation

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Benediction

Postlude

Sonata in F Major, K332, Mvt. 1 (Exposition)
Matt Wheeler, piano

W.A. Mozart

*You are invited to stay and listen to the postlude or move to the gathering space for fellowship.
As you depart, please be mindful of those who remain in the sanctuary to listen.*

Song Lyrics

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 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.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Be Not Afraid; Sing Out for Joy

Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us;

for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us: we are yours.

2 We are yours: in love befriend us;
be the guardian of our way.
Keep your flock: from sin defend us;
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear your children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear your children when we pray.

3 You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.

4 Early let us seek your favor;
early let us do your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us; love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us; love us still.

Shepherd Me, O God

Shepherd me, O God,
beyond my wants,
beyond my fears,
from death into life.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

1 My shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is his name.

In pastures fresh he makes me feed,
beside the living stream.

He brings my wandering spirit back
when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.

2 When I walk through the shades of death
your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath

drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows;
your oil anoints my head.

3 The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode,
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest,
but like a child at home.

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Intentional Through the Week at Home and in Small Groups

What does the image of a shepherding God mean for us today?

How do we know the voice of the shepherd?

My intention for this week is:

Morning Prayer for the Week

Generous God, thank you for the gift of this new day.

Help me to watch for your signs and wonders in the world today,

and fill my heart with gladness and generosity,

that I may generate good will wherever I go. Amen.

Evening Prayer for the Week

Thank you, God, for shepherding me through this day.

As I lie down to sleep this night

Help me to imagine green pastures and still waters,

And to remember all the ways you have set a table before me

And filled my cup to overflowing. Amen.

Readings for the Week Acts 2:42-47

(Read daily, and look for opportunities to discuss or contemplate these words)

Questions for Reflection

1. Acts 2:42-47 describes what life was like in the early church. How do these words guide today's church?
2. If you could cultivate any one faith practice in your congregation, what would it be?
3. What injustice stirs you so much that you would sacrifice just about anything to create change?

Intentional in Community

Consider using these reflection questions with a small group or prayer partner.

Our Thoughts and Prayers

Please pray for the following friends and families of Trinity

Joys:

- + Celebrating the engagement of **Luke Bultena** and **Cameron Pedretti**.
- + Celebrating the birth of **Blake Thomas Bodner**, son of **Ben and Sara Bodner**, grandson of **Sue Bodner**, born on April 8.
- + Celebrating the birth of **Ellie Baker Scholl**, daughter of **Ali and Ethan Scholl** and granddaughter of **Marilyn and Russ Scholl**, born on March 23.
- + **Lucy Driskill** and her friend **Sarah Watchman** are on a six-month hike of the Appalachian Trail. We will keep the congregation posted on their journey.

Concerns:

- + Prayers for **Gabe Paulraj**, recovering at home following surgery for a broken tibia and fibula.
- + Prayers for the family and friends of **Suparmin Sunjoyo**, **Nugroho Mbeo's** father, who passed away on April 18.
- + Prayers for **Nancy Long**, sister of **Dan Campbell**, for healing and strength for dementia requiring 24/7 care.
- + Prayers for **Anna Marie Yates**, mother of **Alice Yates**, for her comfort and care, as she has been battling myelodysplastic syndrome; please also pray for wisdom in care-giving decisions.
- + Prayers for **Stephanie Irving**, aunt of **Cameron Pedretti**, with pancreatic cancer.
- + Prayers for **Jack Lutz**, brother of **Ted Lutz**, for declining health and decisions being made about his future care.
- + Prayers for **Jean Meek**, in rehab at The Jefferson, after surgery for a broken leg.
- + Prayers for the family and friends of **Marjorie Douglas**, **Sandi Parker's** mom, who passed away on March 30.
- + Prayers for **Marilyn Scholl** as she is currently trying several alternative health practices to shrink or eradicate her breast cancer to avoid surgery.
- + Prayers for **Nanci**, friend of **Donna Parry**, who is recovering at home following open-heart surgery.
- + Prayers for **Ike Eickstaedt**, **Pastor Judith's** father-in-law, in skilled nursing, healing from a hematoma.
- + Prayers for **Sandy Montgomery**, recovering at home after surgery for a broken ankle.
- + Prayers for **Sean Long** and all our military personnel currently deployed in the Middle East and beyond.
- + Prayers for **Beth Geiseman**, recovering after surgery for breast cancer and anticipating a second surgery.
- + Prayers for **Paul Sullivan**, who has stopped cancer treatments and is in palliative care at home.
- + Prayers for **Laura Mendelson**, mother of **Ellen Cathopoulos**, recovering from breast cancer surgery.
- + Prayers for **Ansley Calhoun** following surgery for a broken leg.
- + Prayers for relatives of **Randy Benn - Martie** (cancer), **Doug** (cancer), and **Jennifer** (bone infection).
- + Prayers for **Jean Chubb**, mother of **Nathan Chubb**, in treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- + Prayers for **Cathy**, a friend of **Pastor Judith**, in treatment for pancreatic cancer.

- + Prayers for **Theresa Dike**, a colleague of **Clay Guthridge**, who is recovering from a cerebral event. Theresa is walking and regaining some speech.
- + Prayers for those who are managing the needs of both children and aging parents.
- + Prayers for **Marilyn Brookens**, who is in a memory care facility in Iowa. Please send all correspondence to: Marilyn Brookens, c/o Alan Ostergren, 2506 7th Ave. Ct. SW, Altoona, IA 50009.
- + Prayers for love, stamina, and moments of joy for all who are caregivers and for those they care for.
- + Prayers for those in difficult family relationships: for mutual love, compassion, and understanding.
- + **Bill Plitt**, in treatment for multiple myeloma.
- + **Rowan Smith**, three-year-old great-nephew of **Laurie Setzer**, with cancer. Please pray for strength as cancer spots were recently found on his brain, and the doctors have given him 3-6 months to live.
- + **Jason Ferguson**, brother of **Janae Ferguson**, has a recurrence of cancer. Pray for another remission.
- + **Barry Schneider**, **Troy Schneider's** uncle, has ALS.
- + **Jackie Alling**, living at Vitality Assisted Living.
- + **Lani**, **Nene Pisigan's** cousin, and the mom of two young children, has a recurrence of cancer.
- + **Nene Pisigan's** parents in the Philippines are with long-term illness and financial hardship.
- + **Ron Shimabukuro**, friend of **Yvonne McIntire**, is recovering at home.
- + **Brooks Bare**, for strength, comfort, healing, and patience during his incarceration.
- + Prayers for those whose family members have died in ICE custody or during immigration enforcement actions.
- + Prayers for our country, that people who disagree can choose respectful and non-violent means of protest.
- + Immigrants and refugees all over the world are displaced by war, violence, poverty, and natural disasters.
- + Prayers for the innocent victims of war.
- + We pray for a lasting peace in Israel and Palestine and for the day when the people living in Israel and Palestine can live together without hostility, oppression, or fear.
- + **Fakhira Haloun**, a Palestinian Israeli and friend of **Priscilla Hoffman-Stowe**, and for all living through the trauma of the ongoing violence in Gaza and the wider region.
- + **Daoud and Jihan Nassar**, for safety and to retain ownership of their land in the West Bank.
- + For peace in Ukraine and an end to the Russian invasion of Ukrainian regions.
- + Genocide in Sudan and the conflict in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo.
- + Prayers for wisdom for our leaders as they handle the situations in Venezuela and Cuba, and for the people who live there.

Trinity Presbyterian Church helps sponsor the missionary work of those who serve in the international field. We are currently supporting **Mark Adams** and **Miriam Maldonado** (husband and wife) on the US/Mexico border, and we continue to seek new ecumenical global partners to support as the PCUSA has shifted its model for international engagement.

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