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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 Calvin Hall

9:00 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 extend to all, and affirm that each person has sacred worth.

So take a moment.

Breathe.

This service is recorded. Those in the first three rows in the center section might be visible on camera.

Gathering Music

Take My Life

Scott Underwood

Opening Prayer

Song

Blessed Be Your Name

Beth and Matt Redman

Welcome & Announcements

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

Children's Message

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

Blessing of the Children

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

Greeting Time

Old Testament Reading

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your

Psalm 23

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staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 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.

Gospel Reading

“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

John 10:1-10

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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

Song

Step by Step

David Strasser

Joys & Concerns

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

www.trinityarlington.org/give

Offertory

You Never Let Go

Beth and Matt Redman

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.

Song

Lead On, Good Shepherd

Orella, Mayberry, Duncan

Benediction

Song Lyrics

Take My Life

Verse 1

Holiness, holiness is what I long for.
Holiness is what I need.
Holiness, holiness is what You want from me.

Verse 2

Faithfulness, faithfulness is what I long for.
Faithfulness is what I need.
Faithfulness, faithfulness
is what You want from me.

Chorus

So take my heart and form it.
Take my mind transform it.
Take my will conform it,
To Yours, to Yours oh Lord.

Verse 3

Righteousness, righteousness,
is what I long for,
Righteousness is what I need.
Righteousness, righteousness
is what You want from me.

Chorus

Chorus

Ending

To Yours, to Yours oh Lord.
To Yours, to Yours oh Lord.

Blessed Be Your Name

Verse 1

Blessed be Your Name
In the land that is plentiful.
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place.
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.

Pre-Chorus

Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord.
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord.
Blessed be Your glorious name.

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me.
When the world's all as it should be,
Blessed be Your name.

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering.
Though there's pain in the offering.
Blessed be Your name.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

You give and take away.
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name.

Bridge

You give and take away.
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name.

Chorus**Chorus*****Step by Step***

O God You are my God
And I will ever praise You.
O God You are my God
And I will ever praise You.
I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways.
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days.
[Repeat 2x]

Ending

And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days.

You Never Let Go**Verse 1**

Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear.
And even when I'm caught in the middle
Of the storms of this life,
I won't turn back I know You are near.

Pre-Chorus

And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me.
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?

Chorus

Oh, no. You never let go

Through the calm and through the storm.
Oh, no. You never let go
In every high and every low.
Oh, no. You never let go.
Lord, You never let go of me.

Verse 2

And I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on,
A glorious light beyond all compare.
And there will be an end to these troubles,
But until that day comes,
We'll live to know You here on the Earth.

Pre-Chorus**Chorus****Bridge**

Yes, I can see a light
That is coming for the heart that holds on.
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still, I will praise You.
Still, I will praise You.
[REPEAT]

Chorus

[REPEAT]

Lead On Good Shepherd**Verse 1**

Well I've been turned 'round,
But I've never been lost.
Seen the water get troubled,
But we walked across.
When my knees were shaking
You held my hand,
Turning my problems
To a promised land.

Chorus

Lead on Good Shepherd.
I'll follow all my days.
There ain't nothing sweeter

Than to watch You make a way.
You've walked me through the valley,
But You never steered me wrong.
So lead on Good Shepherd, lead on.

Verse 2

Seen some mighty deep canyons
That You brought me through.
Seen some mighty big mountains
That just up and moved.
Glory, glory hallelujah!
Yeah that's my song.
Walking with my Father
Into the great unknown.

Chorus

Bridge

Step by step day by day
Lead me on Lord I pray
Road gets dark walk by faith
Lead on Good Shepherd
[Repeat]

Chorus

Bridge

[Repeat]

Ending

Lead on Good Shepherd.
Lead on Good Shepherd.
Lead on Good Shepherd.
Lead on Good Shepherd.
Lead on Good Shepherd, lead on.

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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 2:42-27 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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