

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, REGINA

OUR MISSION: Christ calls us to be faithful disciples who strive to be joyful in our worship, tender in our life together, and daring in our outreach.

We acknowledge we worship on Treaty 4 Territory, the traditional homeland of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and the Métis Nation.

Minister: The Rev. Amanda Currie

Guest Minister Today: The Rev. Devon Pattemore

Music Director: Will Ireton / Pianist today: Gabe Omolida

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Jo Szostak

Entry of the Written Word

Call to Worship

We gather in the presence of our Shepherd God,
who calls us each by name,
who restores our souls,
who leads us in the way of righteousness,
and whose goodness and love never stops pursuing us.
This is the God we have come to worship!

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: To God be the glory #350

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God,
You are our Creator, our Saviour, and our guide.
Through your Scriptures, through your prophets,
through Jesus Christ, you show us the way,
but we confess that we stray from your path.
We wander like lost sheep.
We follow the desires of our own hearts.

Too often, we do not listen for your voice.

Forgive us our faults and our failures.

We know our greatest need is for a Shepherd.

Teach us how to be your sheep. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Ministry of Music The Lord Is My Shepherd H. Goodall

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Hymn: The Lord's my shepherd #11

Prayer for Illumination Nora Findlay

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 23

Sung Response: **The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.**

R The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures,
leads me beside still waters,
restores my soul,
and leads me in right paths
for the sake of the Lord's name.

R

Even though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death, I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff – they comfort me.

R

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 my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
for the length of my days.

R

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Sermon: *All I Need to Know*

HYMNS for Sunday May 8th

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of the People 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,
the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Hymn: I Am Thine O Lord CCLI Song #25424

We Present our Gifts to God

Offertory

Doxology (#306) and Prayer of Dedication:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures high and low;
praise God in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn: Saviour, like a shepherd #485

Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen (#780): **Amen, amen, amen.**

Aaronic Blessing (#619):

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you his peace.**

Postlude

#350 - To God be the glory

To God be the glory, who great things has done!
God so loved the world! — freely sending the Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear God's voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
Oh come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give God the glory, who great things has done.

Oh perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God,
that when the offender, repenting, believes,
through Jesus' atonement, full pardon receives! Refrain

Great things God has taught us, great things God has done
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our gladness, when Jesus we see! Refrain

#11 - The Lord's my shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me
and in God's house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

I Am Thine O Lord

CCLI Song #25424

I am Thine, O Lord; I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me.
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord
to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
by the pow'r of grace divine.
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in thine.

Refrain

Oh, the pure delight of a single hour
that before thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer and with thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!

Refrain

There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with thee.

Refrain

#485 - Saviour, like a shepherd lead us

Saviour like a shepherd lead us:
much we need your tender care;
in your pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use your folds prepare:
blessed Jesus; blessed Jesus!
you have bought us; yours we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
you have bought us, your we are.

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.

Let us always seek your favour;
let us always do your will.
Jesus Christ our only Saviour,
with yourself our spirits fill:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
you have love us; love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
you have loved us; love us still.

The Lord Is My Shepherd (Howard Goodall)

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; For you are with me, you will comfort me.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Pray with your First Church Family

Please pray for...

- People who are grieving the loss of loved ones, that they may be comforted.
- People who feel like they are journeying through life alone, that they may experience God's loving presence and guidance.
- People who are suffering from hunger, thirst, or other unmet basic needs, that they may be filled through the generosity and faithfulness of God's people.
- Margaret Purse as she recovers from hip replacement surgery; and Brenda Tamaki & Eva Roesner as they go through transitions in housing.
- People in our community testing positive for Covid-19, and for the medical community managing this wave of the virus.
- Peace, security, and courage for the people of Ukraine in the midst of war, and for the peace of the whole world.

Praise God for...

- Jesus, our Good Shepherd, who guides us with his gentle and insistent voice, calling us to follow him.
- Our mothers – for the ways that they nurtured, encouraged, and strengthened us for life.
- God’s help and guidance for all who are called to the challenging work of parenting.
- The news that the refugee process for the Mathiang family is moving along, and we can start getting ready to welcome them to Canada.

This Week at First Church

May 8	10:30 am	Worship (In-Person & YouTube) Rev. Devon Pattemore preaching Sunday School (In-Person)
	11:45 am	Coffee Hour in the gymnasium
May 10	12:30 pm	Freedom 55ers (Zoom)
May 11	12:00 pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Zoom)
May 12	7:30 pm	Choir
May 14	10:00 am	Emergent Presbytery Meeting
May 15	10:30 am	Worship (In-Person & YouTube) Sunday School (In-Person)
	11:45 am	Coffee Hour in the gymnasium
	1:00 pm	Church Membership Class (Hybrid: Morris Room & Zoom)

Office Hours Mon. 8:30-11:15am/Wed. to Fri. 8:30am-2pm.
Contact Shirley at the office at 306-522-9571 or
firstpresregina@sasktel.net.

Interested in Church Membership? Rev. Amanda will be offering a class for folks considering membership in the church. It will explore the basics of the Christian faith including God, the Trinity, the Bible, practices of worship, prayer, stewardship, justice, and mission.

Sessions will be on Sundays from 1:00 – 2:30 pm on May 15, 22, 29, and June 12. Be in touch with Amanda if you are interested in participating online or in-person. Anyone is grade 9 and up is welcome!

Camp Christopher We are excited to be approaching another camping season! Please check the table on the narthex for camper brochures, camper registration forms (also online), staff application forms, work crew volunteer letters and volunteer application forms.

We need volunteers throughout May and June to help with the maintenance of camp.

Our to-do list:

- Paint/stain: cabin, decks, various signs, lodge
- General handy work: shelving in kitchen porch, install coat hooks and chalkboard, caulk/insulate doors and windows
- Clear walking paths: clear leaves and other debris
- Build a GAGA pit: this game is similar to dodgeball and the kids love it!
- Moving items into our new boathouse
- Are you an electrician?: install motion sensor light switches, disconnect power from old boathouse and connect to new boathouse

If you would like more information, or would like to sign up, please contact Donna Wilkinson at info@campchristopher.ca or call her at 306-535-6916.