

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAYREVILLE

**Rev. Jessica Malek
Interim Minister**



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Interim Pastor: Rev. Jessica Malek

Organist: Sandy Albano

Worship Assistant: Lou Mastro

Audio & Visual Support: Alannah Bailey/Dona Lewandowski

 **Prelude**

 **Welcome & Announcements**

Called by God

Call to Worship (*Worship Assistant*) Psalm 23

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

People: You make me lie down in green pastures and lead me beside still waters.

Leader: You revive my soul and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

People: Though, I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Leader: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Leader: Let us worship God!

 **Hymn 39**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Forgiven by God



Call to Confession *(Worship Assistant)*

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God and others.



Prayer of Confession

Loving God, forgive us our sins. Forgive us the times when we have done things we should not have done and the times we have not done the things we should have done. You ask that we love others as you love us. Yet, we find it hard to love those who are different from ourselves. We have not been overly concerned about injustice as long as it didn't affect our lives. Let the power of the Holy Spirit be present in us. Forgive us in the name of the living Christ.



Silent Confession *(A time of silence will be observed for personal confession.)*



Assurance of Pardon

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.



Gloria Patri Hymn 577 *(All)*

Avery & Marsh

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. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. A-men. Amen.

Upheld by Christ



Prayers of the People -

Sharing Joys, Concerns and Thanksgivings



Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (*debts & debtors*)

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.

Taught by Christ



Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

“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. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

**This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God**



Sermon

“The Voice of the Shepherd”



Hymn 803

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

Responding to the Word



Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed (Modern English)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



Committing Our Lives, Gifts and Talents



Offertory



Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above the heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



Prayer of Dedication

Shepherding God, you lead us, guard us, prepare us and preserve us. We have responded by giving back to you what has come from your hand. Bless these gifts, and multiply them in the life of your church, so that the gates of salvation may be flung wide, and all your Beloved Community may know the love and the peace that is ours in Christ Jesus. Amen.



Sharing the Peace of God

Pastor: Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(You are invited to remain in your pew and wave to those around you as a sign of peace and reconciliation.)

(Please remain standing for the Closing Hymn)

Sent Out by The Spirit



Hymn 187

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”



Charge and Benediction



Congregational Response

“Surely the Presence”

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angel’s wings. I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.



Postlude

*** Welcome ***

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior! We want to know you were here! Guests and visitors are invited to sign our Vestibule Guest Book or fill out the Welcome Card in the pew and put it in the collection plate. If you are interested in becoming a member of this Church, please call (732) 257-6353 and speak with the church secretary for further information. Make sure to "like" our page at www.facebook.com/FPCSayreville and check out our website at FPCSayreville.org. Donations can be made to the website.

Weekly Attendance 4/19/26: 49
Weekly Offering 4/19/26: \$2150.54

*** Prayer List ***

Manona Smith	Martha Saltzman
Special Friends in Need	Frank Martino
Howard Merritt	Vincent Prestigiacomo
Prudy DeLap	Roxanne Parks
Beth DePinto	Ken Adams
Kim Barone	The Boley Family
Becca & Hazel Laikowski	The Laikowski Clan
Joe & Marilyn Zakrzewski	Russell Hayek
David Zito	Charles Gilke
Stacia Drotar	Gary & Diane Spsychalski
The Haney Family	Jennifer Martin
The Magee Family	Jorge Barreiro & Family
Barbara Busch	Keith Carney
Christine Brower	Timothy Newsome
Kathy Walker	Dona Lewandowski
The Anderson Family	

If you or a loved one would like to be removed from the Prayer List, please let the office know. Thank you.

Our Calendar of Events can be found on our website FPCSayreville.org

Monday, 4/27	5:30pm	Office Open
Tuesday, 4/28	7:00pm	Troop 777 (Sunday School Area)
Wednesday, 4/29	7:00pm	AA (Hall)
Thursday, 4/30	7:00pm	Troop 96 (Sunday School area)
Friday, 5/1	5:30pm	Office Open
Sunday, 5/3	9:30am	Sunday School
		Office Open
	10:30am	Worship Service & Communion
	1:00pm	Ghana Church (Sanctuary)

**** Announcements ****

Per Capita \$42: The per capita assessment this year is \$42 per active member. In a family of four confirmed members, that would be \$168 for that family. Children baptized but not yet confirmed are not assessed.

Fundraiser: We have a fundraising initiative called Spiral through Amboy Bank. You can now donate to First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville by using a digital banking account, you can access the Giving Center, locate the church's name and make a donation. If you are not an Amboy Bank account holder, check with your bank and see if they are associated with Spiral. All donations are tax deductible and you will be able to get a statement of your contributions.

Food Pantry: We have a separate phone and email address for the Deacons Food Pantry. The phone number is (848) 280-1927 and the email is FPCShelpinghand@gmail.com. If you or someone you know is in need, please contact the Deacons to arrange assistance. Our food pantry is available throughout the year for any community member in need.

Headphones: There are headphones available for anyone wishing to enhance hearing during worship services. Please see Gary Spychalski or the Pastor for more info.

Join the Choir! Choir rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. No experience is necessary, and training will be provided. Not only will you build long-lasting friendships with other choir members, but you also build your relationship with God through worship music.

Pastoral Care Emergencies: If you have a pastoral care emergency, please call (732) 403-4160. This is a dedicated phone line for emergencies. You can also contact Rev. Malek by emailing her at revjessicamalek@gmail.com. This is a confidential email that is read only by the pastor.

We ask that ALL FOOD PANTRY requests be made by contacting FPCShelpinghand@gmail.com or (848) 280-1927 only.

General Church Information: The office is generally open Mondays & Fridays at 5:30pm and Sunday mornings from 9:30-11:30am. PLEASE CALL before you stop to verify if someone is here. Emails and phones will be checked on Wednesdays when the office is closed. You can reach the office by using the church's email churchoffice172@optimum.net, or by calling the office at (732) 257-6353.

**** Online Giving ****

We have online giving available through the Presbyterian Foundation and Vanco Giving Solutions, on our website FPCSayreville.org! Simply click on the "Give Now" button, and you will be directed to our giving page. Once there, create a profile and you can then make a one-time donation or schedule auto-payments monthly, weekly, etc. to major church accounts.

You can also donate through the app "Give Plus". Download the app, enter the church zip code of 08872, and click on our church. You can make either a onetime donation or set up recurring donations, depending on which you prefer.

You can also scan the following code with your smartphone camera to be connected to our giving page.



PENDING CHURCH IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

CAPITAL PROJECT

	Estimated Cost
1.Kitchen Dishwasher	7,000 10/25 \$6,000 Completed
2.Church AC Units 2@\$6,000 each Then replacement schedule of 1 new unit each year for the next six years	\$12,000 10/25 \$9650 Completed
3.AC for CE Hall	\$20,000
4.Steeple Refinish	<u>\$60,000</u>
	\$80,000

OPERATIONS MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

1.Replace church altar lights	\$1,500 funded, awaiting installation
2.Replace parking lot light on CE Hall	\$2,500 funded, awaiting installation
3.Replace door and frame to church office	\$7,000
4.Seal area along back wall of church	<u>1,500</u> 8/25 donated
	\$12,500

GRAND TOTAL \$92,500

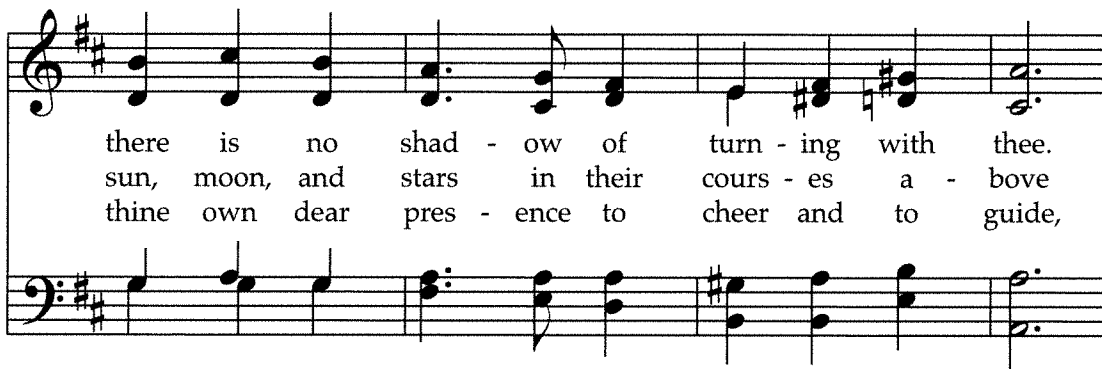
The above list is revised from our prior posting since a number of its projects have been completed. Thank you one and all for your ongoing and continuing support of our church. Without you, none of this would be possible.

As you can see, we have a number of costly projects left that we need to fund. If you or anyone you know would be willing to support any of these important items, please let the Pastor or any of the church officers know.

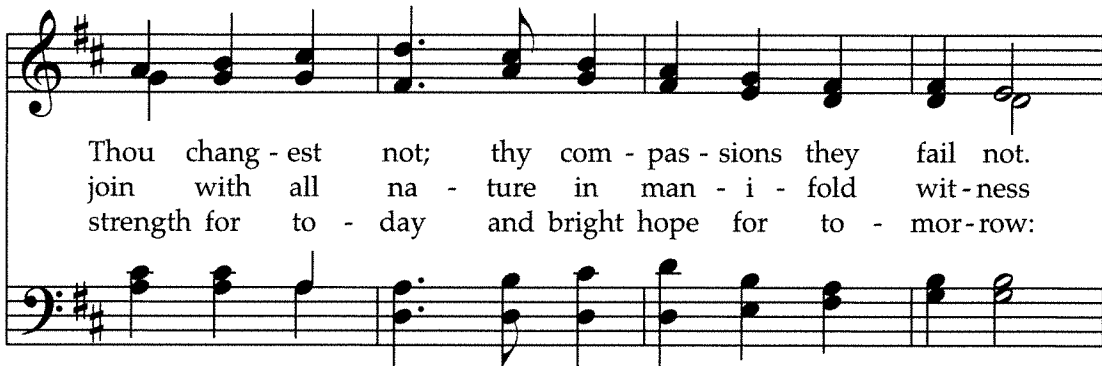
39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,



Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:



As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

**Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
 날 마 다 자 비 를 배 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

(Psalm 23)

1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;


In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.

He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.
 no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.

The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.


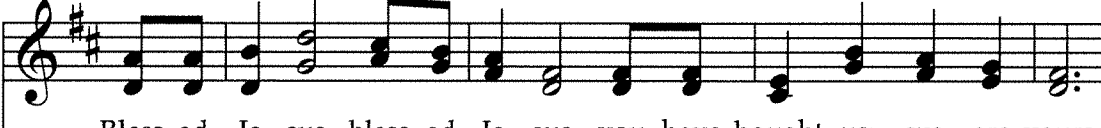
Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us 187





1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
 2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.


In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
 Keep your flock: from sin de - fend us; seek us when we go a - stray.
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
 Bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray.
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This unattributed hymn, like many that are now meaningful to adults, was written for children and develops shepherd imagery from Psalm 23 and John 10:1–18. The tune, composed for these words, was originally named for the text but has come to be known by the composer's name.

First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville

Annual Flea Market

Space Rental Agreement

e-mail churchoffice172@optimum.net call 732-257-6353

Saturday June 6th, 2026 8am-2pm

Rain Date 6/13/2026

Rain out will be determined on Thursday by 7pm prior to flea market.

Date ___/___/___

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ cell phone _____

E-Mail _____

Please make checks payable to **First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville**

#of spaces (_____) space \$25 or 2for \$40 Total \$_____

#of table's (____) \$8ea limited to one per/space depending on availability Total \$_____

Payment Check _____ or Cash _____ Total payment \$_____

What type of items are you selling _____

I _____ have received and accepted the rules and regulations from the First Presbyterian Church of Sayreville as outlined on attached page.

Signature _____ Rental fees are not refundable after May 22, 2026

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We will call you and post it on our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/FPCSayreville>.

Rules and Regulations

One space = 1 parking spot

1-Alcohol is not allowed on church property.

2-you may not sell any food items during flea market (unless you have a food handler's license)

3-you may arrive at 7am to set up your space

4-You need to provide your own table unless prior arrangements have been made (\$8/table).

5- All items must be cleaned up and removed from the rental space upon departure.

(no dumpsters service available)

6- DO NOT block any fire lanes (use only parking spaces)

7- no vehicle traffic in lot after 7:50 am

8- if you must leave before 2pm see the church associate to safely assist you out of lot

9-Rental space fee is not refundable after May 22nd (all refunds are by church check only- no cash)

Each vendor will get one spot to park a car next to space (please avoid parking across the street to give buyers ample places to park. If you need another car to park, see church associate. We have limited parking spaces available.



Sing a New Song!

“Glory to God” hymnals have been placed back in the pews, thanks to a very generous donation from the Plainsboro Presbyterian Church.

The Worship Committee would like to invite you to help us obtain additional hymnals which you can dedicate in memory or honor of a special loved one.

The cost of each hymnal will be \$30.00, covering the purchase cost of the hymnal as well as shipping and handling.

If you are interested in donating a hymnal or hymnals, please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate. Checks may be made out to First Presbyterian Church, Sayreville for the total amount of your order. Any questions may be directed to John or Mary Beckhusen at 732-651-5952.

Name: _____

Contact information (email or phone #): _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____