



Lake Murray

Presbyterian Church

FEBRUARY 21, 2021

8:30 & 10:30 am

1st Sunday in Lent

Prayer of Confession & Preparation:

Tender Jesus, our good shepherd, we look to you for gentle pasture and still water. In you we find our souls restored. From you we have guidance in the good path. We do wander off, yet you guide us back. Nourish now our hearts in worship, so we may know and share your goodness and mercy our whole lives long. Amen.

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

“The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want” (Solo)

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.

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

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (Solo)

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

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

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Leader: Lord you are our shepherd, we shall not want.

ALL: You lead us beside the still waters, into green pastures, through the valley of death, and into your house.

Invocation

Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Children's Sermon: Melinda Rogers (10:30 Service)

(Children under 1st grade are welcome to go to Children's church in the CMB)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Introduction to the Psalms and Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 23 (Read in Unison)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “My Shepherd is My God”Dr. J. Ben Sloan

GIVE THANKS TO GOD: GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

❖ Affirmation of Faith: Brief Statement of Faith #3

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: “The Lord is My Shepherd” — Stuart Townend.....Kari McKeone - soloist

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

“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.

#542- God Be With you until we meet again

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you, with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

❖ All are invited to stand

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your 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 your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LMPC Youth: JJs and Middlers will meet from 5-6pm. Sr. Highs from 6:15-7:15pm! Please wear a mask! See you there!

We Care needs for February: Grits, Dry Beans, Chili, Canned Potatoes, Yams, Collard Greens, Canned Tomatoes, Soups (all favors and sizes), Vienna Sausages, Spaghetti Sauce, Sugar and Flour.

The Lending Library is up and running. The library is housed in the Fellowship Hall. There is a check-out/check-in notebook to use to keep up with books. Books can be from toddler to upper elementary.

WOW! Worship on Wednesday is online starting at 6:30pm on March 10th.

Lenten online Study Each Wednesday at 12pm (on Facebook Live) Pastor Ben will have a study "Awake My Soul-Gratitude in Lent". Lenten devotionals are available for free in the Narthex.



The flowers for this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in honor of the birth of Miss Palmer Fellers by Bruce and Joanne Loveless.

Halverson Benediction: Remember you go nowhere by accident.

Where you are going, God is sending you. Where you are He has placed you. God has a purpose for your life- right where you are. Christ Jesus who dwells in you has something He wants to do in and through your life- right where you are. Believe this and go in His grace, in His love, and in His power, In the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for joining us in worship today! Please stay socially distanced and wear a mask. We want all who come to feel as healthy as possible.

Prayer Requests

Health workers, first responders, and essential workers; protection and healing of our land; Greg Sams, son of *Peggy Burgin; *Tristan Shaffer and Family upon the passing of his father, Mike Shaffer; *Cindy Rohman and family upon the passing of her mother; *Janet Robert-Crump upon the passing of her grandmother; *Kim King and family upon the passing of her grandmother; *Lindsay Furse; Baker Smith, son of *Ruthanne Nicholson; *Eileen Rickman; The Family of *Jim Algar upon his passing; *Louisa Adam; *Robby Milam; *Jim Allonier; Merle Norris, father of *Tammy Baxley; Joy Rush; Scott Fee; *Dottie Dunbar; Marion Meetze; *John Ferguson; *Nancy Shealy's brother Rick Floyd; *Mary Hoskins; Ann Summer; *Ann Sullivan; Valerie Ross; *Allison Jasinski; *Josh Baxley; Jack Turner; *Beau Bonvillain; *Kathy Payne; Bill Blume; *Erma Kaminer; *Marty Milam; *Earl & *Loretta Guilford; *David Ayer; *Jane Branch; Jean Stancel; *Dick Wilkins; *Alyssa Mott; *Daniel White; friends and family members serving in the military *Dylan Meetze; *Chase McCathern; *Drew McCathern; (*members)

Ushers for the week of Sunday, February 28

8:30 Service: Bill Shattuck, Jason Joannides, and Lamar Comalander

10:30 Service: Karl Skoog, Lou Ann Summers, Beck Hash, Buddy Harmon, Brad Davis, Maggie Davis and Carol Bardelli

February 14 General Fund Offering:	\$12,427
2021 Annual General Fund Budget:	\$1,127,170
Cumulative through February 14:	
Budget to date:	\$151,733
Actual receipts:	\$152,925
Actual vs Budget:	+\$1,192
Actual expenses:	\$123,360
Pledges to date: 165	\$694,871

Minister On-Call: If you have a pastoral emergency and the office is closed, please call Ben Sloan at 727.3476 or Blaine Hill at 422.0049. If you cannot reach the ministers, please contact the elder-on-call.
Church Office Hours:
Monday-Friday 8:00 am-4:30 pm

Leading today's worship:

Dr. J. Ben Sloan, Senior Pastor; Rev. V. Blaine Hill
Dr. Janet Roberts-Crump (Choir Director), Ken Anderson (Organist/Pianist)