



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God
February 20, 2022
The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

**Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Deep River

Spiritual; arr. Adolphus Hailstork

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us kneel at the feet of the Good Shepherd.

The Good Shepherd cares for the sheep, knows each one by name.

Good Shepherd, tender of our souls, we worship you today.

*HYMN No. 418, V. 1-3, GLORY TO GOD Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

"Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, "O sinner, come home."

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
Mercies for you and for me?
"Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home."
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, "O sinner, come home!"

O for the wonderful love he has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.
“Come home, come home!
You who are weary, come home.”
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, “O sinner, come home.”

WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are so preoccupied with counting sheep that we forget how much we need a shepherd. We can be worried about the sum in our bank account, “likes” on social media posts, even the numbers of members in our church – that we forget to leave the counting to you. You already know the sum of the hairs on our head – you know us and call each of us by name. You know our days, our challenges, our successes, and our needs. You know where we have failed to love and serve. Today, we confess that our greatest need is for a shepherd. And the lesson we have yet to learn is how to be your sheep. Guide us, we pray.

Silent Prayer

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

**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. Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:1-18

SERMON

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

Let us give thanks to God at all times, for everything God has provided and in gratitude, offer to God a portion of what God has given to us. Please make your gifts in the plate in the back of the sanctuary, online or via mail.

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 263, V.1-2

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

This Little Light of Mine

Spiritual; arr. Gregory Theisen

*The table flowers are given by the congregation
in celebration of Pastor Stefanie's birthday on February 25.*

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel
Gloria Snyder, Organist
Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director
Linda Martin, Liturgist

Tech Support: Jacob Van Norman, Bill Bartlett, Rich Linnell, Pat Koefoed, Luke McGloughlin

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John 10:1-18

“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.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”