



Worship for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

April 26, 2026 **Those who are able, please stand.* **10:00 A.M. Worship**

WELCOME! We are glad you have actively chosen worship here today. We pray that you find your personal encouragement, joy, and peace as we gather around the Good News of Jesus the Good Shepherd. Our celebration of Christ's resurrection continues today, as the worldwide Church observes 50 days of rejoicing throughout the annual Easter season.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO WORSHIP

WE BEGIN WITH INDIVIDUAL MEDITATION AND PRAYER

*O come, let us bow down and worship; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For the Lord is our God; we are the Lord's people,
the flock that God shepherds.*

(Psalm 95: 6-7)

PRELUDE "Come, All Christians, Be Committed" arr. Hayes

EASTER PROCLAMATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: "I am the good shepherd," says the Lord:

"I know My own, and My own know Me."

All: "My sheep hear My voice," says the Lord.

"I know them, and they follow Me."

Leader: By God's great mercy, we have been born anew to a living hope.

All: To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.

**Sing to God with joyful songs. Tell one another the greatness of
the Lord.**

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION** "The Day of Resurrection!" No. 233

***CALL TO CONFESSION** (*Worship Leader*)

***PRAYERS OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison, then Silently)*

**We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way.
We confess that we fail to fulfill God's plan for us.
We can be selfish, demanding, and uncaring.
We wander from the truth and make excuses for our lies.
We ignore the needs in our midst, and we fail to follow the Lord faithfully.**

**In Your mercy, forgive and redeem us.
We ask for renewal, simply because the Lord has laid on Christ our
sin. We seek Your pardon, through the grace of Jesus Christ, the
victorious Sacrificial Lamb....**

(We provide a silent moment for individual confessions.)

***CHORUS** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" *Chorus Only* No. 240
**Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to God's name.**

***ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS** *(Worship Leader and In Unison)*
Leader: Friends, put your trust in the Good News of the Gospel:
All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER** No. 581

GOD'S PEOPLE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(In Unison)*

**Guide us, O God, by Your Word and Spirit.
Savior, like a shepherd, lead us, so that we may find safety and blessing
in Your presence. In the name of our Good Shepherd Jesus; Amen.**

READING FROM THE HEBREW POETRY Psalm 23: 1-6
This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Cantate Hodie" Lightfoot

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 10: 1-15

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SUNDAY MESSAGE “Sheep/Shepherd/Lamb/Gate/Savior” Rev. Greg Gillispie

GOD’S PEOPLE RESPOND TO THE WORD

***WE PROFESS OUR FAITH** *The Apostles’ Creed* page 35

***SHEPHERD’S SONG** “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” No. 187

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

JOYS AND CONCERNS: PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal, page 35

INVITATIONS AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

*Please note your presence and provide contact information in the
“Ritual of Friendship” booklet; then, return it to the first person.*

WE MAKE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Hayes

***DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 606

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

God of mercy,

What we offer back to You is only a small portion of the gifts You shower down on us. In gratitude for all Your blessings, we dedicate these gifts to the continuing work of the Good Shepherd.

Give us wisdom to show Easter’s good news, through words of faith and acts of love, serving people in Your worldwide flock.

In the name of Jesus Christ; Alleluia and Amen!

GOD'S PEOPLE GO FORTH TO WORSHIP AND SERVE

*CLOSING HYMN

“God of Our Life”

No. 686

*THE BLESSING AND THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

BENEDICTION

“Amen”

*POSTLUDE

“O Worship the King”

arr. Hayes

Please offer a word of blessing to several of the other worshippers, if this is comfortable for you to do so.

A time of conversation and refreshments happens in Fellowship Hall, just across from the front doors of this worship space.

RADIO MINISTRY is funded today by **Janet Williams**. Our service is broadcast at 10:00 a.m. Sundays on 1570 AM and 97.7 FM and talk 977.com. Donations for the Radio Ministry may be placed in the offering plate; contributions may also be mailed to the Church Office with “Radio Ministry” in the memo of the check.

THE DEACONS would like to thank all who remember the Deacons’ Cupboard while shopping. They are requesting **shampoo, toilet tissue, Kleenex, and bar soap** for the month of **April**. You may leave your items in the Deacons’ box in Fellowship Hall.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! There will be a special section in the June *Spire* about our high school and college graduates. PLEASE send all information and updates to the Church Office at kathietrowbridge@fpcwarren.org no later than **May 14. Thank you!**

WE WELCOME Tina Wilson and Frank Tenney as our most recent new members. Our Elders and Pastor are happy to talk about FPC membership with all who are interested.

CONGRATULATIONS to our own **Sarah Hirt Buzulencia**, who was celebrated as a 2026 Community Star! Sarah was selected on the basis of her multi-faceted volunteerism, primarily with the Packard Museum, the Trumbull County Historical Society, and First Presbyterian Church.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE: All willing hands are capable of serving during our worship services as Usher Captains. You will have a checklist of duties and the flexibility to choose the month(s) when you are in charge. An informational meeting will be arranged. Let Mary Ann Bromley (330 646-1730) or Pastor Greg know if you want to learn more.

NEW MEMBERS: The Elders of FPC will meet with new members on **April 29, at 7:00 p.m.**, to welcome them into the congregation. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Greg this week or email info@fpcwarren.org.

THE FIRST SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES will be held on **Sunday, May 3, at 11:15 a.m.** in the Parlor. The speaker will be Douglas Doyle from Direction Home of Eastern Ohio. Direction Home provides resources on aging and disabilities. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

MIRIAM ESTHER CIRCLE will meet at **11:00 a.m.** on **Thursday, May 7**, to discuss Lesson 8 of “Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity.” Bring your own lunch and join us for this time of fellowship and study.



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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Sun, April 26	- Choir Rehearsal8:30 am
	- Worship10:00 am
	- Sunday School, B10:15 am
	- Bell Choir11:15 am
Mon, April 27	- OA, P10:00 am
	- Girl Scout Information Meeting, FH 5:00 pm
	- Girl Scouts, B 5:30 pm
	- AA, MC 7:00 pm
Tues, April 28	- Al-Anon, MC.....9:30 am
	- KO Funding Meeting, P1:00 pm
	- Girl Scout Leaders, B 5:30 pm
	- NA, MC 7:00 pm
Wed, April 29	- Trumbull Co. SAAVE Someplace Safe, FH 12:00 pm
	- Huntington Meeting, P 2:30 pm
	- AA, MC 6:30 pm
	- Session Meeting, FH7:00 pm
Thurs, April 30	- Chickadee Picture Day, P8:30 am
Fri, May 1	- Church Office Closed
	- Chickadee Picture Day, P8:30 am
Sat, May 2	- AA, MC11:00 am
Sun, May 3	- Communion/2 Cents a Meal
	- Choir Rehearsal8:30 am
	- Worship10:00 am
	- First Sunday Speaker, P11:15 am
	- Bell Choir11:15 am