

Village Chapel Presbyterian Church

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 29, 2020



Text of Psalm 23 painted with a symbolic valley in the background, by Alyse Radenovic

"Village Chapel Presbyterian Church is a congregation of God's people, a lively community of faith, striving to serve God according to God's ever evolving plan; passionately seeking opportunities to reflect God's love in our everyday lives through service, humility, self-examination and reflection, study and prayer. We are called to be generous and wise stewards of our God given gifts, talents, money and earthly resources, both as individuals and as the Body of Christ. Our mission, simply stated is that we are called to love, and to serve, and to be beacons of Christ's endless love and forgiveness, spreading God's eternal light to all people."

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 29, 2020 **11:00 AM**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLED TOGETHER

PRELUDE "Be Thou My Vision" L. Larson

***CALL TO WORSHIP¹**

One thing we know, Listener to our hearts:

**you are the One who journeys with us in these days of confusion,
and who waits for us at our final destination.**

One thing we know, Healer of our lives:

**when we find ourselves in valleys veiled in shadows,
you are walking alongside us even though we may never notice.**

One thing we know, Comforter of our souls:

**when we are weakened by the burdens of our lives,
when fears disrupt our lives, you come to us, with your strengthening peace.**

One thing we know, God in Community, Holy in One:

You are our Good Shepherd, and so we gather to worship you.

***HYMN NO. 187** "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" *BRADBURY*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, we are afraid. We cannot hold back our pressing and many worries. We know you tell us not to be anxious, but in this tumultuous time, our anxiety mounts and our faith waivers.

Forgive us for how much we previously took for granted: the ability to worship in person, the opportunities to embrace one another, the freedom to come and go as we wished. Forgive us, too, for failing to see those all around us who lacked community, longed for touch and were isolated well before this forced social distancing. Hear our heartfelt confession and turn our fears into faithful action for the sake of your beloved world. *(silent prayers of confession)* And all God's people say, **Amen.**

RESPONSE: "Jesus, Remember Me" No. 227

**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. (2x)**

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The Spirit of the Lord has come upon us, bringing hope, life, and forgiveness.

Surely goodness and mercy will pursue us all our days. Amen.

***SHARING THE PEACE** *"The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you!"*

¹ The Call to Worship and Pardon are adapted from prayers by Thom Shuman. The Confession is by Jill Duffield of the Presbyterian Outlook.

*SONG OF PRAISE

"Surely, it is God Who Saves Me"

No. 71, refrain

**Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and God will be my Savior.**

TO RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Panis Angelicus"
Doug Curnutte

G. Faure

GATHERING

"Where Children Belong"

**This, this is where children belong,
Welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song:
This is where children belong.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SCRIPTURE:

Psalm 23

SERMON

"You anoint my head with oil"

Dr. Todd Wright

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Confession of 1967, (inclusive version)

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

*HYMN NO. 802

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

ST. COLUMBA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

No. 606

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

TO LIVE AS DISCIPLES

*HYMN NO. 803

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

RESIGNATION

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE:

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

No.541

**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.**

POSTLUDE:

"O Praise Ye the Lord"

C. H. H. Parry

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Dr. Todd Wright, *preacher*; Rev. Dr. Amy Parker; Carolyn Perrine, *pianist*; Doug Curnutte, *soloist*

THIS SUNDAY, March 29, 2020

- + 9:45 AM – Sunday School via Zoom
- + 11:00 AM – Worship via Facebook or Zoom
- + 12:30 PM – Skaggs Fund Meeting via Zoom

THIS WEEK

- + Monday, March 30th – 7:00 PM – Lenten Bible Study via Zoom
- + Thursday, April 2nd – 7:00 PM – Worship Team Meeting via Zoom

NEXT SUNDAY, April 5, 2020

- + 9:45 AM – Sunday School via Zoom
- + 11:00 AM – Worship via Facebook or Zoom



Those having a birthday this week: Sharon Waggy (1st), Donzy Fleck (2nd), Nathan Stickler (3rd), Jeff Chiparo (4th). If we have missed your birthday, please let us know!

PRAYERS FOR: Tonna Smalley, Sheila Danzer, the family of Bonnie Waggy, the family of Gretchen Spella, Beth Haddock, Bertha Miller, Betsy White; Kathryn McCrary; Dave Dawson; Sharon Richardson; Erin Chiparo; Jane Harich; Sandy and Leon Copeland; Jeanne MacDonald; Lynn Gunnoe; Martha Foster; Nancy Trotter; Maggie Powell; David Joslin; Steve and Susie Matulis; Tyler Zubick; Helen Singleton; Todd Wright, Amy Parker & their families; the session of Village Chapel

Those in care facilities: Martha Foster, Sherry Russell, Helen Singleton

Those overseas: Matthew Walker

All Students and all Healthcare workers

Military Service: Josie Thomas, Paul Caruso, Rich Jarrett, and John Underhill

Nyeri Presbytery: The Wamagana Nursery School (Pronounced wha-MAH'gahNAH)

WV Council of Churches: Presbyterian Church USA

Churches in the Presbytery of WV: Mill Creek Presbyterian Church and Second Presbyterian Church, Huntington

Missionaries: Steve and Sonia Dettweiler



Rev. Dr. Todd Wright, Pastor

Rev. Dr. Amy Parker, Minister of Education and the Arts

Carolyn Perrine, Organist

Leslie Bremar, Secretary

Dionne Canterbury, Children's Choir Dir.

Sharon Curnutte, Choir Director Emeritus

SESSION

Class of 2020

Jack Grimm
Kathy Kruk
Peggy Palmer
Patty Skaff
Brendan Stump

Class of 2021

Heather Barry
Greg Rader
Sarah Stump
Barbara Tabaretti

Class of 2022

Judy Haddock
Bob Hiser
Jeff Smith
Rona Smith

Clerk of Session

Rose Ann Walker

TRUSTEES

Richard Callard '20
John France '21
Nancy Wallace '22