

5th Sunday of Easter
SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME

We're delighted that you're here! Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whomever you love, whatever your faith or your doubts, we welcome all whom God welcomes, and that means you.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Prelude in E flat* B. Marcello

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP John 10:11 and 10:27

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

**Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and they follow me."**

Friends, our shepherd is calling us:
We will listen to his voice, and follow.

Let us worship God.

*HYMN 187 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* BRADBURY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION** adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

O God, you are our shepherd, but we have wandered from your way. You guide us to green pastures, but we trample your good creation. You lead us beside still waters, but we trouble them with our thoughtless words and careless actions. You set a table before us, but we ignore your goodness, and seek to fill our lives with things that do not satisfy. Forgive us, O God. Quiet our noisy minds so that we might clearly hear your voice and follow you with steadfast trust. In silence, we confess our sins and listen for your word of grace... *(Silent Confession)*

KYRIE 577 *Lord, Have Mercy* KYRIE ELEISON (Reindorf)

1 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
2 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
3 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
4 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
5 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA 589 *Alleluia* HONDURAS ALLELUIA

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.
A-le-lu-ya, a-le-lu-ya. A-le-lu-ya, a-le-lu-ya.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Now the Lord is risen in-deed.
A-le-lu-ya, a-le-lu-ya. El Se-nor re-su-ci-to.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FOCUS ON CHILDREN Patti Winter

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 23 (King James Version)

PAUSE FOR SILENT REFLECTION

PSALTER, 801 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* Psalm 23

SECOND READING Psalm 23 (The Message)

PAUSE FOR SILENT REFLECTION

ANTHEM *Total Praise* R. Smallwood

THIRD READING Psalm 23
(International Commission on English in the Liturgy)

PAUSE FOR SILENT REFLECTION

SERMON *A Guided Meditation for Our Lives* Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

DEDICATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN 803 *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* RESIGNATION

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Psalm 23 (New Revised Standard Version)

**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I 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 goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS***

Part of your offering today is the gift of your presence. Please acknowledge your presence by signing the welcome book at the end of your row. To make a gift electronically, scan here to be directed to our online giving site:



OFFERTORY *Jesus Loves Me* arr.D. Paxton

*THE DOXOLOGY 609

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 686 *God of Our Life* SANDON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine* arr. K. Sung

*Please stand as you are able.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME VISITORS Your presence enriches our community. We hope the service held meaning and beauty for you. If you are returning to a distant home, we wish you God's grace and a safe journey. However, if you live in the area and are seeking a faith community, we hope you will return soon so that we may get to know you better. To learn more about opportunities for spiritual growth and service, visit us on the web at www.fpcbham.org. May God's peace and blessing be with you.

IF YOU ARE SEEKING A CHURCH HOME, our Session meets on the *first Sunday of the month* in the Chapel following the 11:00 worship service to welcome new members. If you are looking for a faith community, we hope you will make First your home.

FOR CHILDREN: Children's bags and bulletins are available in the Narthex (ushers can locate them for you). Please empty and return the bags after worship. We love having kids in worship, but the following alternatives also are available: *Nursery* is provided for infants (at least six weeks old) and toddlers. After the *Focus on Children*, children ages 3-7 will go to the balcony, where they experience a little of what worship is like while doing learning activities related to the scripture with coloring, puzzles, books, children's bulletins and more. When the sacraments of the Lord's Supper or Baptism are celebrated, children will return to the sanctuary. We invite those in second grade and above to remain in the sanctuary and participate in the entire worship service.

LET THE BELLS PLAY! Our 37-bell Rushton Memorial Carillon was the first such instrument in Birmingham and the third in the United States, when installed in 1924.

PRAYER REQUESTS Please use the Prayer Request and Information Change cards, found in the pew rack, to relay information to the church office. Print your name and any other information you may need to relay to the office and place it in the offering plate.

SERMONS are available from our website at www.fpcbham.org.

The **LITURGIST** for today is Scott Pierce.

MISSION CENTERS OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST LIGHT, INC. is a mission center of FPC, giving shelter and support services for homeless women and children. If you would like to help, speak to our pastors or call Ruth Crosby, Executive Director (323-4277). First Light's website: www.firstlightshelter.org

RUTH AND NAOMI SENIOR OUTREACH (RNSO) has as its mission to become spiritual companions to isolated older adults and to call, equip, and support others to do so as well. Contact chaplain@ruthandnaomi.org.

THE RUSHTON CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER provides quality childcare in a loving, nurturing environment – accredited by NAEYC and licensed by the Department of Human Resources. Call the CDC office at 322-8310. The Center's website is www.eprcdc.com

FAITH IN ACTION ALABAMA, a faith-based community-organizing effort FPC shares with faith communities throughout the city, works to improve quality of life for all our citizens. Faith in Action is a PICO network affiliate and can be reached at daniel@faal.org.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOUNDATION provides support to First Presbyterian Church for the maintenance and upkeep of this historic sacred space built in 1889. 10% of the Foundation's annuity payment aids mission selected by session. Contact Mark Aldridge for more information.

THE REV. TERRY HAMILTON-POORE, Pastor and Head of Staff

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Have you remembered the church in your will?