

## First Presbyterian Church

Service for the Lord's Day  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2012

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

### ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Hymn and Concerns of the Church  
Prelude "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Wood

Call to Worship 1 John 1:1-2

We declare to you what was from the beginning,

***what we have heard,***

***what we have looked at and touched with our hands,***

***concerning the word of life.***

This life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it.

***We declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father  
and was revealed to us.***

\* Hymn 417 (PH) "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"  
*Ushers will collect prayer request cards from the center aisle.*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession

***O Lord our shepherd, your care is our joy and our hope.  
How then have we gone so far away?  
We balk at your guidance and refuse your sure provision.  
We turn aside from you to seek our own paths.  
We fail to be content with your love,  
so we seek more from the world and come up empty.  
In your mercy, God, forgive us.  
Cure our fevered souls with your Spirit.  
Lead us anew in ways that will strengthen us,  
to make our lives a glory to your name,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.***

\* Silent Confession and Assurance of Pardon

\* Passing of the Peace and Gloria Patri (PH 579)

### PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Lesson: John 10:11-18 (NT, p. 103)

Psalter: Psalm 23 (PH 170)

A Time with Children

11:15 - Children through grade 4 are invited to Children's Worship in Room 110.

Anthem 9:00 "Peace Like a River/Kumbaya" arr. Shafferman  
11:15 "With A Voice of Singing" Martin Shaw

Epistle Lesson: 1 John 3:1-6 (NT, p. 240)

Sermon: "What We Are, What We Shall Be" Rev. Carter

*Sermon Series: This is the Life - the Easter Life!*

### RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\* Hymn 238 (Sing) "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed, PH p. 14 (9:00)

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (11:15)

Presentation of Paige Marie Kisselbach

\* Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed (PH, p. 14)

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

\* The Act of Baptizing

\* Welcome (Unison)

***With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's church;  
for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage, and  
support you, to share the good news of the gospel with you, and  
to help you know and follow Christ.***

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering and Offertory "I Need Thee Every Hour" arr. Wood

\* Doxology (PH 592) and Prayer of Dedication

### GO IN GOD'S NAME

\* Hymn 284 (Sing) "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Postlude "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" arr. Johnson

\* All who are able shall stand; PH Presbyterian Hymnal; Sing Green Songbook

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### ***John 10:11-18***

“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.”

### ***1 John 3:1-6***

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.