



**The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday
May 8, 2022 at 11:00 am**

Welcome to Oakmont Presbyterian Church!

*We are pleased to have you join us for worship today.
So that you may feel at home with us, please note the following:*

Visitor Parking spaces may be found in the Dogwood Way parking lot and across the street in the Oak Ridge Condo upper and lower parking lots.

The Nursery is available for use as a cry room. Ask Ushers for directions.

Large Print Bulletins and **Children’s Worship bags** are available from the ushers.

To preserve the atmosphere of worship, **please turn off** all electronic devices.

An asterisk (*) in the worship liturgy indicates that all may stand in body or spirit.

Service Dogs are used by several of our members. Please do not pet them when harnessed.

Hearing Assistance - Our sanctuary has two options for those needing hearing assistance: **receivers with headphones** which are available from the AV Team at the soundboard and **Bluetooth/WiFi Assisted Listening System** for use with smartphones (headphones or earbuds required) or Bluetooth hearing aids. *To utilize the Bluetooth/WiFi system:* 1) join the sanctuary WiFi network – OPCAV; 2) enter the password Oak\$\$1522 3) on your smart phone download WaveCAST APP from the Google Play or Apple Store; 4) Open WaveCAST app and click on “Service Broadcast.” (If “Service Broadcast” is not listed, fully close the app and try again. Audio will start playing automatically upon selection.

GATHERING IN FAITH

Prayer in Preparation for Worship

Lord Jesus Christ, our good shepherd, You give us new birth in the waters of baptism, You anoint us with oil, and You nourish us at Your table with heavenly food. In Your goodness and mercy, dispel the shadows of evil and death, and lead us along safe paths, that we may rest securely in You and dwell in the house of the Lord now and forever, for Your name’s sake. Amen.

Trinity Chimes

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Prelude

My Sheep Hear My Voice (a tone poem)

Organ

Dennis Eliot

Welcome

Please sign, pass and return Friendship Record pads during this time of announcements.

Steve Wilson

Introit

Brother James's Air†

Chancel Choir
arr. Gordon Jacob

*The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want, He makes me down to lie
In pastures green, He leadeth me the quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me, the quiet waters by.*

*Goodness and mercy all my days will surely follow me;
And in my Father's heart always my dwelling place shall be.
And in my heart for evermore Thy dwelling place shall be.*

– from Psalm 23

Call to Worship

Steve Wilson

Leader: We gather together to worship God, the Shepherd of our lives.

People: The One who has created us, who sustains us, who redeems us;

Leader: who walks beside us in good times and bad, and who calls us to follow.

People: This is our God!

All: Let us worship God together!

*Hymn of Praise

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Hymnal, No. 171

**The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadest a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight from Thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.**

*Prayer of the Day (please remain standing)

Steve Wilson

Prayer of Confession

Ronnie Bailey

Eternal God, in the presence of our enemies, we divide and demonize. When You face our enemies, You choose neither contempt nor punishment, but set a table and make provision for us all. Our ways are not Your ways, O Creator, and they are an affront to the work of Your hands.

....moment of silent prayer

Have mercy on us, O God, and heal us. Send our risen Lord among us again to repair relationships and restore humanity. Set us free to share the love of Christ Jesus just as He does at His table.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Hear the sound of Your Shepherd's voice: Jesus says, I give you eternal life. You will never perish. No one can snatch you out of My hand. Believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, nurtured, and safe.

*Act of Praise

Alleluia

Congregation Singing

Sung twice

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

- Text and music Jerry Sinclair

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Ronnie Bailey

Psalm Reading

Psalm 23 (KJV)

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Time with the Children

Ronnie Bailey

The younger children leave for a time of age-appropriate learning.

Gospel Reading

John 10:22-30

Pew Bible, NT, 104

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Steve Wilson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Hymnal, No. 172

**My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.**

**When I walk through the shades of death Thy presence is my stay;
One word of Your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows, Your oil anoints my head.**

**The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may Your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.**

Faith Community & Concerns, the Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Steve Wilson

The Offering of Our Tithes and Gifts

Call to Offering

Steve Wilson

A Choral Offering

Jamie Fair, Soloist; Chancel Choir

The Lord is My Shepherd

Thomas Matthews

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: For Thou art with me;

*Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*
–Psalm 23

*Doxology

using tune: *LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, Whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

*Hymn of Dedication

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

Hymnal, No. 341

**Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

Refrain:

**This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (R)**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (R)**

*Charge and Blessing

Steve Wilson

Postlude

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

Organ
tune: *CRIMOND*/arr. Gordon Young

WORSHIP NOTES

Christ Is Risen! Christ Is Risen Indeed! During the days of Easter (Eastertide), we remember Christ's rising from the tomb, His post-resurrection appearances, His ascension, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Traditionally on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, often called *Good Shepherd Sunday*, the Lectionary readings (a three-year cycle of Scripture readings used in worship) are about Jesus, The Good Shepherd. This is the most festive period of the church year filled with great joy and renewal. White is the official liturgical color for the season, but accents of gold may also be used to celebrate this joyous and festive time during the Easter season.

The Paschal Candle – represents the risen Christ, who passed from darkness to light, to become *the light* shining in the darkness (John 1:5), and it is the corollary of the pillar of fire in the Hebrew exodus. Traditionally, it is the largest candle used in the church and it stands at a central place. The Paschal Candle is lit throughout the Great Fifty Days (from Easter to Pentecost) and at Baptisms, Funerals or Memorial Services.

Flowers are given in memory of Jody Dickinson by her family.

†**Brother James's Air** was given to the Chancel Choir library in loving memory of Colonel Richard W. "Dick" Ayars, by his family. (Spring of 2016)

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 15 - Rev. Steve Crocco preaching based on Psalm 148 and Acts 11:1-18.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Flowers – would you like to place flowers in the sanctuary some Sunday to provide visual beauty to worship? One or two arrangements are welcome each week. They can be placed *in memory of loved ones, in celebration of an event or to honor someone*, and all to the Glory of God. Please call Carla Lowman at 412-826-5914 to reserve your date; give her the info and wording for the bulletin that week. We appreciate your assistance in enhancing the beauty of our sanctuary! **Upcoming Available dates June 5, 12, 19 and 26; July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.**

Your OPC Family Cares About You! Because there are times when you are ill, in the hospital or in emotional need and we don't know about it, please remember to contact the church office (412.828.5770) or a staff member (mstecik@oakmontpresby.org) so we may support you in your time of need. You are loved!

Prayer Requests - Members of our church will pray for you and anyone in need. Please send prayer requests to: prayers@oakmontpresby.org or contact Carol Heimerich at 412.242.1028.

OPC Film Series - Join us at 7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Brochures are available in the vestibules. *May 20 – The Current War* **June 3 – Sweet Inspiration**

Please continue to support our local food banks through the Deacon's outreach. Donations can be placed in the shopping carts located in the vestibules. Some **especially needed items are: healthy cereals, flour, sugar, cooking oil, spaghetti sauce and toilet paper.**

Deacons are collecting T-shirts for the Light of Life Ministries - use bin in 5th entrance.

Weekly Bible Study: Steve Crocco is leading a Bible study on the book of First Peter. The study **meets Tuesdays through May 24 at 11:00 am in the Small Group Room.** Join us for a look at how the early church lived, struggled, and thrived in a culture hostile to its beliefs and ambitions.

Calling all participants and volunteers! Our VBS theme this year is **FOOD TRUCK PARTY!** Our party will take place from **June 27th to July 1st 5:30-8:00 pm** and includes music, crafts, science, games, and more! VBS is open to all children from ages 3 (potty trained) through 6th grade. Complete a registration form in church or register online (as a participant or volunteer) at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/opc22>
Find the link on our website at www.oakmontpresbyterianchurch.org

You will find different available volunteer descriptions on the link. We are currently in need of volunteers of all ages and capacities! We are looking for chef leaders (group leaders), food prep and service, decorations team, registration, etc. We're seeking you all to help make this year even better than last year! Contact Ronnie with questions at r.bailey@oakmontpresby.org

TODAY!

The Rev. Dr.

J. Richard Szeremany

cordially invites you to join the festive celebration of 73 years of Ministry of Word and Sacrament and Ministry of Music to the glory of God.



Sunday, May 8, 2022 • 3:00 pm
at East Liberty Presbyterian Church

Come be inspired by organists J. Richard Szeremany, Michael P. Frank, Dr. Edward Alan Moore and Jon Tyillian.

Enjoy the glorious sounds of the East Liberty Octet singing some of Richard's favorites, directed by Dr. Moore, and pianist The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush playing Beethoven.

This will be an interesting, historical narrative of Richard's life.

East Liberty Presbyterian Church
116 South Highland Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Plan to join us for the

22nd Annual Jubilant Praise Concert **Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 4:00 pm**

The Carnegie Brass will return,
along with the JuBELLation Ringers, Chancel Choir,
Clarinet, Percussion, Piano, Organ

Theme: *Homeward Bound* -

A musical journey of sacred and patriotic selections,
exploring the many aspects of *Home*.

We continue the tradition of the *Armed Forces Medley*
to recognize those who serve/served our country.

Additional parking may be found across the street in the Oak Ridge Condo (opposite corner from the church) in both parking lots - upper and lower (limited number of spaces).

Oakmont Presbyterian Church
Corner of 5th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue
www.oakmontpresbyterianchurch.org

CHURCH CALENDAR

TODAY	May 8 – Fourth Sunday of Easter / <i>Happy Mother’s Day!</i>
9:30 am	Adult Coffee & Conversation (Multi-Purpose Room)
9:30 am	Elementary Sunday School
9:30 am	New Members Class (Marie Berg Chapel)
9:45 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
11:00 am	WORSHIP (Sanctuary) and Via Livestream and Children during worship (PreK–2 nd grade)
3:00 pm	Richard Szeremany Celebration (East Liberty Presbyterian Church)
MONDAY	May 9
12:00 pm	AA’s (Multi-Purpose Room)
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts Troop #854 (Multi-Purpose Room)
7:15 pm	JuBELLation Ringers Rehearsal (Choir Room)
TUESDAY	May 10
11:00 am	Bible Study (Small Group Room)
1:30 pm	Christian Education Meeting (Small Group Room)
7:00 pm	Our Journey Without Them (Marie Berg Chapel)
7:00 pm	Session (Dining Room)
WEDNESDAY	May 11
10:00 am	Women’s AA (Dining Room)
THURSDAY	May 12
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
8:00 pm	NA’s (Dining Room)
FRIDAY	May 13
SATURDAY	May 14
8:30 pm	AA’s (Dining Room)
SUNDAY	May 15 – Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:30 am	Adult Coffee & Conversation (Multi-Purpose Room)
9:30 am	Elementary Sunday School
10:00 am	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
11:00 am	WORSHIP & Welcoming of New Members (Sanctuary) and Via Livestream and Children during worship (PreK–2 nd grade)
12:00 pm	New Members Reception (Friendship Hall)

OPC STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Wilson	Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Crocco	Associate Pastor
Michael P. Frank, III	Director of Music Ministries/Organist
Ronnie Bailey	Education Director for Children and Youth
Maureen Stecik	Program Staff Assistant
Buster Harper	Custodian
Tracy Messenger	Financial Secretary of Accounting
Marge Kuhn	Financial Secretary of Contributions
Roberta Erickson	Handbell Choir Director
Ron Burkert	AV Team Coordinator

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