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April 25, 2021
10:30 AM



Virtual Art Gallery
contributor, Catesby Partin
(granddaughter of Beth Ware)

*"Beautifully crocheted dolls,
handmade by Catesby"*

GATHERING

Prelude

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Welcome

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gentle Shepherd, You guide us in right paths, You lead us in the ways of righteousness, but we have allowed our anger, our rage, our greed, and at times even hate, to direct our paths. We have overreacted, we have taken more than our share, we have despised others that seem to have it all. Forgive us, God, for not following Your ways. Forgive us for not remembering that we are Your sheep, and You are our Shepherd. Forgive us when we have not listened for Your voice and instead have acted in the ways of the world. Guide us back to Your path, to loving You and loving our neighbors. Help us to unclench our fists and lend out our hands in hope and healing, forgiveness and love. In the name of Christ our Shepherd we pray. Amen.

Hear now our silent prayers of confession.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Kyrie

Shepherd Me, O God

Refrain Fm D^b A^b E^b

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

(Bm7) (C) (Am7) (Bm7) (Em)
Cm7 D^b B^bm7 Cm7 Fm

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

Detailed description: The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Kyrie 'Shepherd Me, O God'. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the notes Fm, D^b, A^b, and E^b. The lyrics 'Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -' are written below the first staff. The second staff contains the notes (Bm7), Cm7, (C), D^b, (Am7), B^bm7, (Bm7), Cm7, (Em), and Fm. The lyrics 'yond my fears, from death in - to life.' are written below the second staff.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing of Christ's Peace

Gloria

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUA NO. 1

Refrain E C[#]m F[#]m B

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al-le -

E C[#]m F[#]m B E

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

Detailed description: The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gloria 'Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks'. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the notes E, C[#]m, F[#]m, and B. The lyrics 'Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris-en Lord. Al-le -' are written below the first staff. The second staff contains the notes E, C[#]m, F[#]m, B, and E. The lyrics 'lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.' are written below the second staff.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6

- ¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
- ³ he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
- ⁴ 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.
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
- ⁶ 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.

Gospel

John 10:11-18

¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No 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.”

Sermon

Does Anybody Know the Good Shepherd?

Rev. Dr. Bruce T. Grady, EdD

Invitation to Discipleship

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Risen Lord, all this we ask in your name, for you taught us how to pray with this example:

**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**

Offering

(See options for giving at the end of the bulletin)

Offertory Response *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*
Joe Sturdivant, solo

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

May each of our gifts be a part of co-creating and tending to the love, safety, belonging, and dignity You envision for the world. **Amen.**

SENDING

Hymn of Sending *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BRADBURY

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us;
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,

you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us: we are yours.

You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor;
early let us do your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us; love us still.
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you have loved us; love us still.

Charge and Benediction

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
... **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Postlude

Improvisation

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text message in response with your next steps. After you give one time,

your payment method is saved, so you can quickly give again from your phone.

Joys and Concerns

Prayer Requests

If you wish to make a prayer request, call or email your request to Amy by Tuesday. amy@wbpresbyterian.org – Type "Prayer Request" in the subject line. Please be specific and concise.

Pastoral Concerns

- Prayers of thanks for those who have been able to receive a COVID-19 vaccination
- Pray for Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church and all churches. Pray for our members and friends, the Session, deacons, teachers and church leaders. Pray prayers of thanksgiving for our nation during our time of transition and pray for peace in the world.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for friendships which endure, giving us comfort.

Information on the art work on the front page:

Virtual Art Gallery contributor, Catesby Partin (granddaughter of Beth Ware)
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Worship Leaders:

Jonathan Barker, Interim Pastor;
Bruce Grady, Associate Pastor;
Elizabeth Davis, Director of Music;
Anna Raab, videography and production;
Joe Sturdivant, soloist

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