



# First Presbyterian Church

Pastor Norman Fowler

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 10:30 a.m.

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## **PREPARING OURSELVES TO WORSHIP GOD**

Prelude

"Morning Has Broken" (arr. Marilyn Ham)

Ian Wendt

Welcome and Announcements

## **ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

☩ Call to Worship

from Psalm 23:1-6

L: Lord, you know us.

**P: You are the source of the sustenance we need.**

L: You restore our souls,

**P: You lead us in paths of righteousness.**

L: Even in our darkest times,

**P: You are with us and guide us.**

L: We give thanks for the goodness and mercy you show us.

**P: We praise you for making us your children.**

**All: Praise the Lord!**

☩ Opening Song

"Indescribable"

Insert

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**Lord, we have a lot to confess in our messy and uncertain times. We hear the story Jesus tells about himself as the good shepherd laying down his life for the sheep. We hear in 1 John how we are called to 'lay down our lives for one another' and 'to love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.' What should we understand about what Jesus or John are talking about Lord? We are pretty attached to our lives, and we compete with**

others to have 'our fair share'. And, too easily, we feel the desire for our share to be ever greater. How do we need to see living in the world differently Lord? Forgive how we are accepting the gift of Christ's saving life-giving work without enabling Christ's way to permeate our lives. We love the idea of protection and the lifesaving action of Christ. Move us beyond the barricade of safety to engage the needs of our neighbors. Indeed, move us to love, not in word and speech, but in real actions. Through our attempt to follow you, let us recognize your abiding presence.

*(silent confession and personal reflection)*

### Assurance of Pardon

Response to Forgiveness

"I Will Change Your Name"

Insert

### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Place your written prayer requests in the basket at the back of the sanctuary.  
For other concerns, contact the church office [office@fpcmoscow.org](mailto:office@fpcmoscow.org), or  
Pastor Norman [fpcpastornorman@gmail.com](mailto:fpcpastornorman@gmail.com)*

*Following each prayer request, please respond:*

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

## **HEARING GOD'S WORD FOR OUR TIME AND PLACE**

Epistle Lesson

1 John 3:16-24

Special Music

"Love Will Never Fail"

Praise Team

*Love is patient, love is kind. It has no arrogance or pride.  
It seeks the good of others first, It keeps no record of wrong or hurt.  
It finds no joy in wickedness, But rejoices in the truth.  
Through it all it will endure, Love will never fail.  
Though all prophecy will cease, Though all knowledge it will fade.  
Oh an end will come to speech, Even death will pass away.  
We will see You face to face, And Your mercy will prevail.  
Faith and hope they will remain, Love will never fail.*

Gospel

John 10:11-18

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"The Good Shepherd"

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**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

Silent Reflection

✦ Sermon Response

"Shepherd of My Soul"

Insert

Offering

*Please place your offering in the plate, mail your offerings to the church office,  
405 South Van Buren St., Moscow ID 83843 or give online at this link:*

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=982246>

✦ Song of Gratitude (Doxology)

Hymnal #606

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

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709. MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551. Old Hundredth, LM.

✦ Dedication of our Tithes and Offerings

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

✦ Closing Hymn

"Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Insert

✦ Charge and Blessing

✦ Postlude

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (arr. Cindy Berry)

Ian Wendt

*Please join us in the Chapel Room for refreshments after the service.*

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♣- Stand as you are able.

Worship Leader – Bruce Pitman  
Greeters – Zareen & Sarah Dossey  
Music Minister – Rev. Sylvester Bullock  
Accompanist – Ian Wendt  
Video – Adelia Hopper  
Sound – Matthew Mikami



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