

**The First Presbyterian Church**  
300 South Main Street  
Greensburg, Pennsylvania  
The Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 19, 2023 – 10 a.m.  
Simulcast Service

GATHERING MUSIC

Lamb of God

*arr. Mark Hayes*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Now We Worship

*Andy Rose*

*God, our Father, holy one; Jesus Christ, beloved Son, Holy Spirit, fire and dove; come and bless us, Lord of love. Help us speak and help us sing. Help us, God, our gifts to bring. Help us listen, help us hear. Help us know that you are near. Now we worship, now we pray. God, we thank you for this day. When we leave this holy place, may our lives reflect your grace.*

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Come to the Lord, who is rich in grace,  
approach our God, who is full of mercy.

**We will praise God with all our heart,  
and glorify the name of the Most High forever.**

✠HYMN 744

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

✠PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Amen.**

✠ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Kyrie eleison (Hymn 579)

**Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1-13

ANTHEM

Loving Hands of Jesus

*Priscilla Lamparter Landis*

*Loving hands of Jesus, heal me when I'm ill. Strengthen me to serve you, following your will. Loving eyes of Jesus, watch o'er me each day. Loving ears of Jesus, listen when I pray. Loving arms of Jesus, guide me on my way. Lead me like a shepherd; never let me stray. Love me, Jesus, ev'ry day.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:6-16

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Martin R. Ankrum

✠HYMN 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED (*unison*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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.

OUR JOYFUL RESPONSE - TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Cantabile on Houston

*John A. Behnke*

✠RESPONSE

Doxology (*hymnal p. 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.

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠HYMN 362

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

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✠BENEDICTION

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE      **Go with Us, Lord (Hymn 748)**

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day, that in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to you.**

POSTLUDE

Chaconne

*Louis Couperin*

✠ *Those who are able to stand comfortably may do so*

**WORSHIP LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING:**

The Rev. Dr. Martin R. Ankrum, Pastor / Head of Staff; Dr. William Jeffrey Jones, Minister of Music / Organist; Mr. Michael Pascarella, Lector; Chancel Choir; Children & Youth Choir; Ms. Robin Jennings, Pianist; Mrs. Missy Dalansky, Video Technician.

*Music for this morning's service has been made possible, in part, by Edgar and Joanne Highberger and by gifts to the Dr. Edgar S. Highberger Music Fund.*

# FIRST NEWS: The News of FPC

**PRAYER LIST:** Charlie Andrews, Jane B., Ann Bagley, Jeret Baker, George Chambers, Sandy Cole, Dan & Ginger Collier, Edna Mary Cox, Dan, Kaitlyn Daniels, Diane Demorest, Lou DeRose, Chris Dieck, Bob Dittman, Joanne Doyle, Karen Dubosky, Michael Felice, Janis Garofalo, Richard Gracik, Edgar and Joanne Highberger, Gretchen Highberger, Lucas James, Lee Jamison, Kathy McIlhattan Kostrick, Tyler Kostrick, Paige Lucas, George Maser, Carol Mateer, Jeff Mateer, Barbara McKee, Betty McNerny, Rick & Jan McNerny, Peg & Doug Newman, John Noel, Nancy Pallitta, Pat Panza, Kathleen Piekut, Colton Reid, Aksel Rockhold, Bill Rumshock, Ron Russell, Nico & Stacey Salvio, Tricia Sanders, Joan Scales, Gene Sember, Dana Shafer, Barbara Sill and family, Christina Sinddorf, Nancy Skrot, Molly Stienbiser, Isabelle Taylor, Ray Tietsworth, Lynda Turin, Linda & Tom Turin, Lois Ann Watson, Sue Woodward, family of Aria Woznick, Tom Yacko, and Marsha Zoruba.

**VISITING IN WORSHIP TODAY?** If you are visiting in worship today or have been for a while, please sign the Visitor Card found in the pew racks and place in the offering plate or hand to an usher. We would love to be able to contact you and answer any questions you may have about FPC. Please take a moment to greet Dr. Ankrum at the end of the service, he would love to get to know you and welcome you to our faith community.

**TODAY! JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION** – The Deacons host a Fellowship Hour on the first and third Sundays of every month immediately following worship. Please join us for good coffee, conversation and baked goods. The Fellowship Hour is held in the Dining Room on the first floor of the building.

**HOLY WEEK** - Lent draws to a close with the dramatic events of Holy Week. We will observe this annual time starting with Palm / Passion Sunday, April 2 at 10 a.m. Maundy Thursday will be observed on Thursday, April 6 with a Service of Shadow and Light as well as Holy Communion at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Easter Sunday Festive worship will be at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 9.

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 16** – Are you interested in joining our congregation? Please prayerfully consider your participation in the life of Christ's church and God's call upon your life. The Membership & Evangelism Committee will be offering a New Members Class on Sunday, April 16 at 11:15 a.m. in the PW Lounge. Those who wish to join the church will be received into membership during the worship service on Sunday, April 23. If you are interested or if you have questions, please contact Dr. Ankrum in the church office.

**MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES: WEDNESDAYS IN LENT – 7:00 P.M.** - During the Wednesdays in Lent, we will gather for a thirty minute service of prayer, meditation, music and a homily. These services will be held in the sanctuary and simulcast as well. Wednesdays, March 22, and 29.

**THRU THE BIBLE CLASS – MONDAY, MARCH 27 @ 7 PM:** Are you interested in learning more about the Bible? Please join us each month (usually on the last Monday of the month) as we continue to work our way through the Scriptures. We cover one book of the Bible each month and in March, we will study the Book of Acts in the New Testament. We meet in the Assembly Room of the church building. We meet Monday, March 27, 2023 to discuss Paul's great Epistle to the Romans. Dr. Ankrum leads this study.

**LAST TUESDAY BOOK CLUB – TUESDAY, MARCH 28 @ 7 PM** Join us each final Tuesday of the month for some good discussion! We read three short stories a month from the Oxford Book of American Short Stories. These stories are fairly easily obtained even without the book, but the procurement of the collection is a worthy investment. We will meet on March 28 in the PW Lounge to discuss: Donald Barthelme – 'The School'; Raymond Carver – 'Are These Actual Miles?' and Richard Ford – 'Under the Radar'. Dr. Ankrum leads the discussion.

**THE GATHERING – TUESDAY, APRIL 11: 11:30 A.M. – 1 P.M. THE BOULEVARD RESTAURANT** – Please be sure to call the church office to reserve your spot for the next Gathering! David McMunn, ruling elder and church historian, will be with us to celebrate the 235<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of our church! He will present a brief overview of the history of our congregation from its beginnings in 1788 at what is now St. Clair Park to our current history. Please join us!

**CPR CERTIFICATION** – The deacons will be hosting an opportunity to earn CPR certification with a 2 ½ -3 hour class on Sunday, May 21, 2023, in the Fletcher Room following the service and fellowship hour. The class is provided by UPMC Sports Medicine through the American Heart Association. The certification will consist of Basic Life Support (BLS) training and will cover how to recognize, address, and deliver high-quality CPR to all ages. Cost is \$15 per person. Checks can be made out to Barbara States (Marschik). Because Barbara will be working alone, the maximum class size is 6 participants. She has graciously offered to teach another class back-to-back should we have the interest. To register, please contact Carol Henry at [cahh7277@yahoo.com](mailto:cahh7277@yahoo.com). Please sign up 2 weeks prior to the class, May 7.

**THE DEACONS ARE COLLECTING FOR THE BLACKBURN CENTER** – They are collecting new women's pajamas and sweatsuits, in sizes Small, Medium, Large, XL, and XXL, for the local center that provides housing and other services to promote the well-being and safety of individuals impacted by violence. These pajamas and sweat suits would be provided to women presenting to local hospitals and police stations due to experiencing violence. Often, the clothes the women were wearing at the time of an assault are collected as evidence and a clean set of clothes may provide comfort. You may place your donations in the box located in the Narthex. Thank you so much for helping women in our community who have been affected by violence.

**GAMES WITH RICK**, today, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The kids play characters and interact with the Eberon game world, guided by Rick Crowe. They work together to solve problems and overcome obstacles in a fantasy world setting that blends magic and machine. They've defeated pirates, saved a town by rescuing a dragon and become movie stars. If cooperative storytelling sounds like fun to you, then this may be your scene! We meet in the youth room.

**YOUTH GROUP** – Sunday, March 26, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Come to Hillview Bowling and enjoy some bowling fun with us. Beverages will be provided. Please RSVP to Jennifer Slater at [jennifer1996slater@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer1996slater@gmail.com) or 724-217-3448.

**MAKE IT COUNT – TWEENS RETREAT:** Want to have some extra fun with your church friends? Want to check out a new camp? Pine Springs Camp near Jennerstown is offering "Make It Count", their Spring Fusion Retreat, April 21 – 23. It is a drop off mini-camp retreat experience for tweens grades 4, 5, and 6. "Join us for a couple of days at PSC where we will be learning about God, playing crazy games, singing camp songs, doing adventure activities and hanging out with new and old friends! We can't wait to see you!" Want to know more? Visit [www.pinesprings.org](http://www.pinesprings.org) and contact Wendy. FPC will offer scholarships and pay a portion of the cost!

**CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIR: Rehearsals – March 26 - for Children and Youth Grades K-12**  
*Rehearsals will end between 11:45 a.m. and Noon. Preparing to Participate in Worship: Palm Sunday and Easter.*

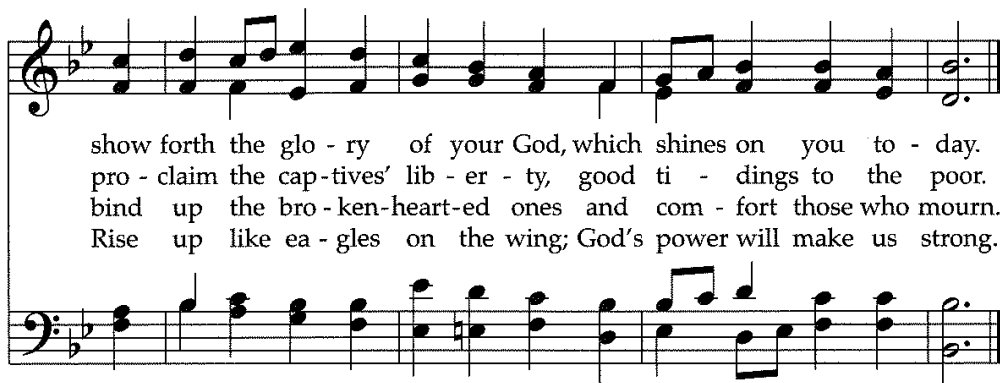


**DO YOU WISH TO GIVE ONLINE?** To set up your own recurring donations, either visit the church website or scan the QR code with your smart phone, or contact the church office for help. Your support of Christ's church in this place is greatly appreciated!  
[www.firstpresbyteriangreensburg.com](http://www.firstpresbyteriangreensburg.com).

# 744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,  
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.  
 pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.  
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

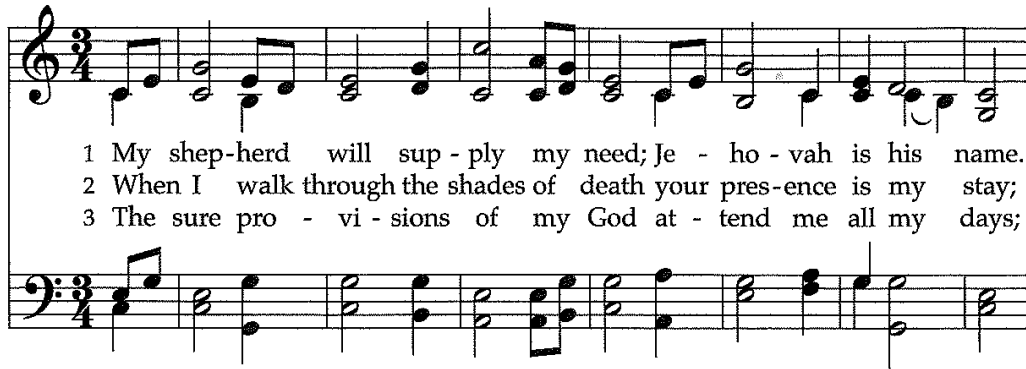
Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974  
 MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894  
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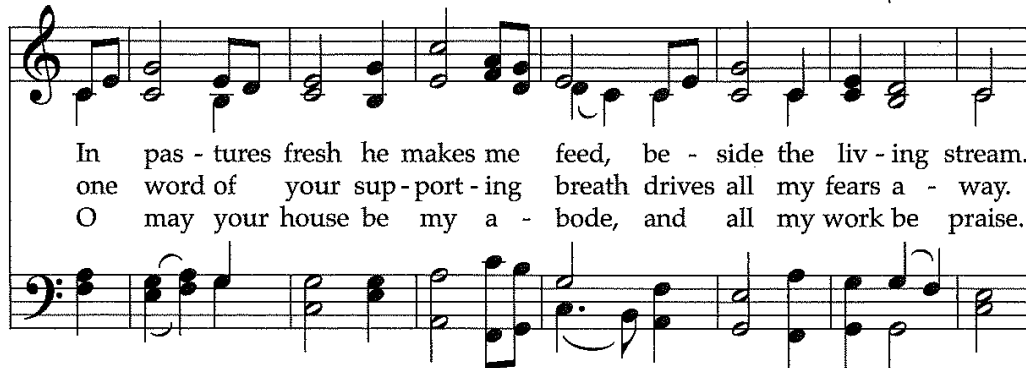
FESTAL SONG  
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 (this tune in a lower key, 815)

# My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

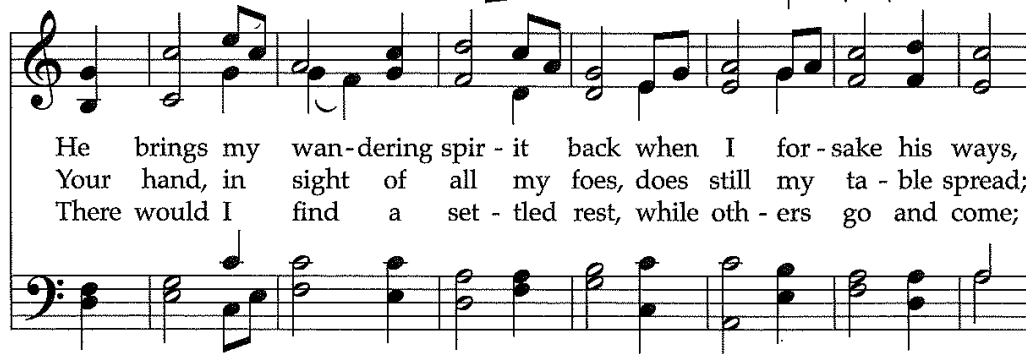
(Psalm 23)



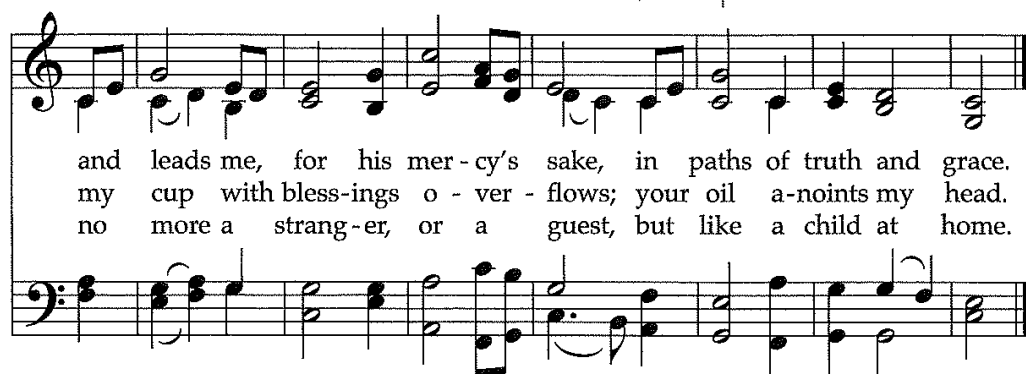
1 My shep-herd will sup - ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.  
 2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;  
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.  
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
 O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,  
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
 There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.  
 no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.

The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

MUSIC: U.S.A. folk melody; Lewis's *Beauties of Harmony*, 1828; harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986  
 Music Harm. © 1990 Dale Grotenhuis

RESIGNATION

CMD

(alternate harmonization, 74)

## 362 Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

1 Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;  
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing; re - plen - ish them with oil;  
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing and dark - er night is near.  
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad - owed sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon he will draw nigh.  
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion; at mid - night comes the cry.  
 a - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride - groom is at hand!  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

The Latin original of this text based on the parable of the wise and foolish maidens (Matthew 25:1-13) consisted of ten stanzas, but this briefer version is more appropriate for its message of urgency. It is set to a spirited minor Welsh tune named for a Pembrokeshire village.