

First Presbyterian Church

“MY

PEACE

I GIVE

YOU.”

JOHN 14:27, NIV

Worship Participants
Rev. Steve Engelhardt, Guest Pastor
Eugeniu Grigorescu, Worship Assistant
Ernie & Joan Botto, Greeters
Jennifer White, Organist
Leland Dietterick, Technical Director

Berwick, PA
The Order of Worship Sunday May 11, 2025

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Berwick!
We are glad that you are worshipping with us today. If you are visiting for the first time today, we invite you to sign the guest book in the back of the sanctuary or scan the QR code to fill it out digitally. Throughout the service, the People make the responses in **bold** print.



WORDS OF PREPARATION

*Lead, kindly Light...Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
the distant scene; one step enough for me.*

PRELUDE The King of Love My Shepherd Is
by William Broughton

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*Isaiah 53:5-6*)

He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

*HYMN #85 What Wondrous Love is This

¹ What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

² To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

³ And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on.
And through eternity I'll sing on.

CALL TO CONFESSION

“Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care. In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy fields prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, thine we are, blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou has bought us, thine we are.” Let us seek the Shepherd’s care with integrity and respect. Shall we pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we have followed the desires of our own hearts and neglected the needs of our neighbors. Forgive our hard and selfish ways. Turn us to Christ and Christ’s righteous path. Guide our steps in mission and ministry. Amen
(Moment for silent reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are an Easter people, forgiven and freed, ready to sing God’s glory and testify to God’s grace. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC We Can Be Kind *David Friedman*

SCRIPTURE READING Rev. 21: 22 – 25 John 14: 23 – 29

*GLORIA PATRI

SERMON RENEWED FOR THE JOURNEY AHEAD

*HYMN #172 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

¹ 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.

² 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.

³ 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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from a Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,

COMMUNION 2025

June 8

June 15

October 5

November 23

December 24

PRAYER LIST

Jerry and Jill Avery
Wade Casaldi and family
Rev. Sally Dries
Bob Feick Family
Wilhelmina Hoover
Bill Houck and family
Tom & Barb Huntington
Charles William Karmazin Jr.
The Kishbaugh Family
Paul Moskaluk
Kim Nespoli
Alison Powlus
Nancy Raber
Lauren Sadock
Jason Seltzer
Darlene Taney
Martha Yost

Announcements

WELCOME BACK AND THANK YOU!

This morning we welcome back Rev. Steve Engelhardt to the pulpit. Welcome back Steve and thank you for leading us in worship this morning!

THANK YOU

Dear Church Members,
Thanks for all you offer to do for us. Appreciate it so much.

Barb and Tom Huntington

THANK YOU

We received a thank you from Bob Andrews for our faithful witness and gracious hospitality. His card can be found on the back table of the sanctuary.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Don't forget, men's breakfast is held **EVERY Wednesday** at 7:30am downstairs in the kitchen. All men are welcome to attend, fill up on hot cooked grub, join in fellowship and do whatever it is that men do.

BIRTHDAYS

Forrest Smith
Celebrates his birthday this week!

Happy Birthday!

IN THE PULPIT

May 11 Rev. Steve Engelhardt
May 18 Nancy Hardy
May 25 Dr. John Polhill

breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

PRAYER AND LORDS PRAYER

On this fourth Sunday of Easter, with the scent of lilies from the flowering cross not yet a distant memory, hold your resurrection glory before us as our guide and hope, O God. May this season plant seeds of new life and yield growth and maturity in Christ. May the gift of your Spirit be our steady leader and faithful friend.

We praise you, Savior God. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! (Rev. 7:12)

For mothers around the world today, we give you thanks, O God. We give thanks for the countless ways mothers and mother-figures nurture, educate and inspire. Bless the women who hold and heal, who shelter and protect, who liberate themselves and others from that which discourages and curbs potential. Within our varied roles and with our differing gifts, help us recognize the Divine image in all her people.

We praise you, Savior God. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! (Rev. 7:12)

Righteous God, in a world torn by war, keep us from hate that hardens and scorekeeping with human lives. When our world is troubled and violence the chosen path, draw near to judge and save. Guide our leaders with your wisdom. Help us walk with humility as our constant companion. Move our hearts with compassion, justice and love.

We praise you, Savior God. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! (Rev. 7:12)

As the Body of Christ, hear us now as we pray as Christ taught us, "Our Father ..."

*HYMN OF PARTING #151 Crown Him with Many Crowns
vs. 1 - 3

¹ Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

² Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

³ Crown Him the Lord of peace;
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
And round His piercèd feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed!**

Live into the hope of Christ's resurrection! Honor the God
who calls you to new life!

May the grace, hope, peace and love of God our Creator,
Redeemer and Sustainer be with you now and always. Amen

***MUSICAL BENEDICTION #151 vs. 4**

⁴ Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time;

Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

POSTLUDE

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*Will those who are able please stand