

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Coffee Hour:** Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour following service today.

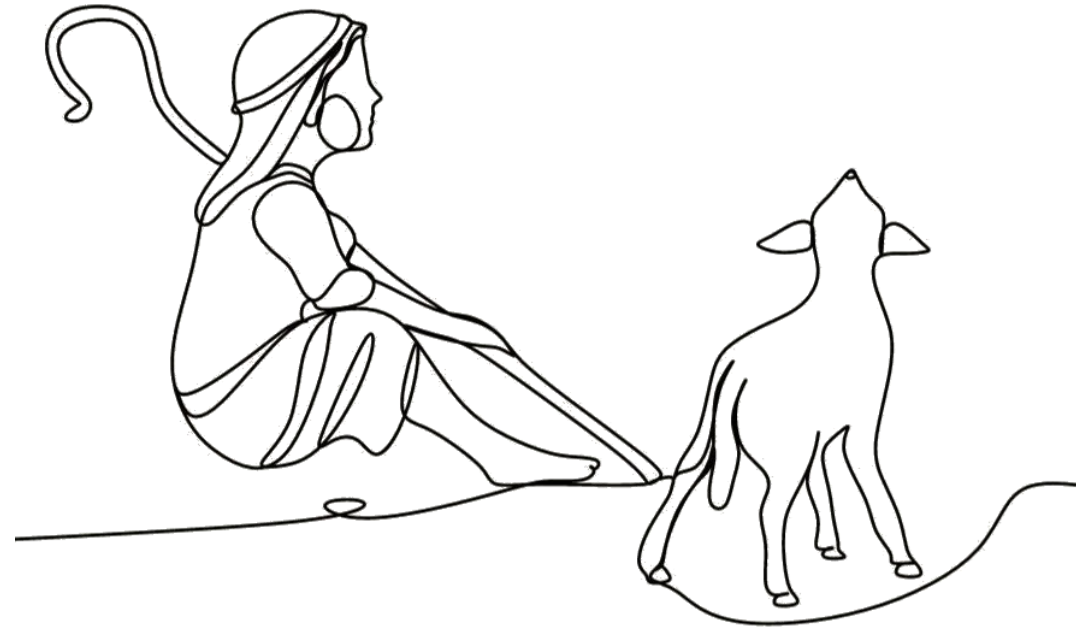
The **Spring Meeting of the church will be on Sunday, May 19th**, directly following worship service in the sanctuary.

**Book of Remembrance Sunday is May 19th. Today is final day for donations for the BOR and the A. Russell Ayres Scholarship.** Please include the names of those to be memorialized and make out checks accordingly. Envelopes are available at entrances to the church.

The church will once again be sponsoring the rotunda at **Grad Party**, on the night of **June 15, from 9 PM - 3 AM**. We need your help! We will need help with decorations and games for the rotunda leading up to the party, **set up on June 14**, working the grad party **on June 15**, and **clean up on June 16**. Please let Nicole know if you would like to help with any or all of it at [coleylh@gmail.com](mailto:coleylh@gmail.com).

**A special thank you** to Katie Johnson, Bill Jackson, Carol McKay and all the rest of the wonderful volunteers who made our Spring Craft Fair such a success!

*“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”*



**May 12, 2024**

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#### Today’s Service

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|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Deacon on Duty   | Cary Westfall                   |
| Trustee on Duty  | Doug Williams                   |
| Ushers           | Flower Team & Youth             |
| Scripture Reader | Gail Peck                       |
| Acolytes         | Jameson Johnson & Kenzie Johnen |

**WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

**PRELUDE**

*In the Garden / arr. Joel Raney*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Leader: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

**All: God’s people have gathered. Let us worship God together.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

### GLORIA PATRI\*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.*

### HYMN\*

*All Things Bright and Beautiful #61*

## INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

**Holy God, you have given us the seasons of the year and the seasons of our lives. The years come and go, but you remain the same. Your love is always there. Help us now to open ourselves to the gift of your presence. Collect our scattered thoughts. Speak your word to us. Transform this hour. We ask this in Jesus' name who taught us to pray, saying:**

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Choral Response

### SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Call to Offering

Offertory

*A Clare Benediction / John Rutter*

### Song of Presentation\*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### Offering Prayer\*

**Eternal God, help us to be good stewards of all that has been entrusted to us so that we may come to know your peace. We thank you for all who supported the Mother's Day program so that young people can attend VBS, who otherwise might not have been able to. Use our gifts this morning for your work. For Jesus' sake. Amen.**

### HYMN\*

*Fill the World with Love #467  
(verses 1 & 3)*

*Church School children will process to the Parish House during the second verse.*

### SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:11

Choral Response

### SERMON

*The Lord is My Shepherd (3)*

Choral Response

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### HYMN\*

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart #265*

**BENEDICTION\*** - spoken and sung.

### POSTLUDE

*Allegro Moderato / John Blow*

*\*All are invited to stand in body or spirit*



**All Are Welcome Here:** For your comfort, listening devices are available by the front doors of the church. Large print bulletins are available at both entrances. Additionally, services are live streamed in the chapel, should you need to step out of the service for any reason. Please see a Deacon if you need assistance.