



# The Presbyterian Church in Morristown

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**May 7, 2017**  
*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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## Celebration of Worship

*"The sheep follow him because they know his voice." -- John 10:4b*

### Prelude

Allegro con moto

Jason W. Krug (b. 1978)

The Ringers on the Green

### \* Call to Worship (*responsively*)

The Rev. Sarah Green

Leader: Let us gather in the house of the Lord, our dwelling place forever.

**People: We come seeking rest and restoration for our souls.**

Leader: Trust in the goodness and mercy of the Lord, provider for all our needs.

**People: We rejoice in the banquet table God spreads before us.**

Leader: May our cups overflow all our days. Let us worship God.

### \* Hymn 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Westminster Abbey*

### Confession and Pardon

Robin Ballard

#### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we do not always follow Christ's example. We have gone astray from those paths our Good Shepherd has shown us. Instead of following his voice like faithful sheep, we too often choose the role of the thief—stealing, killing, and destroying instead of embracing abundant life. Lead us back into your fold and restore our souls, in Jesus' name. Amen.

\* If you are able, please stand.

**Kyrie: Hymn 551**

Lord, Have Mercy

*Land of Rest*

**Silent Prayer**

**Assurance of Pardon** (*responsively*)

Leader: Jesus Christ has freed us from sin so that we might live for righteousness.

**People: We return with rejoicing to our Good Shepherd, the guardian of our souls.**

Leader: Know that through Jesus Christ, we are healed and forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**\* Response: Hymn 581**

Glory Be to the Father

*Gloria Patri*

**\* Passing of the Peace**

**A Time for Young Christians**

Alexandra Mead

**Prayer for Illumination** (*unison*)

**Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow it into eternal life. Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading:**

1 Peter 2:19-25

(New Testament, page 219)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

A Prayer from South Africa

James Whitbourn (b. 1963)

The Chancel Choir

Scott Gothe, percussion

*Lord, help me to give myself when I am giving. Teach me to give without thought of receiving and to receive without thought of giving. Teach me not to withhold or to withdraw myself. Teach me to hoard nothing:*

*love, money, time, possessions. Make me ready to give even my life if it is required of me.*

*And while I have it, use it as an instrument of your peace. Amen.*

**Second Scripture Reading:**

John 10:1-10

(New Testament, page 97)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“Being Sheep”

Rev. Green

**Greeting/Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God**

*(Please sign and pass the friendship pad, found in the pew, to the person next to you. Offering envelopes and prayer request cards are located in the pew pockets for your convenience. Donations may be made online through our website. Cards will be collected with the offering.)*

**Offertory**

True Light

Keith Hampton (b. 1957)

The Chancel Choir

Ignacio Angulo-Pizarro, tenor

*This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine. Almighty God is light. He lives in us as True Light. In the beginning out of the darkness God created True Light. Don't let the light that You've given me die, and don't desert my mind. But let the one who serves You praise You again and again. You are the one who judges right from wrong. Your glory excites no envy. Hold on to the True Light.*

**\* Doxology (Hymn 609)**

*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God, all creatures high and low.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known:**

**Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**Sacrament of Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The leader continues...*

...Therefore with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, we worship and adore your glorious name, praising you forevermore.

**Sung Response**

*(Music for Response S4, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 9)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The leader continues...*

... Great is the mystery of faith:

**Sung Response**

*(Music for Response S5, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 10)*

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*The leader continues...*

... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Sung Response**

*(Music for Response S6, Glory to God Hymnal, p. 11)*

**Amen, amen, amen.**

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

*(To signify our oneness in Christ, please hold the bread until everyone has been served. You may drink the cup as soon as you receive it, indicating your individual relationship with Christ.)*

**Communion Prayer and the Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**\* Hymn 802**

The King of Love My Shepard Is

*St. Columba*

**\* Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks,” Fanfare and Allegro  
Kevin Graf, organ

Jeffrey Honoré (b. 1956)



WORSHIP LEADERS

The Reverend Sarah Green  
Robin Ballard, liturgist  
Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education  
Dr. Matthew Webb, Director of Music  
Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar  
The Ringers on the Green  
The Chancel Choir  
Mekhi Lawrence and Ben Redgate, Acolytes

GREETERS

Pam and Jim Wood  
Janet and Larry McMillan

USHERS

Craig Dodd, Head Usher; Sarah and Pete Bovee,  
Wendy and Ray Doidge, Barbara King, Vicky Willson

FLOWERS

In loving memory of their parents, Martha and Bob Ogden and  
Christine and Ralph Tooley by Jenny and Steve Tooley

FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

The Christian Education Committee in honor of  
Sunday School Teachers

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**Session directs the Clerk of Session to revise the Call for a  
Special Congregational Meeting to elect the Nominating Committee  
and to elect Ken Clark to fill the elder position vacated by Elder Mark Wells on  
Sunday, May 21, 2017, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.**

**OPEN MEETINGS THIS WEEK:** For a full schedule of meetings, go to our website.

**Sunday, May 7**

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Seminar (Parish House)
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School (Parish House)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 p.m. Emily Gaffney Soprano Recital (Chapel)

**Monday, May 8 – no open meetings**

**Tuesday, May 9**

- 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi (Parish House)
- 11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Parish House)
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, May 10**

- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study (Church)
- 12:00 p.m. Worship (Chapel)
- 4:15 p.m. Middle School Youth Group
- 4:15 p.m. Midweek (Parish House)
- 6:00 p.m. Midweek Family Dinner (Parish House)
- 6:05 p.m. Tower (Parish House)
- 7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group

**Thursday, May 11**

- 9:15 a.m. Christian Yoga (Parish House)
- 1:00 p.m. JAM (Parish House)

**Friday, May 12 – Office closes at noon**

- 9:00 a.m. AAA (Parish House)
- 9:30 a.m. Bulletin Volunteers (Parish House)

**Saturday, May 13**

- 10:00 a.m. Hike (meet at Doidge home:  
38 Old Creamery Rd, Newton)

**Sunday, May 14**

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship with Baptism (Sanctuary)



# Wel come

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We are a historic church, part of a historic denomination, and we celebrate this history while exploring ways to bring passion and freshness to our worship and congregational life. Join us as we seek to discover Fresh Traditional ways to **proclaim, gather, and nurture**, all toward continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

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**Visitor's Information brochures are in the stands at the entrances to assist you in finding your way around our campus.**

## **Visiting with Children?**

- **Activity materials** for young worshippers are in the drawers of the literature chests in both vestibules.
- **Infant and child care** is provided during the service in Howard House, the building to the right of the sanctuary.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. (Located through the left door by the bell tables.)

## **Special Needs?**

- **Feel free to ask** ushers and greeters for assistance if you have any questions or special needs. **Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices** are available from the ushers in the narthex at the back of the church.

## **Please come again**

- **Sunday Worship Schedule:**  
7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion  
10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- **Wednesday Bible Study & Worship Schedule:**  
10:30 a.m. Bible Study in the Choir Room  
Noon Worship Service in the Chapel (followed by a light lunch)



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