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Middle Spring Presbyterian Church

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The Middle Spring Presbyterian Church April 21, 2024 Installation of New Members Baptism



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

by Paul Manz

OPENING PRAYER

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to God, our holy shepherd,

God of Grace

as we come to a green meadow.

God prepares a place for us,

and we give glory in God's presence.

How excellent is this dwelling place under the eyes of God's care.

We turn to God in joy.

Our good shepherd provides for all our needs. Let Us Worship Our God!

*GATHERING PRAISES MSPS #5 Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ is the good shepherd, who leads us to safety and peace no matter what we have done.

Christ's voice calls us to repent and return; let us heed that voice and go to God in prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of community, you call us to a world radically different from what we are used to.



Joys and Concerns

This week's concerns: Ray Staver underwent laparoscopic abdominal surgery for an ongoing condition. Dorina Saul's cousin, retired Army Chaplain Thomas Bruce, is hospitalized with a malfunctioning aortic valve replacement.

Please continue to keep the following in your prayers:

Deb Arnold, Chuck Bailey, Tom Barksdale, Vi Barr, Kim Barnie, Rev. Bill Beck, Will Brandt, Arlo Bush, Mark Clever, Peg Corwin, Madison Cover, Douglas Cubbison, Doe Davis, John Deemer, Jack Diehl, Linda Dickinson, Jeanine Dreher, Glenn Fletcher, Jim and Dawn Freeman, Donna Gill, Susan (Harper) Gilmore, Carrie Grace, Michael Harglerode, Bob Harper, Gary and Joyce Hornbaker, Nicole Joselyn, Jerry Judy, Judah Kardisco, Arlene Keer, Jax, McFeely family, Pat Mogan, Lorraine Murdocca, Dorothy Nye, Kathy Palmer, Peggy, Troy and Megan Porter, Leslie Raymond, Ken Raymond, Alfreda Reed, Dottie Reese, Howard Rife, Susan and Greg Riggs, Lestine and Mike Sayles, Jim Stroup, Dick Weaver, and David Wilson.



The end of the academic school year for our college students is fast approaching. Let's show our support and encouragement by filling their College Boxes to the very top!

The list of items to be donated is on the table in the narthex. Please place your donated items in the con-

tainer marked "College Boxes" by Sunday, April 28. The College Boxes will be filled and mailed out that week so they reach the stu-



Greeters are needed for 2024!

Please consider acting as a greeter for one or more services in 2024.

Sign up in the narthex, or contact Kathy Palmer.

$\sim \sim \sim \sim$ Church Calendar $\sim \sim \sim \sim$

Sunday, April 21	9:15 am 10:30 am New Memb	Sunday School Worship in person and online er Reception after worship
Tuesday, April 23	10:00 am	ZOOM Bible Study
Weds., April 24	6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Handbell Choir
Thurs., April 25	5-6:00 pm	Community Meal
Sunday, April 28	9:15 am	Sunday School

10:30 am Worship in person and online Deadline for College Box Items PNC meets with Presbytery after worship



Community Cares for Homeless Shelter

The Shelter has specific needs for cooking oil, bleach, facial tissues, and other cleaning supplies. As always, toiletries, dry/canned goods, and children's snacks are needed by the families. You may

leave items in the boxes at the entrances at any time. The deacons will deliver them after the first Sunday of the month.



The **Designated Offering** for **April** will go toward **One Great Hour of Sharing**, which supports efforts to relieve hunger, promote development, and assist in disaster relief throughout the world. You ask us to lay aside our ideas of "mine" and "yours." You show us a life where goods are shared, where all are loved, and faithfulness is shown through generosity. But we cling to our possessions, trusting them more than we trust you. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful realm and to work to make it so.

TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

For we were going astray like sheep, but now we have returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls. Thanks be to God!

***HYMN GTG #581** Gloria Patri

ANTHEM Break Forth Into Joy by Dave and Jean Perry

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORYElegy in Dby Ovid Young*DOXOLOGY GTG #606OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOD'S WORD WRITTEN – John 10:7-18 GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED – The Good Shepherd and the Other Sheep

*Hymn GtG #756

The Sacrament of Baptism

INTRODUCTION AND CALLING

QUESTIONS FOR RICK ARNOLD FOR THE CONGREGATION PROFESSION OF FAITH

FOR THE CHURCH

Leader: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty? People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

BAPTISM AND WELCOME INTO CHRIST'S CHURCH AND FAMILY

PRAYER

Installation of New Members

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Judith Glenn, Janice Mooney, Deborah Arnold, Rick Arnold, Jerry Holtry, Doris Holtry, Stuart Cook, and Caryn McManus

PROFESSION OF FAITH New Member Installation Anointing and Laying on of Hands

WELCOMING

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER / LORD'S PRAYER

***SENDING HYMN GTG #753** Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Hornpipe in D

by John S. Dixon



This week we pray for the **Mount Olivet Presbyterian Church** in Hancock, MD, in our Presbytery cycle of prayer; **Life Community Church** in local churches; and **Mar de Galilea** in Puerto Grande, Valle, Honduras.



The lovely flowers gracing our worship space today are given by **Pat** and **Maury Mahan** in loving memory of **Susan Mahan Nieber**.

Pastor is Rev. Edward H. Blank. Liturgist is Quay Stolte. Acolyte is Evan Mosher. Elder of the Week is Jared Krebs. Ushers are Danny, Regina, Jerry, and Dawn Chamberlin. Greeter is Larry and Barb Singer. Organist is Ingrid Winckler. Nursery Coordinator is Brenda Varner. Deacon of the Month is Joe Brett.