

✠ SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:11-18

SERMON

“The Good Shepherd”

Rev. Howard James

✠ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

UMH #381

(You are invited to pray at the Communion railing.)

✠ CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Good Shepherd leads us forward, from this place, into the world to serve God’s people, to witness to God’s love in all that we do. Go in peace and God’s peace will go with you. AMEN.

✠ POSTLUDE

“Allegro” G. Moisenet

Nan Leggett, Organist

✠ Please stand if you are able.

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God.

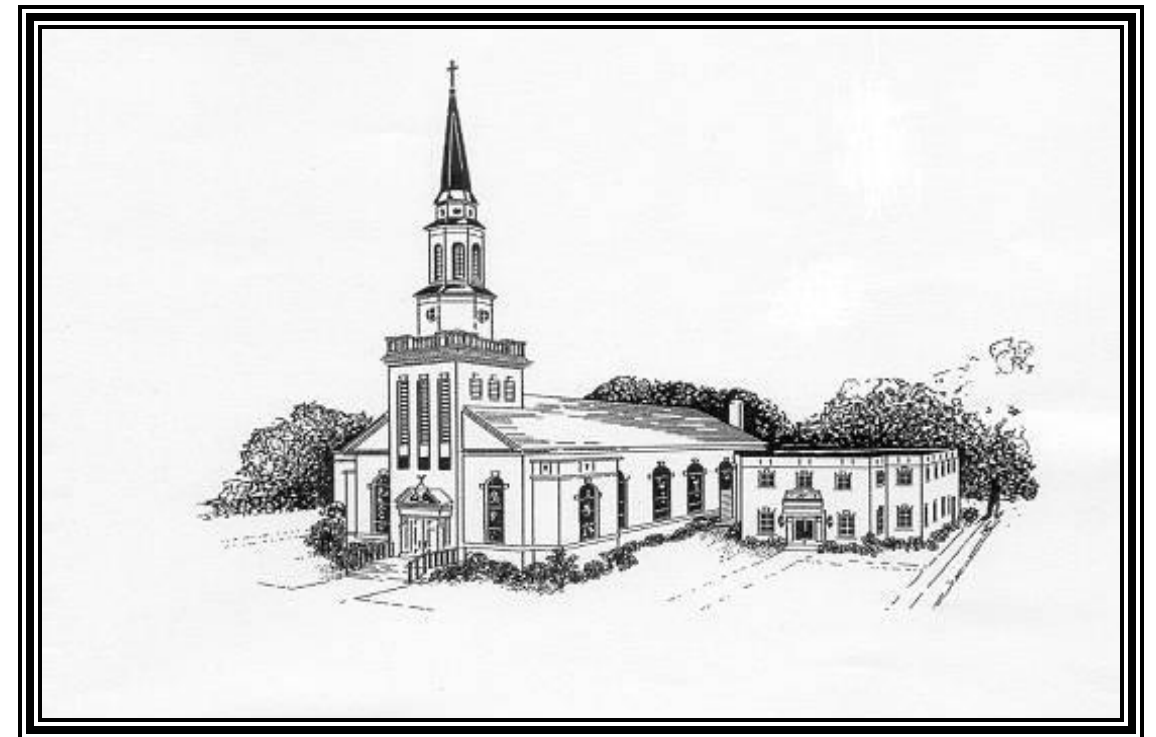
SERVING THIS MORNING

Greeters.....Rob Conway & Tom Leggett
 Music Director.....L.A. Cothorn
 Organist.....Nan Leggett
 Pianist.....Geneva Ashley
 Altar Committee.....Celia Lynch, Sandy Turner,
 Margie Rabon, Elizabeth Gibson and Gina Deans

WHITEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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 Rev. Howard James

Fourth Sunday of Easter
 April 21, 2024



Mission Statement of Whiteville United Methodist Church

As people of the body of Christ, we will gather for and be strengthened by Word and Sacraments, participate in loving fellowship, grow in discipleship, and serve our community and the world in Christ’s name.

Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church

Thank you for worshiping with us today! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, program, and ministry life here.

We hope the worship will inspire and comfort you as we hear God's message proclaimed. During this time, now more than ever, may the grace and love of Christ surround you.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please use a microphone.)

Rob Conway

PRELUDE

“Love Divine” setting by J. Zundel

Nan Leggett, Organist

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

(Symbolizing the presence of the Spirit of the Lord in our service.)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

✠ RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Our Lord is the Good Shepherd. In his goodness he supplies our every need.

The Lord is our Shepherd, and he takes perfect care of us.

Our Lord is the Good Shepherd. He leads us into safety and gives us strength for the journey.

The Lord is our Shepherd, who grants us rest and restores our souls.

Our Lord is the Good Shepherd. He sought us out when we were lost, calling us by our names.

The Lord is our Shepherd, and he has carried us home. Amen.

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE

“God Will Take Care of You”

UMH #130

✠ UNISON OPENING PRAYER

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.

✠ APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. 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.

✠ 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.**

✠ WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND RESPONSE

Leader: Give us strength and courage, joy and peace for all the work that you have for us to do. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for us, his sheep, we pray.

People: In the midst of all that you fear, God is with you. God will not abandon you. Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, laid down his life for you and offers you hope and peace. AMEN.

✠ THE PASSING OF CHRISTIAN PEACE

Piano Selection

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD Jane Wyche Shulken Handbell Choir
“Joyful, Joyful, We adore Thee” arr. by Joel Raney

✠ PRESENTING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

“Praise God”

UMH# 95

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION

“His Name is Wonderful”

UMH #174

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Choir Rehearsals: Wednesdays @ 7 p.m.

Handbell Rehearsals: Wednesdays

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