

## GATHERING

### Gathering Music

**Prelude** “*Artist of My Soul*” (Rick Vale) Soloist John Brink

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

L: Friends, we gather today as people who come from many places — some carrying joy, others carrying burdens, some feeling confident, others searching for hope.

**P: We come because the Shepherd knows our name, and welcomes us here.**

L: The Lord is our shepherd. He leads us beside still waters. He restores our souls. Even in the darkest valleys, he is there — not distant, not silent, but present.

**P: We do not walk alone. We never have.**

L: Through Jesus, the Great Shepherd, God is not finished with us. He is still leading, still restoring, still comforting — even now, even here.

**P: We open our hearts to receive what only he can give.**

L: Come, then — all of you. Let us worship the God who meets us where we are, and refuses to leave us there.

**P: We worship You, Lord — our Shepherd, our Restorer, our Comforter. Amen.**

**\*Song:** “*Goodness of God*”

1. I love You Lord. Oh Your mercy never fails me  
All my days, I've been held in Your hands  
From the moment that I wake up, Until I lay my head  
I will sing of the goodness of God

#### Chorus

All my life You have been faithful  
All my life You have been so, so good  
With every breath that I am able  
I will sing of the goodness of God

2. I love Your voice, You have led me through the fire  
In darkest nights, You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

*REPEAT CHORUS*

#### Bridge

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me  
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

*REPEAT CHORUS*

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#### Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, You are our Shepherd, yet we often try to lead ourselves. We wander into worry instead of trusting You. We cling to control instead of following Your voice. We rush ahead when You invite us to rest, and we lose heart when the valley grows dark. Forgive us, Lord. Restore our souls. Quiet our fears. Help us to trust You, even when we cannot see the path ahead. Thank You that You do not abandon us, but gently lead us back again and again. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Assurance #517** “*The Solid Rock*”

## THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Reading from the Holy Scriptures:

Hebrews 13:20-21 (pg. 228)

#### Children's Message

Jenn Smith

#### Introducing Rev. Tad Schuldt

Doug Martzluf

#### Reading from the Holy Scriptures:

Psalms 23 (pg. 501)

#### Sermon: “You Comfort Me”

Rev. Tad Schuldt

**\*Song:** “*Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me*”

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace  
*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

2. The night is dark, but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Savior He will stay  
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed  
*To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave  
*To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me*

4. With every breath, I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
*To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!*

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## Sacrament of Baptism

Portor James Hagg, son of Kelsey Baker and Thomas Hagg

## 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; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living 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.

## OUR RESPONSE

### \*\*Privilege of Giving

Offertory: "No Other Name" (Stan Pethel)

### Prayers of the People

## SENDING

\*Hymn #520 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

### Benediction

*Please note: Following the benediction, we will have a Corporation Meeting, followed by a Congregational Meeting.*

*The flowers today are for the Glory of God and in loving memory of The Honorable William H. Kaye given by his wife, Vicki, David, Jennifer & Ryan Kaye, and Scott, Laura, Daniel & Kate Stolte.*

Serving as Ushers today are Joanne & Joel George.

\*Please stand in body or in spirit

\*\*You may give online at pcfallingspring.org, on Church Center, or by texting any amount to 84321, following the prompts.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Food Pantry "Food of the Week" Canned Evaporated Milk

Thank You for your help to restock the shelves of the PCFS Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is open every Tuesday from 9–11:30 AM.

### Grief Workshop Tomorrow, May 4th at PCFS

Grief takes many forms. We experience grief under many circumstances — death, family turmoil, financial hardship, career changes, relationship difficulties & childhood losses. You are not alone. Tomorrow here in FLC Rooms 107/108 there will be an all day event where you can come to gather among others who understand the unique challenges of grieving in all different seasons of our lives. Ruth Ward is the speaker and facilitator. Contact JK Landon with any questions: 717-660-7625. Registration is at 8:30am. Workshop runs 9am -3pm. Bring your own bag lunch. Coffee and light breakfast snacks will be provided.

### Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School June 15 - 19, 9am - Noon

"*Exploring the Nature of God*" — Come for a fun filled week of stories, crafts, games and fun snacks. Open to kids age 3 (must be potty trained) through grade 5. Register online at <https://vbspro.events/p/pcfstrainforest> Email Jenn Smith with any questions at [pcfskids@pcfballingspring.org](mailto:pcfskids@pcfballingspring.org)

### — THIS WEEK AT PCFS —

#### Sunday, May 3

9:15 AM— Choir Rehearsal

11:00 AM— Corporation meeting, followed by a Congregational meeting in the Sanctuary

#### Monday, May 4

8:30 AM— Grief Workshop, FLC Rm 107-108

5:15 PM— Bell Choir Rehearsal, FLC, Bell Rm 202

6:30 PM— Women's Bible Journey, Rm 205

6:30 PM— Session Meeting, Rm 208

#### Tuesday, May 5

6:15 AM— Men's Bible Study, Rm 108

6:30 PM— Women's Bible Study w/Renee, Rm 203

#### Wednesday, May 6

9:00 AM— Praise Moves, Rm 107-108

6:30 PM— J-Walkers & Tweens, Rm 101 & 103

6:30 PM— Worship & Prayer, Rm 107

6:30 PM— Youth Group, FLC

7:30 PM— Joyful Voices Kids Choir, Rm 101

#### Thursday, May 7

9:30 AM— Koinonia Bible Study, Northgate, MH

9:30 AM— Women's Bible Study w/Renee, Rm 203

7:00 PM— Men's Inter-Church Bible Study, Rm 203

#### Friday, May 8

8:00 AM— Men's Breakfast Group, Trojan Diner

9:30 AM— Women's Intercessory Prayer Group, Ann Thompson's home  
532 Philadelphia Ave.

5:30 PM— Fierce Marriage Date 4, FLC

#### Saturday, May 9

7:30 AM— Intercessory Prayer Team, Renee & Jack Sharpe's home,  
630 Philadelphia Ave.

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**Candidating Sunday**  
May 3, 2026, 10:00 AM  
Sanctuary



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