



# First Baptist Church

J E F F E R S O N C I T Y T E N N E S S E E

November 26, 2023

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

10:45 am

Welcome/Opportunities for Service

Chad Hartsock

Preparation for Worship

Nenette Measels

God, you have created us and you sustain us. We come with thanksgiving for these moments when we can ease the pace of our lives and listen for your voice. Create a spirit within us that truly draws us toward you and toward our brothers and sisters: a spirit deep, perceptive, gentle, and bold. Clear our minds, open our hearts, and touch us with your presence and your power. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.\*\*

Prelude

*The Good and Gentle Shepherd*

arr. Wood/Schalk

\*Hymn Medley of Praise 343

*His Name Is Wonderful*

MEIR

362

*I Love You, Lord*

I LOVE YOU, LORD

(Children meet your leader at the front of the sanctuary for Bible Study)

Affirmation of God's Presence

*The Divine Shepherd*  
(From Psalm 23 NRSV)

Sierra Bevins, Noah Snyder and People

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**All: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.**

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**All: He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.**

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**All: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**All: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long. The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.**

Prayer of the people

Susan Garber

Prayer Response 405

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

BRADBURY

Sermon Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Robert Burts

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the water-courses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Musical Offering

*Shepherd of My Soul*  
Worship Ensemble

Dengler

Shepherd of my soul, Keeper of my heart,  
Guardian of each step I take,  
Lead me, lead me, lead me in Your way.  
Shepherd of my soul, Keeper of my heart,  
Author of each plan I make,  
Lead me, lead me, lead me in Your way.

Shepherd of my soul, Keeper of my heart,  
 Author of each plan I make,  
 Lead me, lead me, lead me in Your way.  
 The Lord will always be my shepherd.  
 The Lord will always be my guide;  
 He leads me into pleasant places,  
 and keeps me safe, and keeps me safe,  
 He keeps me safe by His side.

Shepherd of my soul, Keeper of my heart,  
 Guardian of each step I take,  
 Lead me, lead me, lead me in Your way.  
 When I am lost, my Shepherd finds me  
 and brings me back into the fold;  
 He speaks to me with words of comfort,  
 and shelters me, and shelters me,  
 He shelters me from the cold.

Shepherd of my soul, Keeper of my heart,  
 Guardian of each step I take,  
 Lead me, lead me, lead me in Your way.

Shepherd of my soul, Keeper of my heart,  
 Author of each plan I make,  
 Lead me, lead me, lead me in Your way.  
 Shepherd of my soul, lead me in Your way.

\*Hymn of Perseverance 633     *All the Way My Savior Leads Me*     ALL THE WAY

Sermon     *I Will Give Them a Shepherd*     Chad Hartsock

\*Hymn of Commitment and Service     *Lead Me, Lord*     GOODINE

Lead me Lord I will follow  
 Lead me Lord I will go  
 You have called me I will answer  
 Lead me Lord I will go

Preparing to Depart     *Blessings*     arr. Kolveren  
 (Please remain seated and reflect on our worship together.)

\*Departing 521     *Go with Us Lord*     TALLIS' CANON

\*Benediction     Chad Hartsock

\*If you can do so, please stand for this portion of the worship service.     CCLI #120972

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**Deacons and Minister of the Week:**     Carolyn Blevins & Jim Wilson / Josh Gibson

## THE COMING WEEK AT FBC

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### **Monday, November 27**

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall  
8:00pm Upper Room Ladies' Bible Study/ Zoom

### **Tuesday, November 28**

10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor  
1:00pm Staff Meeting/Parlor

### **Wednesday, November 29**

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214  
5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper/FH  
6:00pm Common Prayer & Bible Study/Music Ste  
6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Ste

### **Thursday, November 30**

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles, Jefferson City  
6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

### **Friday, December 1—Church Office Closed**

### **Sunday, December 3—Hanging of the Green**

9:30am Bible Study Classes/Rooms: 102, 104, 108, 212  
10:00am Chancel Ensemble Rehearsal/Sanctuary  
10:45am Worship Service/Sanctuary or Facebook and YouTube  
10:45am Children's Bible Study/Birth-K Room 119, 1st-5th grade-Room 218  
5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

### **Monday, December 4**

7:00pm Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall  
8:00pm Upper Room Ladies' Bible Study/ Zoom

### **Tuesday, December 5**

10:00am Tuesday's Neighbors/Parlor  
1:00pm Staff Meeting/Parlor

### **Wednesday, December 6**

5:00pm Youth Gathering/214  
5:00pm Wednesday Night Supper/FH  
6:00pm Common Prayer & Bible Study/Music Ste  
6:45pm Worship Ensemble Rehearsal/Music Ste

### **Thursday, December 7**

8:30am Men's Breakfast/Bojangles, Jefferson City  
6:00pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

### **Friday, December 8—Church Office Closed**

### **Sunday, December 10—Pastoral Candidate**

**Preaching**  
9:30am Bible Study Classes/Rooms: 102, 104, 108, 212  
10:00am Chancel Ensemble Rehearsal/Sanctuary  
10:45am Worship Service/Sanctuary or Facebook and YouTube  
10:45am Children's Bible Study/Birth-K Room 119, 1st-5th grade-Room 218  
5:00pm Youth Gathering/214

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## CHURCH STAFF

Sierra Bevins, Ministry Assistant  
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