

Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church



Worship for May 11, 2025

Worship for the 4th Sunday of Easter

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Prelude

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. Bill Wolaver

Meditation

"Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life."

From "Shepherd Me, O God" by Marty Haugen

"What keeps gnawing at me is the question, what is Christianity, or who is Christ actually for us today?...The age when we could tell people that with words--whether with theological or with pious words--is past... What does a church, a congregation, a sermon, a liturgy, a Christian life, mean in a religionless world? How do we talk about God--without religion, that is, without the temporally conditioned presuppositions of metaphysics, the inner life, and so on?"

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Welcome!

**Please stand if you are able. Congregation reads responses in bold print.*

Call to Worship

Aminy Audi

We gather in the name of the crucified and risen One.

We are members of the Body that bears the scars of the world's injustice.

We gather to remember the Christ whose power transforms death.

We come to touch the wounds, so that they may heal.

*Opening Hymn #619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Confession and Pardon

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace.

In the name and spirit of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Pardon

God's mercy overflows as a healing spring to cleanse us of our offenses; therefore, know that you are forgiven and receive new life in Christ. **Alleluia! Amen!**

*Gloria #614

Great Are You, Lord

*Passing of the Peace

Children's Conversation

Children's Hymn #240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks! (Refrain Only)

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17 (p. 249)

Aminy Audi

Gospel Lesson

John 10:22-30 (p. 103)

Sermon

"Every Tear"

Rev. Courtney Steininger

Affirmation of Faith

Psalm 23 (p.501)

Offering

Offertory

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

*Doxology #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of Intercession 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

*Hymn #327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

*Benediction

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Lani Smith



Welcome to our worship at Pebble Hill!

If you are with us for the first time, we hope that you find our worship meaningful and our fellowship inviting.

Please reach out to Pastor Courtney or Nancy Byrne to learn more about Pebble Hill Church.

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S ASSISTANTS:

JANET TERWILLIGER AND DONNA SOGNEFEST – USHERS

AMINY AUDI – LITURGIST

This morning's flowers are given by Sue Stowell.

Thank you.

Thanks to those who are live streaming this morning's service.

Church Staff

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Please keep in your prayers this week:

- ❖ We pray for all people living in Gaza, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Sudan, Yemen and those in Ukraine and Russia, who endure hatred and continued violence.
- ❖ We pray together for justice, peace and unity, especially during these times of turmoil and uncertainty. We pray for the leaders of our nation and those around the world, that they may be guided by wisdom, compassion, and a deep commitment to justice as they work toward lasting peace and unity.
- ❖ We pray for all those who are battling cancer and other chronic illnesses. We ask God to be by their side and to be with their doctors and families.
- ❖ We pray that we may honor and protect God's creation by working towards environmental justice, sustainable living, and the healing of our planet.

Announcements

A **new member class** is forming! If you would like to become a member of Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church, please reach out to Pastor Courtney for more information.



There will be **Adult Forum** on May 18th continuing our discussion of Matthew 25 initiatives and focused on poverty.



Happy Mother's Day! Thinking of diapers? Deacons will be collecting money for diapers at our Spring Luncheon June 8th.



The May deadline for donations of non-perishable food items to the **Food Pantry** is Sunday, May 18th. The deacons will be making their delivery the following day. As always financial donations to the food pantry are also welcome. The recent reductions in a number of federal programs have contributed to food insecurity for many people.

Thank you for your support.

The Deacons



The Rotary Club will be hosting Dewitt Community Day at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church on Saturday, May 31st from 11 am to 4 pm. Please contact Deedee Elleman if you would like to help with PHPC's table.



Community Gardens

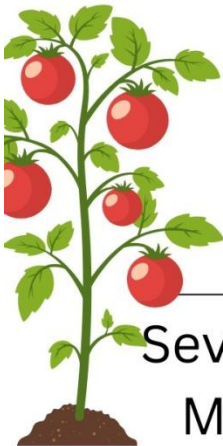
at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church

SEEDLING SALE

Sunday, May 11

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Sunday May 18



Several varieties of Tomatoes, Zinnias,
Marigolds, Squash and many more!

Proceeds to benefit the
Community Gardens



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The Week at Pebble Hill May 11 – May 17

Sunday	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Coffee and Fellowship Hour – Atrium
Monday	8:00 am 9:30 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	MPH Exams – KR Bluebirds – KR Bluebirds – KR L. Stafford Flute Lessons – CE#3
Tuesday	9:30 am 4:30 pm 7:00 pm	Bluebirds – KR Membership Committee – Commons L. Stafford Flute Lessons – CE#3
Wednesday	10:30 am 1:00 pm 3:00 pm 3:15 pm 4:30 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Syracuse Memory Café – FH Tat and Chat – Atrium On Point Español L. Stafford Flute Lessons – CE#1 Bluebirds – KR ESCG – Lounge, Forum DeWitt Rotary Club Meeting – FH Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary (Choir Loft)
Thursday	9:30 am 4:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Bluebirds – KR Bluebirds – KR Salt City Ukulele Rehearsal – Forum Girl Scouts – MR
Friday	9:00 am	Bluebirds – KR
Saturday	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 2:00 pm	Bluebirds – KR L. Stafford Flute Lessons – CE#1 Schola Cantorum Rehearsal – Forum Schola Cantorum Rehearsal – Forum