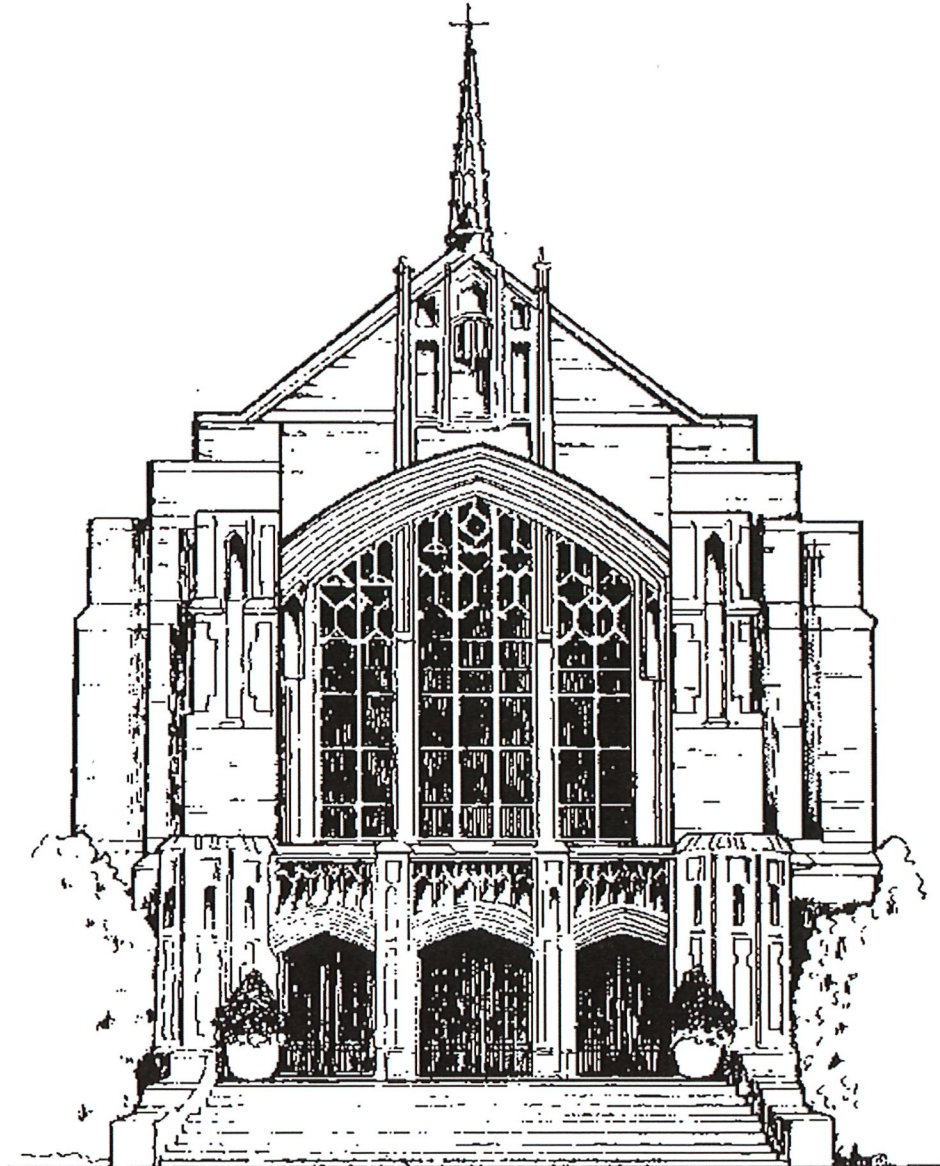




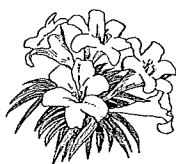
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A WELCOMING & AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ Mother's Day May 11, 2025



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The First Baptist Church at Worship
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MOTHER'S DAY
May 11, 2025 ~ 10:00 AM



THE PRELUDE

Gregory Land, Organist

Fantasy on "St. Kevin" Arthur S. Sullivan
"Christ Hath Burst His Prison" setting by Gilbert M. Martin
Pleading Savior Southern Spiritual
setting by Gilbert M. Martin
God So Loved the World John Stainer
from the Contata "The Crucifixion"
Prelude on "Victory" Palestrina, c. 1525-1594

In Praise to the Lord

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

A three-fold ringing of three signifies the presence of the triune God:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

CHORAL INTROIT

Chancel Choir
Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Director

Rise and Greet the Sun Eugene Butler

Rise and greet the sun; God's day has begun.

*WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Kent Berghuis

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#550 *We're Marching to Zion*
MARCHING TO ZION

The Hymn was written from the point of view of those Israelites who had been taken captive into a foreign land. They are so mournful and depressed that they hang their harps in the poplars. They wonder – "Will we ever be able to sing the songs of Zion?" Their captors mocked them and made fun of them urging them to sing the songs of Zion, but they could not.

*PASSING THE PEACE *(A time to greet one another)*

Listening for the Word of God

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

Jerome Stueart

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before

the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 9:36-43

Valli Howard

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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*FELLOWSHIP HYMN

#65 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*
CRIMOND

"The Lord's My Shepherd" is in common meter, and it is most commonly sung to the hymn tune Crimond, named after Crimond Church in the Aberdeenshire town of Crimond. It is thought that this tune was composed by Jessie Seymour Irvine, daughter of Rev. Alexander Irvine, minister of the Crimond Parish. Jessie was a keen musician and was undergoing training as an organist at the nearby town of Banff. According to some accounts, she composed the tune in 1871 as an exercise for a composition class and it was first performed at evening worship at Auchterless Parish Church.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Jason Alspaugh

(Children are invited to come forward for the Children's Message during the last stanza of the fellowship hymn. All kids 3 years and older are invited to go downstairs (Room 4) after the Children's Message for a "One Room Sunday School" class. Parents are asked to pick up their children after service.)

CALL TO PRAYER

#399 v.1 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*
O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Debts & Debtors)

Rev. David Coggins

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 debts,
 as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
 and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANTHEM

Chancel Choir
 Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Director

I Look to the Shepherd Walt Harrah

I look to the Shepherd, He meets all my needs. Beside the still waters, He faithfully leads bringing peace to my soul as His love makes me whole. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all my life. And when in the valley of deepest despair, I look to the Shepherd, His presence is there bringing peace to my soul as His love makes me whole. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all my life. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me, all my life.

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

"She and Her Works Live On"

The Response of God's People

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

#68 *He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought*
 HE LEADETH ME

On a Wednesday evening, Joseph Gilmore was preaching at a mid-week prayer service on the topic of Psalm 23. He wrote later, "I set out to give the people an exposition of the 23rd Psalm, but I got no further than the words 'He leadeth me.' Those words took hold of me as they had never done before. I saw in them a significance and beauty of which I had never dreamed... At the close of the meeting a few of us kept on talking about the thoughts which I had emphasized; and then and there, on a back page of my sermon notes, I penciled the hymn just as it stands today, handed it to my wife, and thought no more of it... She sent it without my knowledge to the *Watchman and Reflector* magazine, and there it first appeared in print on page 616 in the *Psalter Hymnal Handbook*.

BLESSING WITH DISMISSAL

Rev. Dr. Berghuis

CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION

#520 v.1 *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*
 AZMON

**The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
 to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.**

POSTLUDE

Gregory Land

Recessional on "Crucifer" Sydney H. Nicholson
 "Lift High the Cross" setting by Donald Busarow

(*) You're invited to rise in body or in spirit!

*Please drop off your offering and yellow card in the basket as you leave.
 Thank you for supporting the ministry of the church!*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Happy Mother's Day to all the women present today!
Please accept a potted flower as a gift from the Board of Deacons
following service today.*

Welcome to our worship service! If you are visiting, we would love to get to know you. Please fill out a yellow card with your contact information and a pastor will be happy to get in touch with you. Anyone is welcome to use these cards to communicate with our office and share prayer requests or other information, too. We have baskets for our offering and communication cards at our entrances/exits.

We continue to **livestream and video record** our Sunday worship service through our YouTube channel. This can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/> and look for First Baptist Church Dayton Ohio, or check our website (<http://www.fbcd Dayton.org/>).

Prayer for the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace, strengthen them in their trials and temptations, give them courage to face the perils which beset them, and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People

(If you have someone you'd like to add or remove, please let us know.)

Laura Bayless	Karen Johnson	Ryan Family
Clara Black	Carole Lasley	Judy See
Jessica Blair	Gene Lee	Judy Smith
Gail Bowman	Vincent Liss	Anne Veghte
Don Brown	Bruce & Patty Loxley	Cynthia Whittaker
Linda Ginter-Brown	Tom McKenzie	Williams Family
Gerald Busch	Lisa McMullen	Sharon Wingham
Pamela Cress	Melissa Mikesell	Military Duty:
Kerby Downs	Tonya Mitchell & Family	Sebastian Ewald
Lavanda Ferguson	Shirley Nash	Sunny Ewald
Bill Harrell	Mary Ann Paloncy	Brittany Kalbfleisch
Debbie Harshman	Susan Parent	Kyle Kline
Barbara Jett	Petry Family	Andy Wilson
Iglesia Bautista Dios Compasivo (El Salvador)		

Week of May 11 – 18

Sun. 11	10:00a	.....	Worship Service – Mother's Day
	11:15a	.....	Coffee Fellowship
	11:30a	.....	Sunday School for All Ages
Wed. 14	6:30p	.....	Board Meetings
Thu. 15	7:00p	.....	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. 16	7:00p	.....	BYF Lock-In begins
Sat. 17	9:30a	.....	Lock-In concludes
Sun. 18	10:00a	.....	Worship Service – Founders Sunday
	11:15a	.....	Founders Day Luncheon

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
The Nature and Destiny of Humankind

Led by Dr. Mark Ryan
Sunday, May 4 & 11 @ 11:30am-12:15pm
1st Floor - Chapel

This course will explore human nature and the human 'calling' (or vocation) drawing on key passages in the Old Testament and the New Testament that hold wisdom on this topic. A central passage for this course comes from Genesis 3, where we read that after suffering a punishment related to eating from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, "God clothed [Adam and Eve] in garments of skin." (Gen 3:21) Christian tradition, especially in the East, has developed a set of teachings about humanity and our relation to Christ rooted in this short verse. A part of this tradition involves seeing not only characteristics of our bodies, but also the institutions we create and sustain, as parts of the "garments of skin." The instructor, Mark Ryan, will explain how he came to use this tradition of "garments of skin" for teaching Christian ethics to business students. The class will invite participants to consider their own callings (career and before God) in the light of these ideas.

RSVP FOR THE LUNCHEON!
Founders Sunday Scheduled for Next Sunday, May 18

*"Keep your eyes peeled" on the steeple
as we rededicate this "Beacon of Light."*

The Heritage Committee wants to remind all of you that May 18 is our Founders Day Celebration with special service to dedicate the new steeple, "Our Beacon of Light". **There will be a luncheon after the service in the dining hall prepared by Chef Grey - soup, salad, sandwiches and dessert, but please RSVP to Linda in the office so we have a head count as we prepare. Monetary donations will be accepted for the meal.** On Founders Sunday we will also honor those who have been members of FBC for 50 years or more during our Sunday morning worship service. Not only do we recognize them for their contributions given in the past, we are mindful that they make significant contributions to the life of the church in the present. **Remember to RSVP for the luncheon!**

May Church Meetings

Board Meetings
Wednesday, May 14 @ 6:30pm

Executive Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 21 @ 6:30pm

BYF Lock-In May 16-17

Our overnight Lock-In will begin at 7pm on Friday, May 16 and end at 9:30am on Saturday, May 17. We will share food, play games, share in evening prayers, and more. Youth are invited to bring a snack or beverage to share, and can also bring movies and/or games to propose to the group. Youth are welcome to invite their friends, but everyone needs to have turned in a completed and signed BYF Medical-Transportation Form in order to participate. Print copies are available on the table by the church office.

Summer Teachers Needed for Kids Sunday School 2025

We are seeking volunteers to help with our Kids One-Room Sunday School Class (preK-5) this summer (June 8 thru Aug. 31). There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway. Note that there are two slots for each Sunday—one for the person who will teach, leading the reading/discussion of scripture; the other for the person who would provide a craft project to help the kids connect with the lesson. Please speak with Pastor Jason or Debbie Reichard-Smith, CE chair. They will also be on hand to provide resources, supplies, etc., throughout the summer.

Governor's Awards for the Arts

FBC Music Director, Dr. William Henry Caldwell, Award Recipient

The Governor's Awards for the Arts, Ohio's most prestigious biennial arts event, will take place at the Renaissance Columbus Downtown Hotel on **Wednesday, May 28 at 11:30 a.m.** This year, 10 Ohioans whose exceptional artistic contributions and achievements strengthen our state each and every day will be honored. Each award winner receives an original piece of artwork created specifically for the event by an Ohio artist and the opportunity to share their story with other arts supporters statewide. Congratulations William!! Help to celebrate 60 years of public funding for the arts through the Ohio Arts Council through your ticket purchase. Individual tickets are available for \$60 per person via EventBrite: <https://tinyurl.com/nh2myu7>



Education/Youth Sunday Sunday, June 1, 2025



Each year we take time in worship to recognize those who have served in the education ministry of our church—Sunday School teachers, Vacation Bible School volunteers, Children's Messengers, and others. And we celebrate those who are graduating from high schools or universities.

CALL FOR GRADUATES! If you or someone in your family will be graduating this spring, we would be happy to include you/them in our list of graduates. Contact the church office (fbc@fbcd Dayton.org) with the graduate's name, institution of learning, and degree if applicable; or you may include the info on a yellow card on Sunday. Also it would be helpful to know if you/they will be present in worship on that Sunday.



First Baptist Chancel Choir Concert *First Baptist Sings!*

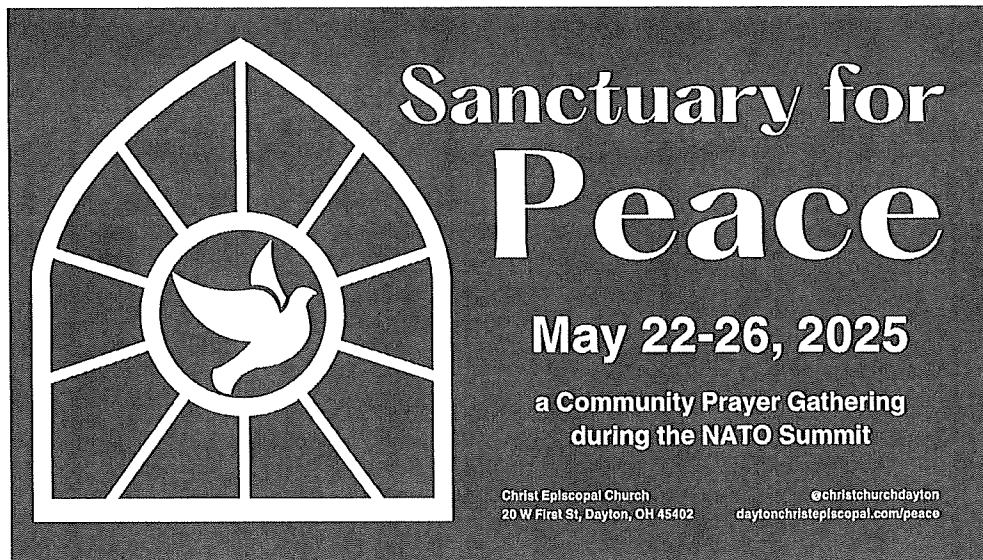
Sunday, June 1 @ 4:00PM
First Baptist Church of Dayton

First Baptist Church of Dayton will present **First Baptist Sings** on Sunday, June 1, 2025 at 4 p.m. and will feature choral selections of all sacred and religious genres including contemporary Christian music. The program, conducted by Dr. William Henry Caldwell, will feature the Chancel Choir and soloists accompanied by Gregory Land and R. Alan Kimbrough on organ and piano. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. A free will offering will be taken to support the Organ Fund.

SAVE THE DATES!

Church Picnic
Sunday, June 22
(Location to be announced)

Vacation Bible School
July 7-11, 2025 @ 9:30AM - Noon
For Grades PreK – 5th



Sanctuary for Peace

May 22-26, 2025

Christ Episcopal Church
(21 W First St)

This CEC event is for everyone in the community who wishes to offer words of encouragement and support for the work of peace, both through NATO and throughout the world.

Christ Episcopal Church will host "Sanctuary for Peace," a community gathering offering prayers for peace and maintaining a vigil for peace in our sanctuary during the NATO Summit. Open for all people of all faiths!

From May 22–26, downtown Dayton will be transformed into "NATO Village" when the NATO Parliamentary Association, including 300 parliamentarians from the 32 NATO countries, comes to town. Christ Episcopal Church Dayton is near the center of the secure zone, yet our church building will not stand empty; in recognition of the powerful need for peace in our time, we will offer "Sanctuary for Peace."

The church sanctuary will be open from 8am-8pm each day. Throughout the day we'll have prayer resources & prayer stations, music, and art projects to help guests engage in prayer and peaceful contemplation.

Structured prayer time will take place daily at 1pm (led by community faith partners from various practices & backgrounds) and at 7pm (evening prayer in the Episcopal tradition).

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Although Christ Church is inside the security zone, access is available by foot from about 1-2 blocks away.

Questions? Contact Rev. Peter Homeyer at 937-815-0236 or email christdaytonrector@gmail.com.

"Blessed are the Peace Makers"

BE A PART OF FBC DAYTON'S PRIDE PLANNING TEAM

We are once again planning to participate in Dayton Pride this year (June 7). If you would like to help with our preparations and/or join us in the parade and/or at our booth, please contact Pastor Jason (jalspaugh@fbcd Dayton.org). Here is a description of this year's theme:

Greater Dayton LGBT Center Announces Theme for Dayton Pride™ 2025: "Patchwork of Pride – Today, Tomorrow, Together"

Greater Dayton LGBT Center and the Dayton Pride Partnership are thrilled to announce the theme for the 2025 Dayton Pride™ Celebration: "Patchwork of Pride – Today, Tomorrow, Together." This year's celebration will take place on June 6-7 offering a vibrant and meaningful weekend to honor the LGBTQ+ community.

A Theme That Celebrates Unity and Diversity: "Patchwork of Pride" highlights the beauty, strength, and resilience of the LGBTQ+ community. Like a patchwork quilt created from diverse and colorful pieces, our community's rich tapestry is formed by unique identities, experiences, and cultures. Together, these elements create a powerful reminder of the strength found in diversity and unity.

Today- Honoring Our Progress: This theme encourages us to celebrate the progress made as a community. It's an opportunity to reflect on milestones, honor the contributions of activists and allies, and take pride in the vibrant culture we share.

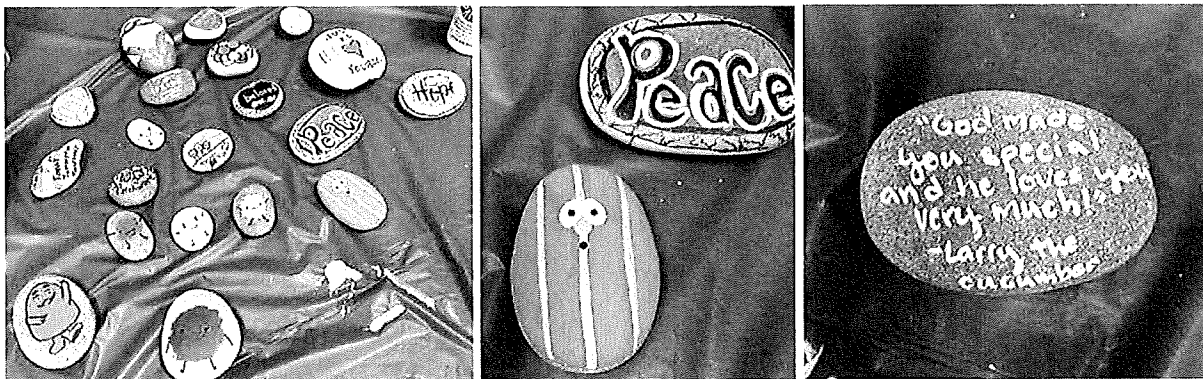
Tomorrow- Building an Inclusive Future: Looking forward, "Patchwork of Pride" emphasizes the importance of continued advocacy for LGBTQ+ rights. It calls on all members and allies to work toward a future of greater inclusivity and equity.

Together-Strength in Solidarity: Above all, this theme underscores the power of unity. By standing together and embracing our differences, we create a supportive network that uplifts every individual within the LGBTQ+ community.

Mark your calendars for June 6-7, and join us in celebrating the "Patchwork of Pride" that defines our shared journey. Together, let's honor the past, learn from the present, and build a brighter tomorrow.

ALSO...HELP US MAKE PRIDE ROCKS @ FBC DAYTON

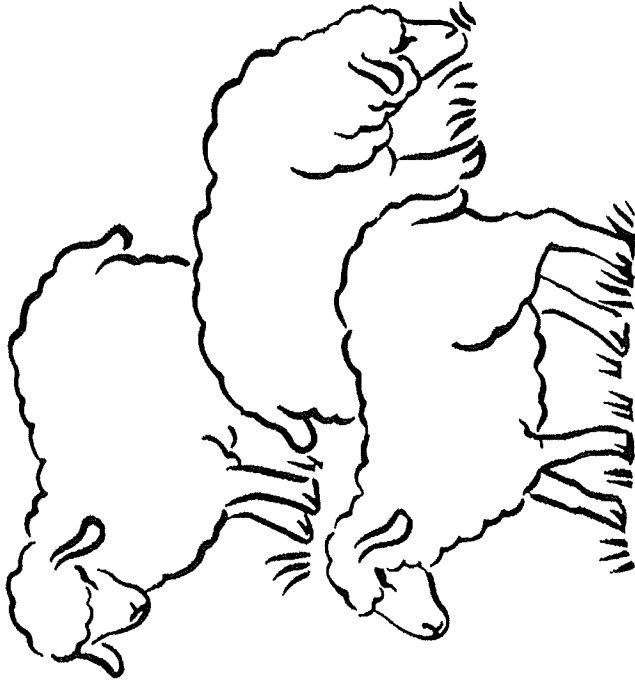
One of the really popular and appreciated items we give away at our booth at Dayton Pride have been Pride Rocks—i.e., painted rocks with beautiful images and words of affirmation. Rev. Dr. Karen Johnson has been tremendously helpful in making and providing these in recent years, but we'd like to invite others to join in this creative endeavor. There are rocks and painting supplies available on a table in the parlor next to the fellowship hall, where folks of all ages can make pride rocks for us to hand out at the summer festival. Thanks in advance for your help!




Send

Following our shepherd

You are one of Jesus' sheep. How can you follow Jesus, your good shepherd? Write your answer inside one of the sheep shapes. Have two people sitting nearby each write a different answer in the other two sheep shapes.



 Jesus, you are my good shepherd. Help me to trust in your love and care. Amen

This week

A good shepherd calls sheep by name. Find out how your name was chosen and what it means.

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Welcome to worship. Today is the fourth Sunday of Easter. Today is also called "Good Shepherd Sunday." In the Bible, Jesus is called the good shepherd. Jesus watches over us and keeps us safe, the way a shepherd protects sheep.



How many sheep are in this shepherd's flock? _____

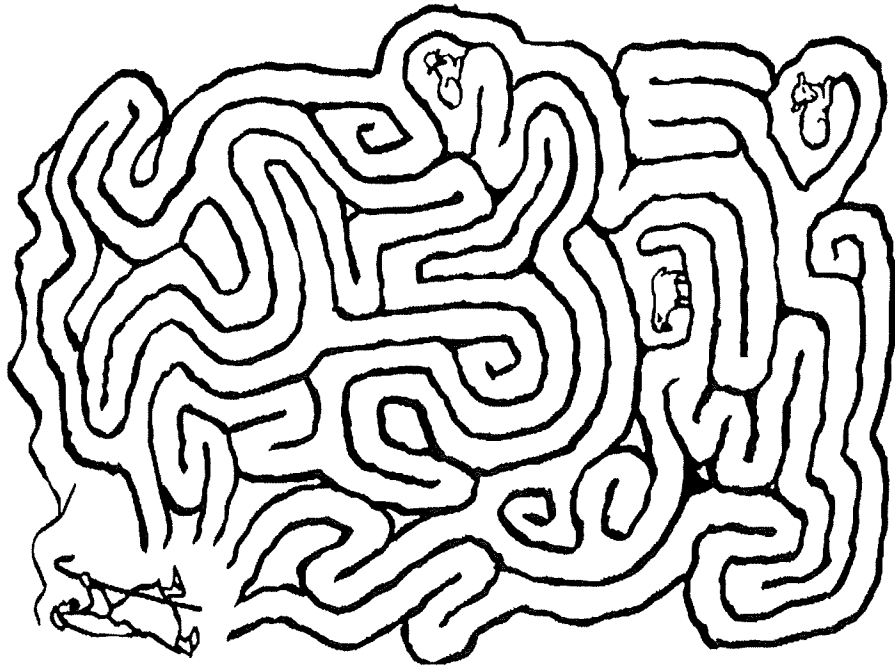
hear & celebrate

The good shepherd

John 10:22-30

Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me. No one will steal my sheep away from me. I give them everlasting life and they will be with me forever."

Help this
shepherd
find three
missing
sheep.



Psalms 23

The book of Psalms in the Bible is a collection of songs. Psalm 23 is about Jesus, our good shepherd.



The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
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.

Psalms 23:1-4 (NRSV)

