

Gathering of Prayer Concerns
Choral Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering
Reflection of Tithes and Offerings
*Doxology

***Offertory Prayer**

God of all nations, tribes, peoples, and languages, you have redeemed us by the blood of the Lamb; we go into all nations announcing your victory. We confess with our tongues that Christ is risen, pledge our obedience to follow him faithfully, and proclaim your majesty to the ends of the earth. Hear our prayer and accept our commitment, for they are offered in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Hymn #38 (Maroon)**

Bless be the Tie

*Charge to the People
*Choral Response
*Benediction
*Postlude

Session

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
Carolyn Bolinsky	Kathy Dryman	Linda Brummett
Geraldine Wallick	Melissa Beck	Carey Hixson
		Chris Metcalfe

Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Worship 11:00 a.m.

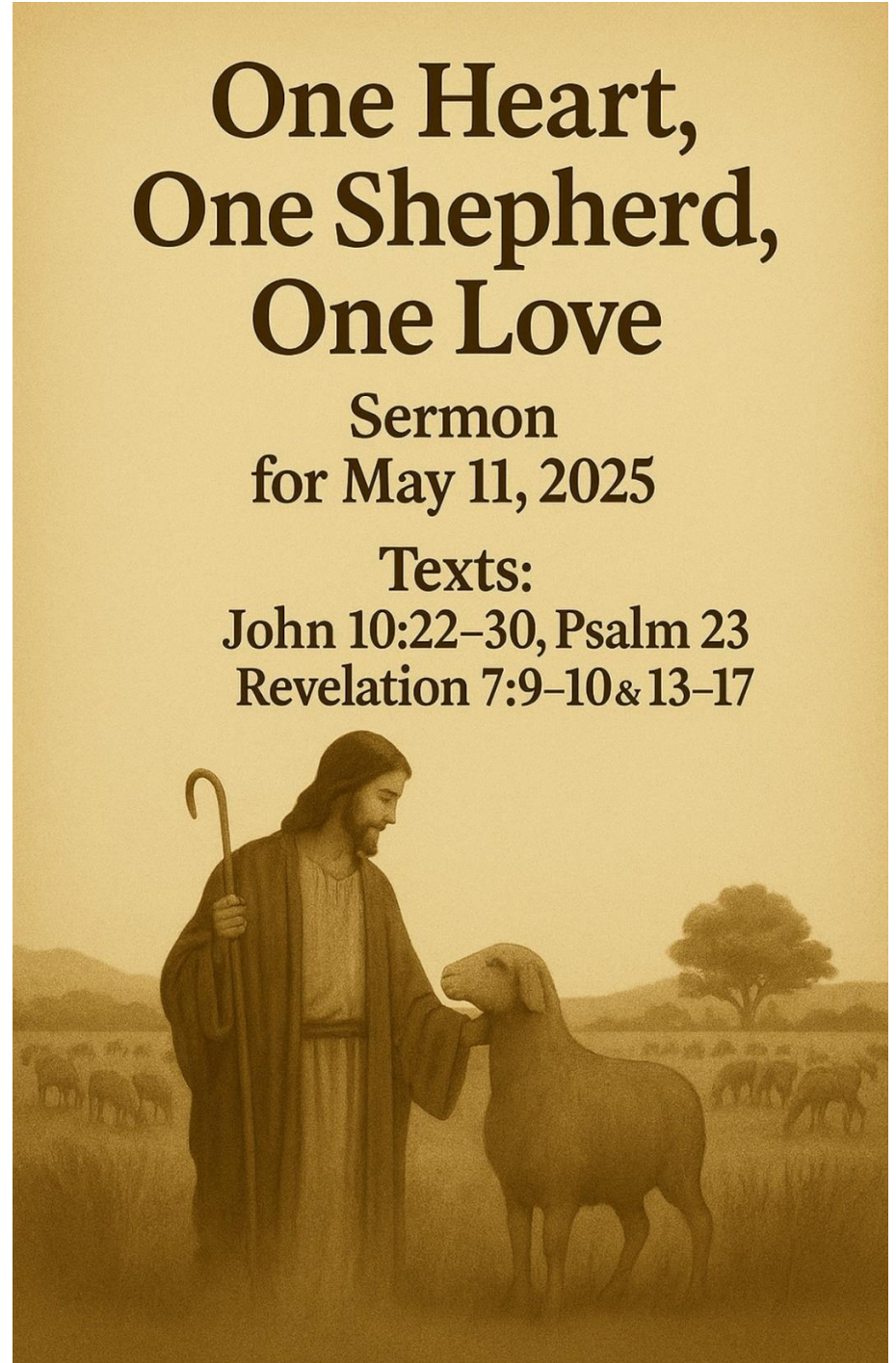
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One Heart, One Shepherd, One Love

**Sermon
for May 11, 2025**

**Texts:
John 10:22–30, Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9–10&13–17**



**First Presbyterian Church
of Rockwood**

May 11, 2025

Hope, Joy and Abundant Peace in Christ

Guest Pastor
Organist
Choir Director

Brad Parish
Geraldine Wallick
Dr. Chris Metcalfe

We will sing the 1st and last verse of each hymn

Prelude and Chime
Welcome and Announcements
Passing of the Peace
Choral Introit

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 23

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.
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.

***Opening Prayer**

Shepherd God, around whose table we gather, we give you praise. You lead us beside still waters, restoring our souls with your comforting presence. You lead us in paths of righteousness for the sake of Christ Jesus, who died for our salvation. Even though we walk through valleys that threaten us, we fear no evil. We shall dwell in your house all the days of our lives. For that assurance in Christ, we give you glory and honor. Amen.

Children's Moment

***Hymn #108 (Maroon)**

For the Beauty of the Earth

Call to Confession

Moment of silent confession

Litany of Affirmation

Brothers and sisters, to us has been sent the message of salvation
Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!

God raised Jesus from the dead; and for many days Jesus appeared to those who are now witnesses to the resurrection.

Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb.

We bring you're the good news that what God promised to our fathers and mothers has been fulfilled: Jesus is risen!

Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!

*Gloria Patri

#435 (Maroon)

Anthem

Recognition of Mothers

Hilda Osborne

Scripture Lesson

**Revelation 7:7-9, 13-17
John 10:24-30**

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

Sermon

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Responsive Reading

Cream Insert

Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed
(Hymnal xlv)

***Hymn #125 (Maroon)**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Church Prayer

O God of peace, You brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of Your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do Your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer Family

Sissy Shirer

Prayer List

Gail Beasley

Gary Bledsoe

Jim Brummett

Allen Carpenter

Judy Caughron

Richard Choate

Adam Cothron

Loretta Cunningham

Jeff Dyne

Larry Eaton

Buck & Vickie Fitzgerald

John Ford

Jace Greene

Gail Hardin

Sona Headrick

Brenda Ingle

Morgan James

Kennedy Ladd

Jack Ledford

Chasity Lowery

Chris Metcalfe

Rick Moore

Sona Moore

Esther Parish

Jim Pelfrey

Pete Preston

Bob & Mava Pritchard

Jeff Russell

Birthdays

13th Ann Snodgrass

15th Courtney Walker

Anniversaries

None this week.

Military List

Logan Flanagan

Maeghan Redmon Oviatt

Nathan Webster

Nellie Russell

Thomas Scandlyn

Larry Scherrill

Sue Sheldon

Chasity Strumbo

Scotty Thomas

Carolyn Tilley

Virgie Watson

Jamie Boles Wilson

George White

Jenny Wright

Donna & Jackie Wyrick

Also be in Prayer for:

All Caregivers

All First Responders

Our Congregation

All the People of the World

Announcements

- If you are visitor, please fill out the Welcome cards provided in the pews and place in the offering plate.
- Choir will not practice today.
- Congratulations to all graduates.
- Wilma Brummett would like to thank all those who helped to plant flowers around the church. Their hard work is very much appreciated.
- Elder training for the current session will be on Sunday, May 18 following worship service. A meal will be provided.
- Lemonade on the Lawn will be every Sunday after worship service, beginning on May 25. Please signup (in the narthex) for the Sunday you can host. If no host has signed up to provide lemonade, spend a few minutes meeting and greeting fellow worshippers on the lawn after service.

Looking Ahead

- May 24 – Love Kitchen
- May 25 – Lemonade on the Lawn Begins
- May 26 – Office Closed for Memorial Day
- May 29 - Session



Revelation 7:9-10, 13-17

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat,

¹⁷ 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.”

John 20:19-31

²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

Responsive Reading

In a world divided by argument, fear, and suspicion—
We come seeking one voice we can trust.

When we no longer know who or what to believe—

We remember: “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

Not a voice of conquest, but of compassion.

Not a voice of pride, but of presence.

Not a voice from the past, but the Shepherd who walks with us still.

“The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.”

In the valley of shadow and division

God prepares a table. God walks beside us.

When we feel broken inside, torn by doubt and burdened by guilt—

The Shepherd says, “I know you. I love you. You are mine.”

When fear tells us we are not enough

The Shepherd calls us by name and says, “No one will snatch you from my hand.”

One flock, not many. One Shepherd, not many voices.

One heart. One Shepherd. One love.

Listen for His voice.

Trust His hand.

All: Rest in His love. Amen.

