

 **PIEDMONT COMMUNITY**

**CHURCH**

*Worship*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024**

Don Ashburn begins new sermon series on Psalm 23.



**WELCOME**

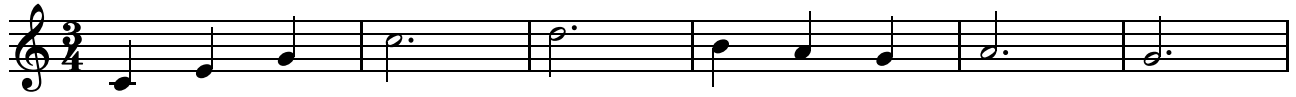
No matter your age, race, economic status, religious background, gender or sexual orientation, you are welcome here.

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# Morning has broken

*Bunessan*



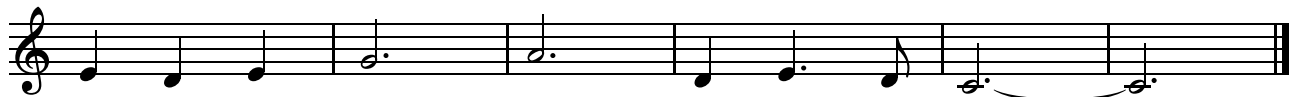
1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,  
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en,  
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing



black - bird has spo - ken like the first bird. \_\_\_\_\_  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass. \_\_\_\_\_  
born of the one light E - den saw play! \_\_\_\_\_



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,



Praise for them spring - ing fresh from the Word! \_\_\_\_\_  
sprung in com - plete - ness where His feet pass. \_\_\_\_\_  
God's re - cre - a - - tion of the new day. \_\_\_\_\_

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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**Welcome and Announcements**

Dr. Don Ashburn

**Prelude**

*Timbrel and dance*  
**The Handbell Ensemble**

Kevin McChesney  
(born 1963)

**\*Church Bell**

(\*The congregation is invited to stand)

**\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

**People: Calling us to heal and transform the brokenness and the violence of our world.**

Liturgist: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

**People: Calling us to seek out the lonely and the lost and those who need to experience God's love.**

Liturgist: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

**People: Calling us to be disciples to the world, blessed, healed, and filled with joyous good news!**

**All: Let us worship the God who lives among us in Christ!**

**\*Hymn**

Morning has broken

*Bunessan*

**Prayer of Confession**

Jo Giessler

Merciful and risen Savior, we claim to be people of the resurrection, yet we confess that far too often we do not experience resurrection power. Our prayers are anemic and our faith is shallow. We compartmentalize our lives, placing you on the sidelines of our work, family and play. We take too much for granted and fail to thank you for the blessings of health and relationships. We fail to be good stewards of your creation, and we become discouraged by problems, limitations and failures. Gracious God, forgive our shortsightedness and our lack of trust. Help us to see that you are at work in our lives and in the world. Inspire us to hold fast to you in faith, knowing that you are working all things for good and that because of the empty tomb, we have nothing to fear. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

**Words of Christian Greeting**

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

Dr. Ashburn

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 for ever. Amen.

**Anthem**

*Song without words*  
**Kate Benson, clarinet**  
**Karlson Can, 'cello**  
**The Handbell Ensemble**  
*—from the 2nd Suite in F, arr. Ron Mallory*

Gustav Holst  
(1874-1934)

**Scripture Text**

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;  
for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;  
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**Sermon**

“PSALM 23”  
*A Good Place To Be*  
Rev. Dr. Don Ashburn

**Offertory**

*The Bird's song*  
**Tina Harrington, alto**  
**Karlson Can, 'cello**  
**Stephen Main, piano**  
(For text, please see Psalm 23)

Ralph Vaughan Williams  
(1872-1958)

**\*Doxology**

(Hymnal, p. 572)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Jo Giessler

Bountiful God, we come with our offerings in response to your love. With the new life in Christ, we give ourselves in service to others. With the energy bestowed by the Spirit, we seek to inflame all your people with a zeal for your way. Receive the work we do, and the gifts we bring, that they may become a blessing in your sight. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**\*Hymn** (*See next page*)

Shepherd of all our days

*Italian hymn*

**\*Commission and Benediction**

Dr. Ashburn

**Voluntary**

*Improvisation*

Fellowship and light refreshments available in the church Courtyard.

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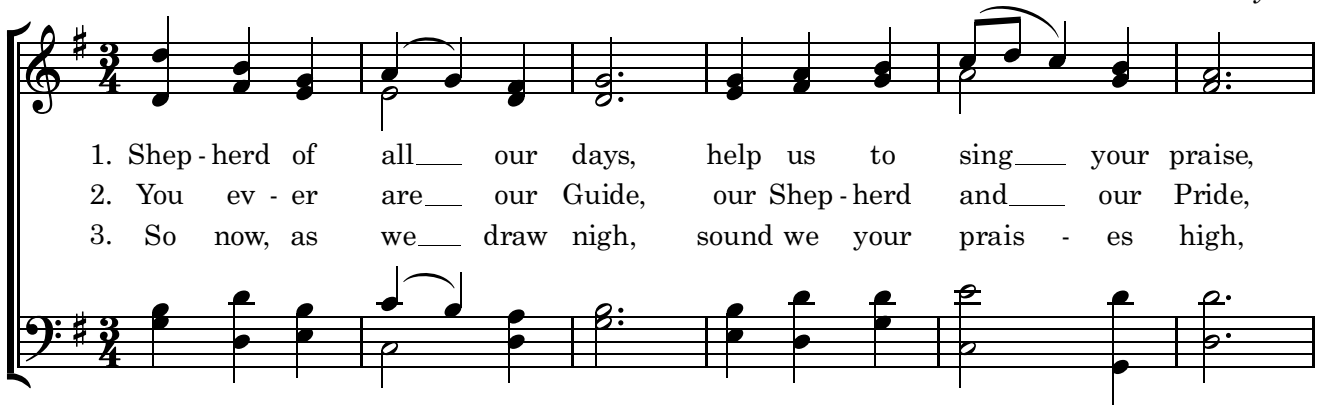
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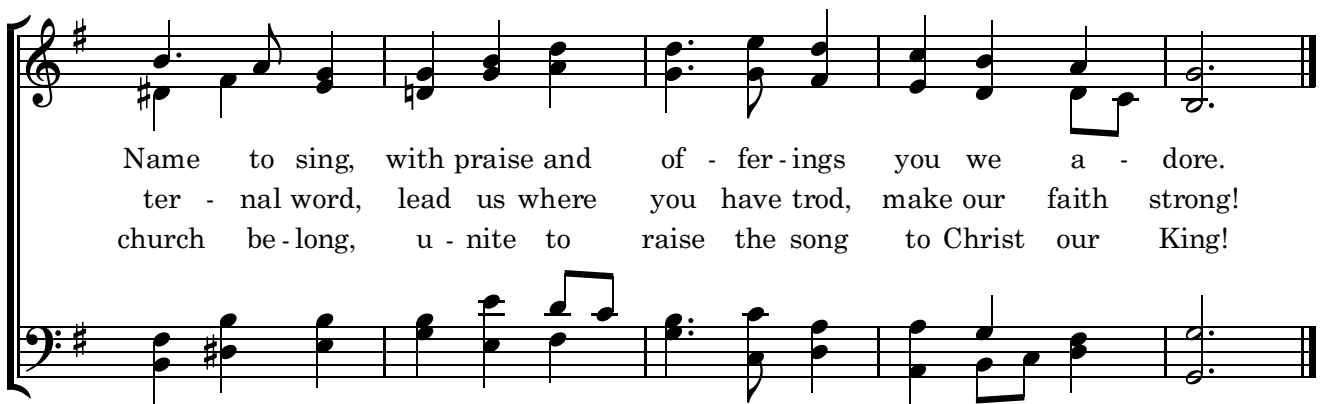
*Italian hymn*



1. Shep - herd of all our days, help us to sing your praise,  
2. You ev - er are our Guide, our Shep - herd and our Pride,  
3. So now, as we draw nigh, sound we your prais - es high,



for ev - er - more; Christ our tri - um - phant King, we come your  
our Staff and Song; Son of the Liv - ing God, by your e -  
and joy - ful sing; let all this ho - ly throng, who to your



Name to sing, with praise and of - fer - ings you we a - dore.  
ter - nal word, lead us where you have trod, make our faith strong!  
church be - long, u - nite to raise the song to Christ our King!

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are delighted and grateful that you have come to worship here this morning. Please silence your cell phones and wearable devices. Our greeters and Deacons will be available during the coffee hour to answer questions you may have about the church.

The Clara Barton Room (outside Sanctuary to the right) has closed circuit viewing of the service for parents with infants and young children. Please ask an usher for assistance if needed.

We especially welcome those of you who are visitors. If you would like more information about Piedmont Community Church, please visit our website at [PiedmontChurch.org](http://PiedmontChurch.org)

Worship in the Sanctuary takes place at 10am with organ, hymns, prayer and preaching. This service lasts about one hour. Our NextGen program for children and youth is provided at the same hour. We have devices for those who are hard of hearing. Please see an usher.

Communion is open to anyone who is called to receive the body and blood of Christ at the Lord's Table. It is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. If you have questions about the Lord's Supper, or about anything else at Piedmont Church, please contact one of the pastors.

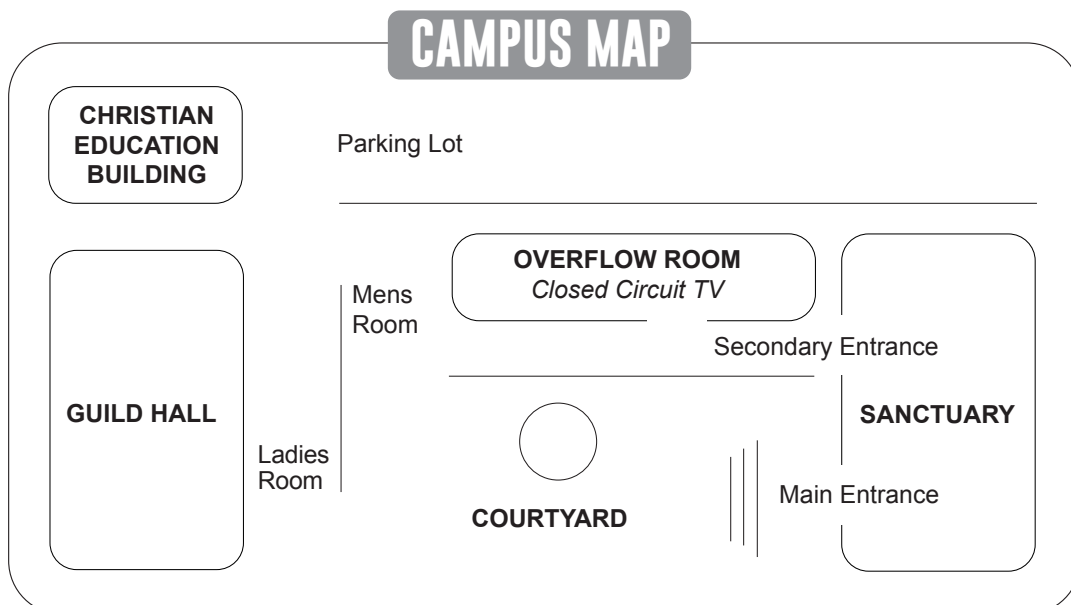
Baptisms for infants, youth and adults usually take place during worship. A meeting between the parents and the minister is required. Contact the church office at (510) 547-5700

**The flowers on the Chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cheryl Knickerbocker by her family.**

# UPCOMING MEMORIAL

## SHELAGH UDOVCH

A memorial service for church member Shelagh Udovch will be held in the Sanctuary on Friday, April 26, 11am.





PIEDMONT COMMUNITY

# CHURCH *Life*

## SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS



### SUMMER CAMP IN JUNE

Get ready for an incredible week of adventure at Piedmont Community Church's Kids Summer Camp with Scuba! It's a week of non-stop fun designed just for kids.

Fantastic worship and biblical truth presented in a very unique way, for kids ages 4 through 5th grade. This will be an awesome week for kids to build relationships with friends and leaders, and go deeper into their relationship with Christ. June 3-7 from 8:30am to noon and aftercare will be available for an additional fee from 12-3pm. We'll end the week with a fabulous Luau, water slide and other tropical fun.

Cost is \$189/per child. Aftercare from 12-3pm is available at an additional cost of \$75. Kids staying for aftercare should bring their own lunch. Registration deadline is June 1. Contact Kerry at [Kerry@PiedmontChurch.org](mailto:Kerry@PiedmontChurch.org)



### NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Are you interested in joining Piedmont Church? Or do you just want to learn more about who we are, what we believe and what we do? Then you're invited to attend our next Come and See gathering hosted by Steve Schibsted and Don Ashburn.

There are two dates and times to choose from (you need only attend one gathering): either on Saturday, April 20 from 9-11am, or Sunday, April 21 from 11:30am - 1:30pm.

We will be in the Guild Parlor to share a bit about who we are and what brings us to Piedmont Church and how we can grow together in faith and service. Refreshments will be provided.

Childcare is available for younger children. You can sign up in the Courtyard after worship.

Contact Don Ashburn at [Don@PiedmontChurch.org](mailto:Don@PiedmontChurch.org)



### STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN WRAP-UP

**We have achieved 79% of our goal of \$1.2M. We're asking everyone to participate in the Stewardship Campaign.**

Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment and indicate your support on a digital card by clicking below, or by calling Toni Fischer at (510) 547-5700 ext 102. Thank you!

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