

# THE OLIN T. BINKLEY MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

APRIL 26, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



*The Good Shepherd* by Julien Dupre

“The 23rd Psalm (Dedicated To My Mother)” by Bobby McFerrin

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need  
She makes me lie down in green meadows  
Beside the still waters, She will lead

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs  
She leads me in a path of good things  
And fills my heart with songs

Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land  
There is nothing that can shake me  
She has said She won't forsake me  
I'm in her hand

She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes  
She anoints my head with oil  
And my cup overflows

Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me  
All the days of my life  
And I will live in her house  
Forever, forever and ever

Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter  
And to the Holy of Holies  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be  
World, without end. Amen

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

RINGING THE SANCTUS BELL

PRELUDE

The Risen Savior's Diadem  
*Mike Harris, organist*

*arr. by Eric Lewis*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Caring Shepherd,  
you supply all our needs.  
**We celebrate God's generous care of us all.**

Good Shepherd,  
you stretch out your hands towards us  
to lead us through the dark and fearful times in life.  
**We celebrate God's compassion and understanding.**

Gracious Shepherd,  
your goodness and mercy nurtures and blesses us,  
and it enriches our souls.  
**We celebrate God's mercy and loving-kindness.**

Let us gather our hearts and minds this Lord's day, praying,  
**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need your tender care.**

\*HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your heart.  
**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

\*CELTIC ALLELUIA



RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT & BLESSING

*Stacy Gunter*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Claire Dillashaw*

*Please pass the Friendship Registers found on each row.  
Complete the requested information and then pass it back down the row.  
Thank you for worshipping with us at Binkley!*

*Children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go to the Sunroom at this time.  
Parents, please pick up your children at this location following Worship.*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 23

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.  
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.

John 10:1-10

The truth of the matter is, whoever doesn't enter the sheepfold through the gate but climbs in some other way is a thief and a robber. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep, the one for whom the keeper opens the gate. The sheep know the shepherd's voice; the shepherd calls them by name and leads them out. Having led them all out of the fold, the shepherd walks in front of them and they follow because they recognize the shepherd's voice. They simply won't follow strangers—they'll flee from them because they don't recognize the voice of strangers." Even though Jesus used this metaphor with them, they didn't grasp what he was trying to tell them. He therefore said to them again: "The truth of the matter is, I am the sheep gate. All who came before me were thieves and marauders whom the sheep didn't heed. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be safe—you'll go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy. I came that you might have life and have it to the full.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

HEARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

*Susan Rogers*

CALL TO PRAYER

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

*Lori Barbier, soloist*

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am God's and God is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul God leadeth,  
And, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with Thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE AND MORNING PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Rejoice, Sing and Praise

G. F. Handel

Rejoice, sing and praise to the Lord most high.

\*DOXOLOGY

*Please sign with the leader or simply sing.*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SERMON "Much We Need God's Tender Care" *Marcus McFaul*

\*HYMN My Shepherd, You Supply My Need 80

\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Festal Postlude Stephan Otis



**The flowers today are in gratitude for Carol Miller's leadership as Moderator of Church Council this past year.**

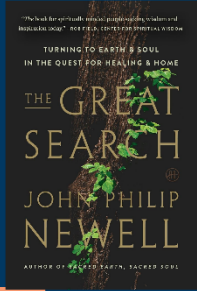

More information on the cover art this week - The Good Shepherd by Julien Dupre 1851-1910. Images of women agricultural workers became a popular subject in French painting of the mid-late 19th century. Julien Dupre drew on that popular theme and moved it to allegory, with the naming of a shepherdess as the "good shepherd." Christ, the spiritual Good Shepherd, becomes a calming presence without being pictured, simply by the artist's use of sheep, staff/rod, and one who tends the flock. Part of the Vanderbilt University collection.

**Next Sunday: May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Celebration of Communion. We will recognize our Choral Scholars for their year of outstanding contributions to our community. Dr. McFaul preaches from I Peter 2:2-10, a sermon entitled, “Building a People.”**

**Eastertide to Pentecost Book Read**

**The Great Search: Turning to Earth and Soul in the Quest for Healing and Home**  
by John Philip Newell

Thursdays, Noon  
In the Lounge  
With Dr. McFaul  
for 4/30 read  
Chapter 4 : Carl Jung.

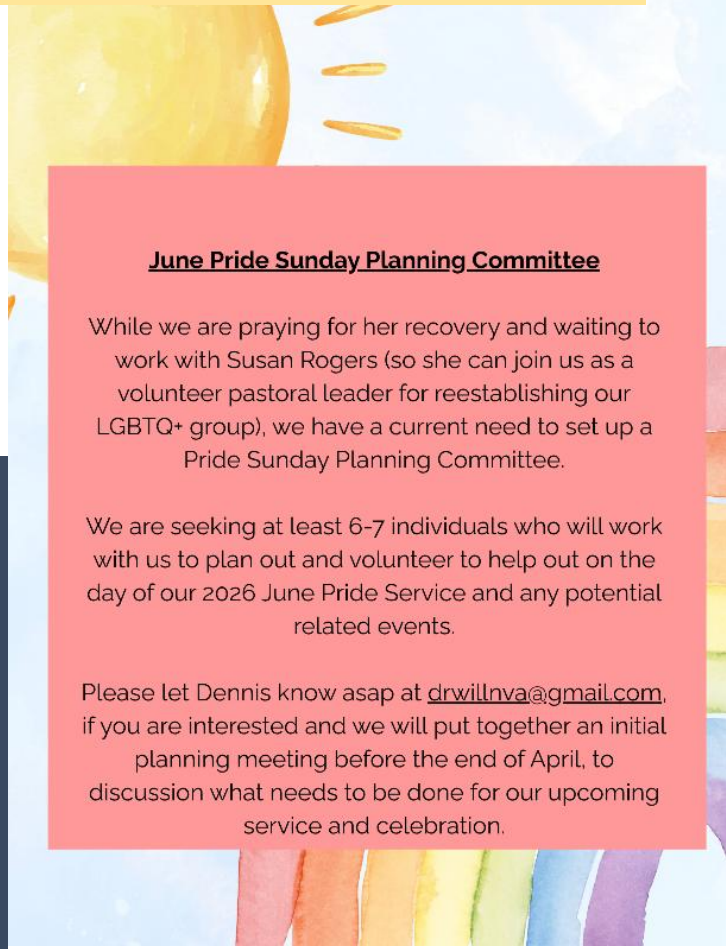



**June Pride Sunday Planning Committee**

While we are praying for her recovery and waiting to work with Susan Rogers (so she can join us as a volunteer pastoral leader for reestablishing our LGBTQ+ group), we have a current need to set up a Pride Sunday Planning Committee.

We are seeking at least 6-7 individuals who will work with us to plan out and volunteer to help out on the day of our 2026 June Pride Service and any potential related events.

Please let Dennis know asap at [drwillnva@gmail.com](mailto:drwillnva@gmail.com), if you are interested and we will put together an initial planning meeting before the end of April, to discuss what needs to be done for our upcoming service and celebration.



# Inquirer's Conversation

**Saturday, May 16th  
10 am -2pm in the Lounge**

**Are you interested in formally uniting as a member at Binkley? Curious about our history as well as learning more about our mission and ministries? Then this half-day session is for you!  
Join Dr. McFaul in the lounge for this conversation and lunch.  
Sign up: email [Marcus@binkleychurch.org](mailto:Marcus@binkleychurch.org)**

1. Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten-der care;  
 2. We are thine; do thou be- friend us; be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3. Ear-ly let us seek thy fa- vor; ear-ly let us do thy will;

in thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre- pare,  
 keep thy flock; from sin de- fend us; seek us when we go a- stray,  
 bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with thy love our spir-its fill.

Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear thy chil-dren when we pray;  
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

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# 80 My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

1. My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly  
 2. When through the shades of death I walk, your pres - ence  
 3. Your sure pro - vi - sions, gra - cious God, at - tend me

is your name; in pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be -  
 is my stay; one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives  
 all my days; O may your house be my a - bode, and

side the liv - ing stream. You bring my wand - 'ring spir - it  
 all my fears a - way. Your hand, in sight of all my  
 all my work be praise. Here would I find a set - tled

back, when I for - sake your ways; you lead me,  
 foes, does still my ta - ble spread; my cup with  
 rest, while oth - ers go and come; no more a

for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
 bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.  
 stran - ger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

# Church in Conference

TODAY after the worship service in the Sanctuary to vote on Council.



## Proposed Church Council Officers 2026-27

**Moderator: Alice Glover**

**Moderator-Elect: Alan Brown**

Recording Secretary & Historian: Katie Cartmell

Diaconate Chair: Sue Wallace

**\*Diaconate-Elect: Roal Carlson**

Administration and Finance Cluster Chair: Hal Young

**Christian Formation Chair: Herman Greene**

Member-at-Large: Lisa Parks

**Member-at-Large: Delma Armstrong**

**Outreach Chair: Carol Miller**

Building & Grounds Chair: Susan Preston

Membership & Fellowship Chair: Terry Honeycutt

Music Chair: Kevin Ramer

\*non voting members include the Diaconate Chair-Elect and all committee/working group chairs

We have THREE available dates in May for flower sign ups!

*Say it with Flowers*

Sign up to provide flowers for the communion table

**2026 Flower Sign Ups are NOW available.**

Sign Up [Here](#), email Janet O'Neal at [joneal23@nc.rr.com](mailto:joneal23@nc.rr.com) or scan the QR code below.

Celebrating an occasion?

Honoring a loved one?



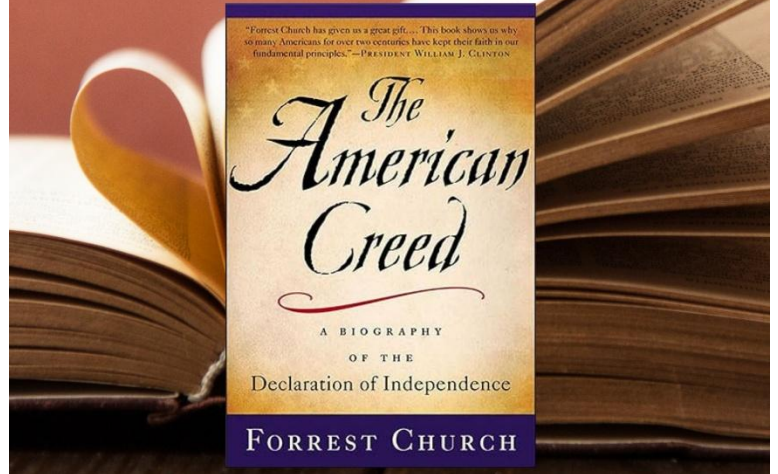
April 26<sup>th</sup> Herman Green will begin teaching "American in Crisis: The Need for Renewal and Refounding." @ 9:45 in the Lounge. Further information below. This class will run until May 17<sup>th</sup>.



### America in Crisis: The Need for Renewal and Refounding

Herman Greene will lead a four-week Sunday school class from **April 26 to May 17** on "New Foundations for America." Here are the classes: **April 26:** The First Founding (1776-91) the American Creed; **May 3:** The Second Founding (1863-1877) "A New Birth of Freedom"; **May 10:** Attempts to re-establish the United States (2010-) as an illiberal democracy; and **May 17:** The need for a Third Founding (2026 - ) to more fully realize the American Creed and to meet the ecological and other challenges of our time.

Marcus McFaul (May 3), David Price (May 10), and Walter Bennett (May 10) will assist in teaching this class



## About the new crystal sculptures in the Narthex:

The Grandmother's Crystal Memory Totems are sculptural assemblages of reclaimed glass and crystal. They are used to commemorate, honor maternal ancestors, or preserve specific histories or events and are cherished items that demonstrate respect and community heritage. They refract light into soft, calming colors. These works have been described as "memory holders," evoking peace, comfort, and continuity. Residents often respond strongly to light-based art, and these sculptures offer a gentle sensory experience suitable for all ages, including those with cognitive decline or chronic illness.

### ABOUT THE ARTIST

Elizabeth M.T. O'Neal is a formally trained sculptor (BFA, University of Dallas) and the founder and director of Protect All Children's Environment (PACE). Her work combines assemblage, light, and reclaimed materials to explore memory, home, and intergenerational care, inspired by the crystal-lit gatherings of her mother's and grandmother's homes.

Protect All Children's Environment (PACE) places gentle, crystal sculptural installations in places of worship, nursing homes, libraries, and other shared spaces to support calm, welcoming, and healing environments. This program is part of PACE's broader mission to raise awareness of Toxicant-Induced Loss of Tolerance (TILT) and to build support for the many unmet needs of those who are chemically disabled, including research into safe, special-needs housing.

This sculpture installation was sponsored by the Binkley Art Room Committee

An Evening of  
**Classical Music**  
 April 26, 2026  
 7:00 pm  
 Binkley Sanctuary  
**TONIGHT**

Featuring:  
 Chancel Choir, Binkley Bells, Choral Scholars, Mike Harris, Brooks de Wetter-Smith, Kai-Li Ho, and a string quartet from the North Carolina Symphony

Performing music from the Renaissance through the 21st century, including Victoria, Handel, Mozart, Mendelssohn, and others.

A free will offering will be taken, with proceeds going to support the music program at Binkley.  
 A reception will follow the concert



Join with your fellow Binklers on Sunday afternoon, May 3 at 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy singing a few of our favorites. Plan to stay around after the Hymn Sing to enjoy ice cream and conversation with your Binkley friends.



**Sunday Afternoon Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social**

Is there a hymn that has been especially significant in your faith formation? Or one that brings a flood of memories every time you hear it? Or one that inspires or challenges you in a particular way? Join with your fellow Binklers on Sunday afternoon, May 3 at 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy singing a few of our favorites. *Now is the time to let us know your favorites.* Please list below up to five of your favorite hymns, and return this form to Sally or Diane, or leave it in either of our mail boxes in the work room or in the metal drop box on the welcome desk by April 26. Ice cream and toppings will be available after the sing.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

## Our Stewardship of Giving:

As of April 3, the Year-to-Date amount given is **\$300,779.64** and our Year-to-Date budgeted amount is **\$ 240,288.00** . Thank you for your continued generous financial support to our ministries at Binkley.

### Binkley Senior Adult Ministry Updates From Diane Eubanks Hill, Minister with Senior Adults



The coming months bring a variety of opportunities for community and learning and inspiration.

**Sunday Afternoon Hymn Sing** The time is here for you to make known your requests! Is there a beloved hymn that we've not sung recently in worship? Or one that has been especially significant in your faith formation? Or one that brings a flood of memories every time you hear it? Or one that inspires or challenges you in a particular way? We know that singing together reduces stress and supports our physical and emotional health! Join with your fellow Binklers next Sunday afternoon, May 3 at 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy a few of our favorites. Consider your requests, then fill out the insert found in your worship bulletin TODAY! and return it to Sally or Diane right away. Or, you may prefer to email your requests to [sally@binkleychurch.org](mailto:sally@binkleychurch.org) or [diane@binkleychurch.org](mailto:diane@binkleychurch.org). Plan to linger after the Hymn Sing to enjoy ice cream and conversation with your Binkley friends.

**Back Porch Brunch and Book Discussion -Monday, June 1, 10:30 a.m.** Gather on my back porch to discuss our responses to Joan Chittister's fascinating book *The Gift of Years – Growing Older Gracefully*. The book is composed of about 40 brief chapters on topics such as transformation, fulfillment, learning, loneliness, and nostalgia. In her introduction, Chittister writes: "This is a book for those who are on the brink of old age, ...for those who are concerned about their parents, ...and for those who do not 'feel' old, whatever their chronological age, but who one day realize with a kind of numbing astonishment that they have not managed to elude it. They are older than they ever thought they could possibly become." You may want to think in terms of where you felt challenged or encouraged by this book.

Did something she said make you uncomfortable? I hope you'll find a copy, enjoy it, and come to think about it out loud with your friends, but feel free to come even if you've not read a single page. I'll furnish sourdough sweet rolls, OJ, and decaf. Bring any brunch item you'd like to share with your friends. No registration needed.

**Aging in Community led by April Kemper.** This group enjoyed a stroll through the NC Botanical Gardens recently. What an amazing spot and what great companions! Watch for the next opportunity to gather with this group as we ponder how to respond positively to the challenges of aging. Please send suggestions to April ([ae913@gmail.com](mailto:ae913@gmail.com)) regarding future topics.

The Senior Adult Planning Team meets next on Wednesday, May 13 at 10:30 a.m. If you have ideas or questions about this ministry, please communicate with one of the Planning Team members listed below.

All events offered by Binkley's Senior Adult Ministry are open to anyone interested, no matter the age. Questions? Contact a Senior Adult Planning Team Member (Tonya Hamm, Buck Horton, April Kemper, Denise Laux, Craig Meisner, Elizabeth Perry, Betty Prioux, Sheryl Scrimsher, Dennis Will or Diane Eubanks Hill, Minister with Senior Adults)

## Children & Youth Activities

Date	Children	Youth
April 26	Chapel @ 9 Sunday School @ 9:45 Worship with Children @ 11	Chapel @ 9 Sunday School @ 9:45 Worship @ 11
May 3	Chapel @ 9 Sunday School @ 9:45 Worship @ 11	Chapel @ 9 Sunday School @ 9:45 Worship @ 11

## BINKLEY PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

### CHURCH FAMILY

Liz Medefesser	Chet & Verla Insko	Al Wheless & Melissa Moore	Martha Smith & Allison Smith
Maribel Bruno	Howard Tate	Deborah Tippett	Kay Maltbie
Sue Wallace	Bo Lloyd	Lyn Lamont	Phala Gellert and Family
Mike Ennis	Lori Barbier		Jim Wise
Jerry and Eileen Richards	Karin Mills		

**We extend our sympathies to Howard Lee & family on the death of his brother, Walter, on Tuesday.**

### HEALTH CENTER RESIDENTS AND THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL

Laurence & Rachel Avery	Betty Bean	Nell Morton	Ruth Ann Ross	Yvonne Holt
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### EXTENDED FAMILY

Renzo Hernandez (Maribel Bruno)	Joe Grieshaber (Karen Long)	Lillian Moneyhun (Gloria Lightsey-Lewis)
Antonio Faria Bonano (Maribel Bruno)	Luisa Euwema (Julie Lentz)	Ethan & Charlotte Zolit (Martha Hutt)
Lidsi Diaz (Maribel Bruno)	Keith Siegel (Kimberly Eastman Zirkle)	Roy Cotton (Karen Long)
Anthony Taylor (Dorothy Pennell)	Valerie Harper (April Harper)	Ruby Switzer (Katherine Walker)
Jerry Nettles (Phala Gellert)	Penny Freeman (Wendy Gellert)	Ben Armfield (Susan Rogers)
Thomas McIlwain (Ashley Nissler)	Rowan Caraway (Dennis Will)	Kathy Gregory Bell (Myra Knight)
Philip Callen (Karen Long)	Randolph Wilson (Denise Laux)	Charles and Joyce Ham (Angie Hutto)
Banner & Ingrid Carrera (Dorothy Pennell)	Michele DeRieux (Kathryn Handley)	Gene Carpenter (Libba Wells)
Jan & David Edwards (S. Ketchin)	Tom Dagenhart (Diane Eubanks Hill)	Bill Daniel (V Sue Wallece)
Mark Price (Jan Young)	Joyce Davis (Karin Mills)	Debbie Hawkins (Mike Hawkins)
Betty Hillman (Martha and Ginger Greene)	Wonja Kang (BH Baek mother)	

### CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS

The Comprehensive Rural Health Project, Jamkhed Tan & Scott Coats (Myanmar missionaries)	Pinheiro Baptist Church, Maceio, Brazil - Odja Barros & Wellington Santos, Pastors
The People of Iran	People of Sudan
Hope Flowers School – Issa Family	Pastor Ishan Biswas, Native Evangelical Church, Bangladesh
Palestinian and Israeli victims of violence	Men of Orange Correctional Center
	The People of Ukraine

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