

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025

Prelude

Nenad Ivović

Welcome

Rev. Greg Mobley

Announcements

***Call to Worship** *Psalm 23*

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

People: He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside still waters.

Leader: He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me to the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

People: 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.

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

People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Kids' Church Children are welcome to meet in the entrance area of the sanctuary for Kids Church in the Parish House.

Nicole Giannetta &
Becca Costa

***Gathering Hymn** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Led Us* #327 Red Hymnal

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus thou hast bought us, thine we are;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus thou hast bought us thine we are.

We are thine; do thou befriend us; be the guardian of our way; keep thy flock; from sin defend us;
seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear thy children when they pray;
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear thy children when they pray.

Early let us seek thy favor; early let us do thy will; blessed Lord and only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still,
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast loved us, love us still.

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture *1 Corinthians 13* (pg.1000 in your pew Bible)

Sermon *Love*

***Hymn** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* # 199 Red Hymnal

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb up on his throne; Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own; awake my soul and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time, creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity. Amen.

Service of Prayer

Joys and Concerns / Prayers of the People
Pastoral Prayer and Silent Prayer
Lord's Prayer (debts)

Offering

Call to Offering

Choir Anthem *Love Lifted Me* Arr. Patti Drennan Faye Chen & FCCW Choir

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; (or) Praise God, from Whom All blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise God for all that love has done;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Praise Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn *Love Divine, All Love Excelling* #228 Red Hymnal

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humbling dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown; Jesus thou art all compassion; pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit,
let us find thy promised rest; take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore
thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise. Amen.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Postlude

*Please rise in body or in spirit

Welcome to Candidating Weekend: May 17 & 18!

The Pastoral Search Committee invites all members and friends of FCCW to share in the events of this very special weekend when you will meet and vote upon our proposed candidate to serve as FCCW's 51st pastor, Rev. Andrew Wicks. Below is an outline of the plans ...

- **Saturday, May 17 (3:00 – 4:30 p.m.)** We welcome you to meet and greet Rev. Wicks and his family at an informal reception in the Parish Hall.

- **Sunday, May 18**
 - **Worship Service:** Please share in our worship service, in-person or via Zoom, where Rev. Wicks will offer the sermon.
 - **Special Congregational Meeting:** Immediately after worship, we will convene a Special Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary. The Search Committee will make a brief presentation about our search process, invite all members and friends to ask questions about Rev. Wicks and the search process.
 - **Vote:** Following this discussion, members of FCCW will vote on Rev. Wicks' candidacy to become our pastor. Members who cannot be present in-person, will be able to vote via Zoom. The information on how to vote via Zoom will be shared at the meeting.

Faithfully Yours,
Search Committee



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP HOME-GOODS DRIVE

The Men's Fellowship, on hiatus for a while, is back and sponsoring a home-goods drive to support the Woodbridge Food Pantry. The pantry is in great need of cleaning and personal hygiene supplies to augment the food they provide to our Woodbridge neighbors in need. The need stems from the shortage of donations of non-food items to the pantry. Items will be collected throughout May in a box located in the coat hanging area in the Parish House lobby. There will also be collection bags in the narthex on Sunday Mornings. The supplies will be taken to the Food Pantry periodically during the drive rather than waiting for one big delivery once the drive ends. Below is a list of supplies that are needed. Please be generous but please only donate the items the Food Pantry wants.

Thank you for your support!

Cleaning Products: laundry detergent and pods, dish washing soap and pods, antibacterial wipes, spray cleaners, Lysol

Personal Hygiene Products: shampoo and conditioner, unscented soaps, deodorants, Kleenex, shaving supplies

They could also use some **specific food items:** cooking oils, salad dressings, mayo, coffee & tea (both caffeinated and decaffeinated).

Make sure food items are not about to expire.



NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

FOLLOWING THE SUNDAY SERVICE

The membership of the First Church of Christ, Woodbridge is hereby called to a special meeting in the Church Sanctuary on Sunday, May 18, 2025 immediately following the Sunday Service in order to:

Receive and act upon the Search Committee's recommendation to call the Rev. Andrew J. Wicks as FCCW's next Pastor.

No other business will be conducted at this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Stoddard, Clerk

NOTE: The vote on this motion will be by paper ballot. The result being determined by the number of members in attendance who vote "yes" or "no".

Votes by members on ZOOM will be reported by the ZOOM host to the Tellers Committee, per Roberts Rules of Orders. Members attending on ZOOM via phone will verbally give their vote to the ZOOM host.

Farm Petting Zoo for Mother's Day

Sunday, May 11

1:00 - 2:30 p.m

- Baby goats, bunnies, llamas, donkeys, sheep & more
- Lawn games & sidewalk art

5 Meetinghouse Lane
Woodbridge
(on the lawn by
the Parish House)

More information (203) 936-9356

