

GOSPEL^{OF}JOHN

What is Abundant Life?

In John 10:10, Jesus says, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy, but I have come so that you may have life and have it abundantly.” The Good Shepherd is the antithesis of the thief because the Shepherd always has in mind what is best for the sheep. Jesus, The Good Shepherd, is here to lead us into green pastures, next to quiet waters, and to lead us eventually to abundantly life with him.

When we begin to follow Jesus, we are given SALVATION. When we keep following him, we are given LIFE. This includes life here on Earth that is full of grace and truth, but also eternal life with Him.

The Good Shepherd comes to the sheep, calls the sheep, and cares for his sheep, and He is leading us down paths of righteousness. If we decide to give our ear to him, listen for his voice, follow where he leads, that will lead to life that is more and better than we ever dreamed.



arbor dale PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 25, 2018

Welcome!

We are grateful that you joined us today for worship and would love to keep in touch.

We have a nursery for infants and toddlers. After the Passing of the Peace, Pre-K through 2nd Grade continue to worship upstairs.

After the service, please join us downstairs for refreshments provided by Arbor Dale's Peace Group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Refreshments for next Sunday:
Patience Group. Contact Patty Keeney, 828-393-9361.

FAF schedule for March:
Manna Truck - Thurs. March 8 and March 22 at 10 a.m.
Packing - Fri. March 23 at 8:30 a.m.
Distribution - Fri. March 30 at 8:15 a.m.

Nicaragua Trip: June 23. If you're interested in going, please see Kathryn Gatewood.

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Prayer of preparation

Psalm 23 ~ NIV

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

*He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes
my soul.*

*He guides me along the right paths for his
name's sake.*

*Even though I walk through the darkest
valley, I will 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 your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the
house of the Lord forever.*

Psalm 23 ~ KJV

*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.*

* Congregation Stands

Service for the Lord's Day — February 25, 2018

Greeting

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements

* Call to Worship

~Psalm 95:6-7

Leader: Come, bow down and worship, kneel to the Lord, our Maker.

All: This is our God, our shepherd, we are the flock led with care

* Opening Hymn

#690 He Leadeth Me

* Opening Prayer

* Hymn of Praise

#384 Spirit Song

* Call to Confession

Though the way seems long and the road rough, we will trust the One who leads us. Though the direction is unknown and we don't know the outcome, we will place our lives in Christ's loving care. It is Christ who brings us out to green pastures and restores our souls. It is Christ who gives us hope and peace. So let us walk through the valley of the shadow of death as we confess our sins.

* Confession

Father, we stand at the gate and peer through. We keep creating our own ways. We keep believing that we know what is in our own best interest. We keep ignoring the voice of the Shepherd you sent who will guide us to peace and hope. We wander aimlessly and then wonder why we get so lost. Forgive us our stubbornness and stupidity. Help us stop and listen to the Shepherd's voice. Let us place our trust in the your Son who laid down his life for the sheep, who has never failed us, who loves and guides our lives. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

~ Psalm 23

* The Gloria Patri and Passing the Peace

Children's Sermon

Prayers of the People

Scripture and Sermon

*John 10:1-21 ~ Abundant Life
Brandon Davis*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Leader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Offering and Offertory

* Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived
by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pon-
tius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into
hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into
heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I be-
lieve in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion
of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and
the life everlasting.*

* Hymn of Dedication

#688 Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

* Benediction