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Kilmarnock Baptist Church

Welcome to Worship!

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Order of Worship

Please quiet voices, hearts, and cell phones in preparation for worship.

Preparation:

We have all heard the phrase "Walk the Talk" and the variants of which we all now roll our eyes at when we hear. But its central truth remains. If you are going to be a people who love others, you need to do much more than just talk about it.

– Dave Pepler

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude	<i>The Lord's My Shepherd</i>	arr: Harold De Cort
Choral Call to Worship	<i>He Is Lord</i>	arr. by Tom Fettke
Welcome and Announcements		Dave Pepler
Invocation		Dave Pepler
Hymn * 338	<i>How Firm A Foundation</i>	FOUNDATION

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

*"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.*

*"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.*

*"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"*

Scripture Reading	Psalm 23	Bob Gray
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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.

Offertory Hymn * 52 *He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought* HE LEADETH ME

He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!

He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me:

His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,

By waters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis His hand that leadeth me!

He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me:

His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, nor ever murmur nor repine;

Content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me!

He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me:

His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when, by Thy grace, the victory's won,

E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me!

He leadeth me, he leadeth me; by His own hand He leadeth me:

His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.

Offertory Prayer

Dave Pepler

Offertory

Cantilena In C

Chester Nordman

Doxology

Choral Anthem

The Church's One Foundation

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Sermon Text

1 John 3: 16 - 18

Dave Pepler

We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

Sermon

"Rolling Up Your Sleeves"

Dave Pepler

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd 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:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, hear, O hear us when we pray.*

*Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, early let us turn to Thee;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, early let us turn to Thee.*

*Early let us seek Thy favor, early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with Thy love our beings fill:
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.*

Benediction

Dave Pepler

Postlude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

William & Hughes

Chimes



* If you are able, please stand.

† If you have decided to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ and/or join the Kilmarnock Baptist Church family, you may signal that by coming forward to meet the minister during the final hymn.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

Pot Luck Lunch – TODAY, followed by Dave's final FOCUS group
Jewish Passover – Begins Monday, April 22nd at sundown, through April 30th
J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) Meeting – Tuesday, April 23rd at 10:00 am
Website Group Meeting – Wednesday, April 24th at 10:00 am
Prayer Shawl Knitting – Wednesday, April 24th at 10:30 am
Choir Practice – Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Men's Bible Study – Thursdays at 9:30 am
Quarterly Business Meeting – Sun., April 28th – Please turn in reports by Wed.

Special Called Meeting and Fellowship Time – Sunday May 5th at 9:30 am,
instead of the usual Sunday School, there will be a fellowship hour to meet
the Pastor Search candidate, who will then conduct the Worship Service
and Communion, followed by another Fellowship Coffee Hour. Then the
Called Business Meeting will be held for the congregation to vote on the
Candidate

WHAT'S NEXT:

Some plants cannot be killed. Some require so much care that they seemingly
cannot succeed. The fruit Jesus teaches us about sometimes resemble both
kinds of plants. Please join us next Sunday for the sermon titled, "*Fruit Loops*".



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Jesus said that the highest form of love is sacrifice: “There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends”.

(John 15:13, NLT)

Rarely as Christians will we be called upon to lay down our lives literally. But if we are to love in deed and in truth, we will have to get up and do something, and that will require our time, money, or other resources.

Sincere love flows from our hearts and not just from our mouths; it springs from our hands and feet and not just from our lips. “It is a love that gives without counting the cost, without any thought of return, without first weighing up whether or not such love is deserved — a love that is entirely without self-interest”.

*(D. Jackman, “The Message of John’s Letters: Living in the Love of God”,
InterVarsity Press, 1988, p. 100).*



PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee proposes changes to our Church's Constitution and Bylaws, which will be discussed at our April 28, 2024, Business Meeting. After thorough consultation with the deacons, Budget and Finance Committee, and Church Council, each committee approved these Changes.

Below is an overview of this recommendation.

1. Deacons: The duties of deacons will be updated to include the nomination of new deacons. The number of deacons required will be determined as a matter of the revealed will of God.
2. Scholarship Fund: The existing Scholarship Fund will be transferred to the Education Fund, creating one fund. The deacons will oversee this fund and may recommend church members or individuals recommended by church members, who may apply for financial assistance to receive further education, achieve career goals, or advance their careers. Only the interest from this fund may be used. The availability of this fund should be advertised to the church annually, and the funds should be disbursed before June 1st of each year.

Please note the change in the process of choosing a scholarship recipient, should his recommendation be approved. Deacons will be responsible for distributing the annual income to the church's Education Fund recipients. Previously, only our church or Sunday School members could receive this scholarship. However, upon approval, church members can recommend any member or non-member to the Deacons to receive financial assistance to further their education, achieve career goals, or advance their careers.

3. Sunday School Director: The statement "and Offerings" is to be removed from the Sunday School Director's duties at the request of the Sunday School Director.
4. Grammar Errors: After running a grammar check, we found several grammar errors in our Constitution and Bylaws. We want permission to correct the entire Constitution and Bylaws as shown in the corrected copy. No changes have been made, just grammar corrections.

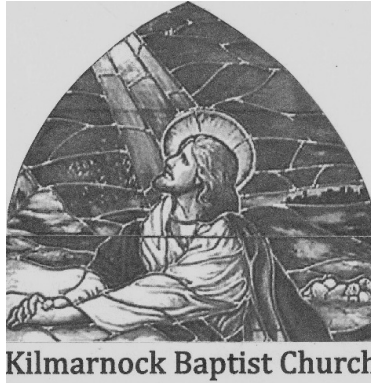
We hope these changes will make our Constitution and Bylaws more understandable to everyone.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee,

Bob Gray, Nancy Wetherington, Edna Mason

April, 2024

April 21, 2024



Dear Members,

I am excited to inform you that the Pastor Search Team has scheduled a Called Business Meeting on May 5th at 1:00 p.m. During this meeting, we will hear a recommendation on calling a full-time pastor to Kilmarnock Baptist Church.

Our candidate will join us on Sunday, May 5th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is an opportunity to meet our potential new pastor. He will introduce himself, and you will have the chance to ask questions. We will also provide coffee, juice, and pastries to make this a warm and welcoming environment.

After the initial meeting, our candidate will lead us in worship and serve communion. This will be a special moment of unity and faith. We will then return to the Fellowship Hall, after the worship service, for a time of fellowship. This is an essential part of our meeting as it allows us to further connect with our candidate and each other, fostering a sense of community and togetherness.

We will have our called business meeting at 1:00 p.m., and you will hear our recommendation about calling our candidate. Please join us for this exciting opportunity.

Thank you.

Your Pastor Search Team

Bob Gray
Gail Saylor
Edna Mason
Don Gilmore
Rick Ferrell
Mike Kelly
Gary Wilkins
Sonny Thomas
Camille Grabb
Jackie Rowland