

# ROCKVILLE PRESBYTERIAN FELLOWSHIP



**Pastor Sam Alexander**

**JANUARY 28, 2024**

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
9:30 AM IN-PERSON AND ONLINE SERVICE – ZOOM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Carola Sanders

INTROIT

*(Please remain quiet for  
other worshippers.)*

**“A Mothers Care”**

*Tracey Craig McKibben*

**CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 111**

Leader: Praise the Lord. I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

**People: Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

Leader: Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever.

**People: He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate.**

Leader: He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

**People: He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations.**

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

**People: They are established for ever and ever, enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.**

Leader: He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever—holy and awesome is his name.

**All: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.**

OPENING HYMN

**“The King of Love My Shepherd”**

**Verses 1,2,6**

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor Sam Alexander

**All:** Lord Jesus Christ, you are quicker to forgive us than we are to bring our sin before you. We worry that the sin we carry is too deep for you to pardon or too evil for you to bear. Sometimes we don't even let those worries get to the surface of our minds. We forget that you are a God of second chances—that you forgive us and send us back out to serve you again. There are always those times when you work within us and overcome our reluctance. Remind us again by your Holy Spirit that our reluctance to ask for your forgiveness is counter-productive for you are the God who brings new hope from our despair. *(Silent for Prayer of Confession)*

Pastor: In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ

**All: Amen**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

## **DOXOLOGY**

**PH**

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **FIRST READING: I Kings 13: 13-32**

**John Hom**

So he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." And when they had saddled the donkey for him, he mounted it and rode after the man of God. He found him sitting under an oak tree and asked, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?" "I am," he replied. So the prophet said to him, "Come home with me and eat." The man of God said, "I cannot turn back and go with you, nor can I eat bread or drink water with you in this place. I have been told by the word of the Lord: 'You must not eat bread or drink water there or return by the way you came.'" The old prophet answered, "I too am a prophet, as you are. And an angel said to me by the word of the Lord: 'Bring him back with you to your house so that he may eat bread and drink water.'" (But he was lying to him.) So the man of God returned with him and ate and drank in his house. While they were sitting at the table, the word of the Lord came to the old prophet who had brought him back. He cried out to the man of God who had come from Judah, "This is what the Lord says: 'You have defied the word of the Lord and have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you. You came back and ate bread and drank water in the place where he told you not to eat or drink. Therefore your body will not be buried in the tomb of your ancestors.'" When the man of God had finished eating and drinking, the prophet who had brought him back saddled his donkey for him. As he went on his way, a lion met him on the road and killed him, and his body was left lying on the road, with both the donkey and the lion standing beside it. Some people who passed by saw the body lying there, with the lion standing beside the body, and they went and reported it in the city where the old prophet lived. When the prophet who had brought him back from his journey heard of it, he said, "It is the man of God who defied the word of the Lord. The Lord has given him over to the lion, which has mauled him and killed him, as the word of the Lord had warned him." The prophet said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me," and they did so. Then he went out and found the body lying on the road, with the donkey and the lion standing beside it. The lion had neither eaten the body nor mauled the donkey. So the prophet picked up the body of the man of God, laid it on the donkey, and brought it back to his own city to mourn for him and bury him. Then he laid the body in his own tomb, and they mourned over him and said, "Alas, my brother!" After burying him, he said to his sons, "When I die, bury me in the grave where the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones. For the message he declared by the word of the Lord against the altar in Bethel and against all the shrines on the high places in the towns of Samaria will certainly come true."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: I Kings 8: 1-13**

**SERMON**

**The Mystery of the Cheribum**

**Pastor Sam Alexander.**

**SERMON REFLECTION**

*(Please remain quiet for other worshippers.)*

**“Reflection”**

*Todd Beaney*

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*(Please remain quiet for other worshippers.)*

**“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”**

*Welsh Tune Arr. Marianne Kim*

**RECEIVING THE PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *(Please remain quiet for other worshippers.)*

**“Fairest Lord Jesus”**

*Schlesische Volkslieder Arr. Carol Tonquist*

**DEDICATION OF OFFERING AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

**Verses 1,2,4**

**CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *(Please remain quiet for other worshippers.)*

**“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”**

*Carl G Glaser Arr. Mark Hayes*

PSALM 23

# 171 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

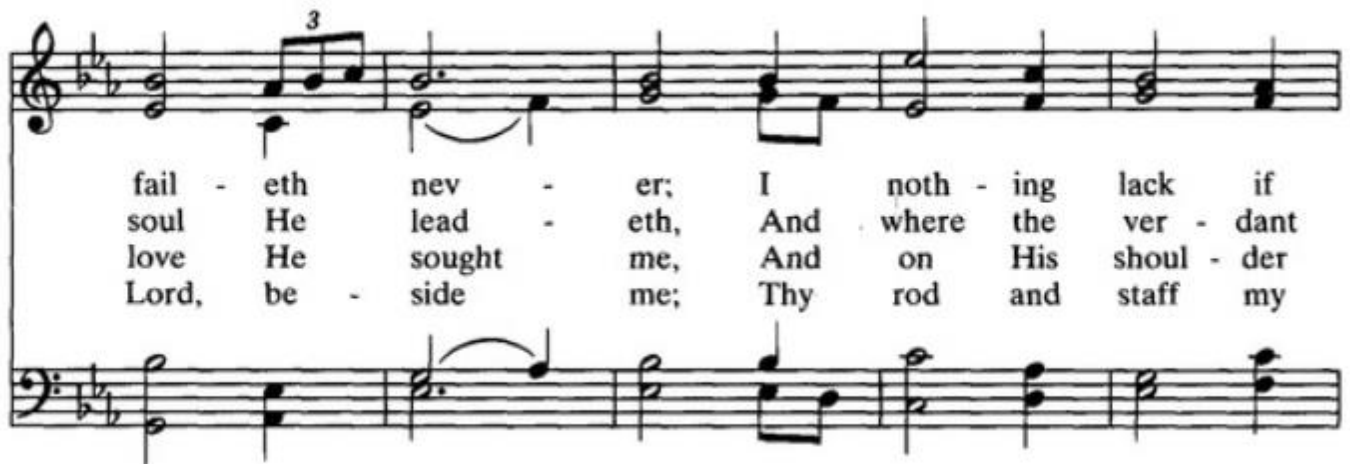
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Henry Williams Baker, 1868

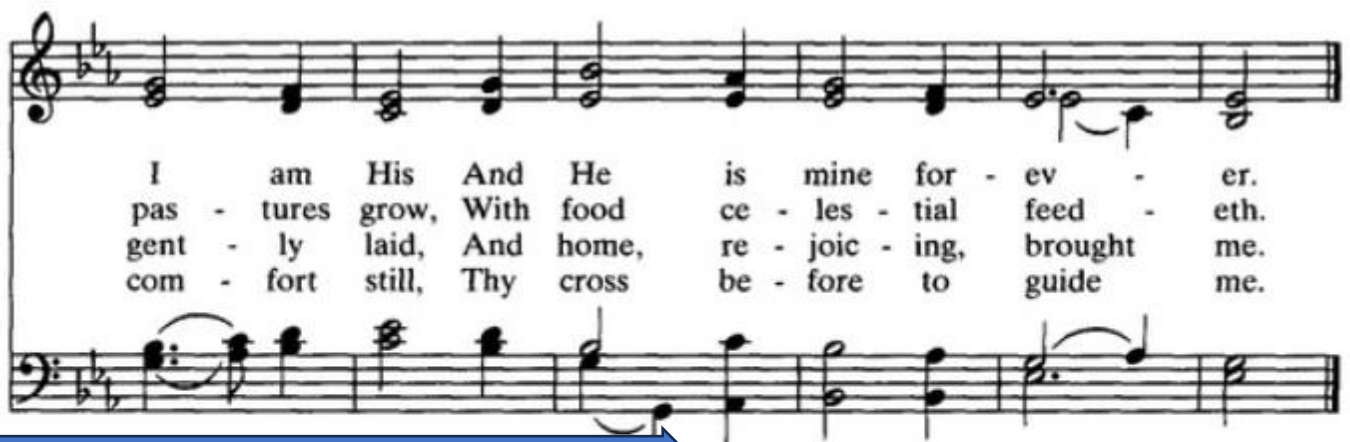
Ancient Irish melody



1. The King of love my Shep - herd is, Whose good-ness  
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow My ran - somed  
 3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul He lead - eth, And where the ver - dant  
 love He sought me, And on His shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me; Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5. Thou spreadest a table in my sight;  
 Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
 And O what transport of delight  
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!

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

# 376 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Charles Wesley, 1747

Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy
4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less



earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing,  
trou - bled breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - it,  
life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,  
let us be; Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion



All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com -  
Let us find the prom - ised rest; Take a - way the love of  
Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways  
Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from glo - ry in - to



pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and praise Thee  
glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our



## LIFE IN CHRIST



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## Announcements January 28, 2024

<b>Worship Team</b>	Hymn Leader: Dave Gaut Musical Offering: Piano Duet by Joan Gaut and Evangelina Perez-Bechtel
<b>Birthday Blessings</b>	1/31- John Hom
<b>Centering Prayer Group</b>	Centering Prayer Group every Friday at 11am in Pastor Sam's office.
<b>Prayer Requests</b>	Do you, a loved one, or a friend need prayer? Prayers are provided weekly to over 100+ people- please tell us what you would like to have put in your prayer. Prayer requests will be discreet. If you are not receiving the weekly prayers but would like to be included in the prayer chain, please let Pam know. Contact Pam Nelson, (707) 863-9111 <a href="mailto:pamnelson2412@gmail.com">pamnelson2412@gmail.com</a>
<b>Donations</b>	The Salvation Army is in need of adult clothes, shoes & socks, small & large containers of shampoo, disposable razors, meat cans & pouches
<b>Shop with Scrip</b>	Purchase from our existing inventory or by special order! <b>Scrip is available every Sunday after service at the RPF office door</b>
<b>Sermon Video</b>	To View or Comment on Today's Sermon or Past Sermons, please visit <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@SamAlexander1954/videos">https://www.youtube.com/@SamAlexander1954/videos</a>
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