



### **Third Sunday of Advent**

#### **Common Worship shared by:**

St John – Bellevue, Christ Church – Fort Thomas,  
St John – Newport, First Presbyterian Ft Thomas

#### Participants:

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

Rev. D Houston Hall

Rev. Keith M. Haithcock

Pam Rieke

Melissa Stephens

Steve Milloy

Toni Sheffer

Max Gise

**Prelude**

Max Gise

**Welcome**

Joint candle lighting

Rev. D. Houston Hall

**Call to Worship**

One: God our Provider,  
we gather online to worship today  
**Many: each of us needing you in different ways.**  
One: Some of us need strength  
because we fear this pandemic.  
**Many: Some of us need hope,  
because we are feel like giving up.**  
One: Some of us need love  
because we are feeling alone.  
**Many: We trust that you will provide for us,  
whether through words or music,  
or in a quiet moment of reflection.**  
One: You are here,  
you are with us.  
**Many: You lie us down in green meadows,  
you lead us beside restful waters,  
you refresh our souls with lush pastures.  
You are our shepherd.  
We gather to worship you. Amen.**

**Hymn #479**

“God is My Shepherd”

**Children’s Time**

Pam Rieke

**Scripture**

Psalm 23 (NRSV)

Rev. Keith M. Haithcock

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.

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Ed Goode

**Offertory**

**Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**Reprise of Hymn #469, 5<sup>th</sup> Verse**

**Closing words and Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Ed Goode

**Postlude**

Toni Sheffer

## God Is My Shepherd

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Scottish Psalter, 1650  
Adapt. Lavin Bayler, 1992

Ps. 23

1 God is my shep-herd, I'll not want, I feed in pas-tures green.  
2 Re - stored to life each morn-ing new, I rise up from the dust  
3 When I must pass through shad-owed vale, where loss and death a - wait,  
4 No en - e - my can e - ver - come, no power on earth de - feat  
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my days will sure - ly fol - low me;

God grants me rest and bids me drink from wa - ters calm and clean.  
to fol - low God whose pres - ence gives me con - f - dence and trust.  
I will not fear for God is there, my shep-herd strong and great.  
the ores a - noint-ed by God's grace and fed with man - na sweet.  
and where God reigns in heaven and earth, my dwell-ing place will be.

Through dai - ly tasks, I'm blessed and led by One I have not seen.  
I praise the name of God to - day; in God I put my trust.  
Whose rod and staff will com - fort me and all my fears a - bare.  
My cup is filled and o - ver - flows as I my Sav - ior greet.  
My shep-herd bless - es, cares, and leads through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The Scottish Psalter of 1650, developed over a span of 160 years,  
is still in use today. Its metrical version of Psalm 23 is the most  
popular entry in this classic work of Protestantism.

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